



NEWS from CNSTAT

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PEOPLE *News*

We congratulate **Sarahelen “Sally” Thompson** on her appointment as *deputy director* of the **Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)**, effective July 24, 2016, replacing director Brian Moyer who had been acting as deputy director. In her new role, Sally, who joined BEA four years ago as the top executive overseeing international economic statistics, will work closely with the BEA executive team to improve and expand the agency’s statistical programs. In her previous post, she led the most significant restructuring of BEA’s international statistics since 1976, played a key role in developing statistics that track new direct investment by foreigners in the United States, and oversaw the creation of a data tool to provide easier access to BEA’s vast array of international statistics. Before that, she served as associate director for international economics, with responsibility for the production of BEA’s international statistics, including the current account, the U.S. investment position, and the operations of multinational enterprises. Prior to coming to BEA, she was director of the Market and Trade Economics Division at the USDA’s Economic Research Service. Prior to that, she worked in academia, including as a professor and head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University and as a professor of agricultural and consumer economics at the University of Illinois. She has a Ph.D. from Stanford University and a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Minnesota.

We congratulate **Jack Gambino**, Statistics Canada, on his election as *president* of the **Statistical Society of Canada (SSC)**, effective July 1, 2016. Jack is the sixth of an accomplished group of Statistics Canada employees to have held this position in the 38 years of the SSC. He has worked at Statistics Canada for over 30 years, beginning as a survey statistician and gradually moving into executive positions. He is currently director of the Household Survey Methods Division, which is responsible for the design, development, implementation, and maintenance of Statistics Canada’s household surveys. His focus has been on survey sampling theory and methods but with an interest in Bayesian inference. He has been an associate editor of *Survey Methodology* for many years and is an elected member of the International Statistical Institute. He received a B.S. and M.S. in mathematics and statistics from McGill University and a Ph.D. in statistics from the University of Toronto. Jack served on the CNSTAT panel that produced *Effective Tracking of Building Energy Use: Improving the Commercial Buildings and Residential Energy Consumption Surveys* (2012) and is currently a member of the CNSTAT Panel to Evaluate the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics Approach to Measuring the Science and Engineering Workforce.

We congratulate the following members of the Washington statistical community and the greater CNSTAT community on their election as **2016 fellows** of the **American Statistical Association (ASA)**:

- **Paul Beatty**, U.S. Census Bureau, “for outstanding contributions to the quality of official statistics by improving cognitive research techniques, integrating qualitative and quantitative methodologies, and modernizing data collection procedures and for service to the profession.”

- **Jonaki Bose**, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, “for key contributions to protecting confidential federal data while maximizing researcher access and for extensive service to the profession.”
- **Rachel Harter**, RTI International, “for accomplishments in the advancement of sample design protocols, survey statistics, and small-area estimation in support of research for the public good; for outstanding managerial leadership, mentoring, and collaboration; for effective communication of statistical developments; and for service to the profession.”
- **Barry Johnson**, Statistics of Income Division, Internal Revenue Service, “for leadership in improving researchers’ access to tax data, resulting in increased understanding of the effects of tax policies; for advancing statistical methods employing large nontraditional data sets; and for service to the ASA.”
- **Ruth Ann Killion**, U.S. Census Bureau, “for innovative leadership in redesigning key demographic surveys; for introducing methods for census evaluation and experimentation that point the way for census improvement; for leadership in the use of administrative records for censuses and surveys; for contributions to census coverage estimation, including research into multiple systems estimation; and for mentoring junior staff.”
- **Charles Manski**, Department of Economics, Northwestern University (National Academy of Sciences and former CNSTAT member), “for research in statistics and econometrics; for advancement of rigor in empirical analysis for public policy; and for service to the profession.”
- **Renee Miller**, U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), “for long-term contributions to applied statistics and survey methodology at the EIA and in the federal statistical system; for excellence in leadership and mentoring; and for dedicated service to the profession.”
- **Van Parsons**, National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), “for important contributions to the design and analysis of NCHS’ data systems in general and the National Health Interview Survey in particular; for innovations in public-use files and statistical software that made important health data more accessible and analyzable; and for excellence in statistical consulting, collaboration, and mentoring.”
- **Michael Sinclair**, Mathematica Policy Research, “for contributions to applications of statistical methods to a diverse array of problems in public policy, including the measurement of health care utilization and employment discrimination; for enhancement of statistical programs in federal agencies; and for service to the profession.”

We congratulate the following recipients of awards recognized at the **2016 Joint Statistical Meetings** in Chicago, IL, July 31 – August 3, 2016:

- **John Czakja**, Mathematica Policy Research, recipient of an **ASA Founders Award** “for outstanding leadership and contributions in small area estimation, policy analysis and the evaluation of estimates obtained from survey data; for long term active involvement in ASA chapters, sections and committees, including serving as president of the Washington Statistical Society, serving twice as chair of the Government Statistics Section, as chair of the Survey Research Methods Section and as chair of the Council of Sections Governing Board, as well as serving on a wide variety of committees, including the Nominations, JSM Program, and Sirken Award committees; and for exceptional service and leadership in a wide variety of professional and government-related scientific activities.” John is currently chairing the CNSTAT Panel on Review and Evaluation of the 2014 SIPP Content and Design and has served on numerous CNSTAT panels.
- **Rod Little**, Department of Biostatistics, University of Michigan, recipient of an **ASA Founders Award** “for exemplary leadership in the discipline and its interfaces with government statistics; for representing the discipline on numerous National Research Council and other influential committees; for sustained efforts to improve the quality and analysis of U.S. federal statistics, especially in the decennial census, for example, by addressing the undercount; for significant

editorial work, including service as the editor of the *Journal of the American Statistical Association* (JASA) and the *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology*, numerous guest and associate editorships and publications representative on the ASA Board of Directors; and for service to multiple ASA sections and committees.” Rod is a National Academy of Medicine and former CNSTAT member and chaired the CNSTAT panel that produced *The Prevention and Treatment of Missing Data in Clinical Trials* (2010).

- **Jill Montaquila**, Westat, recipient of the **Pat Doyle Award** from the ASA Government Statistics Section, for her lasting contributions to the section and the association.
- **Diane Willimack**, U.S. Census Bureau, recipient of the **Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award** from the ASA Government and Social Statistics Sections, for her dedication to supporting the work and careers of junior staff and students in the field of survey methodology.
- **Thesia Garner**, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Office of Prices and Living Conditions, and **Kathleen Short**, U.S. Census Bureau (retired), co-recipients of the **Roger Herriot Award for Innovation in Federal Statistics**, given by the ASA and the Washington Statistical Society. This year’s award recognizes the important and extensive research Thesia and Kathy have done together over more than 20 years to develop better measures of poverty in the United States. Their most recent work focused on producing the [Supplemental Poverty Measure](#) (SPM), while their earlier work produced experimental measures of poverty, all of which derive from and represent improvements on the measure recommended in the 1995 CNSTAT report, *Measuring Poverty—A New Approach*. The SPM provides insight about the effects of public policies and programs on reducing poverty that the official measure cannot do.
- **Ronald Brookmeyer**, Department of Biostatistics, University of California, Los Angeles, recipient of a **Karl E. Peace Award for Outstanding Statistical Contributions for the Betterment of Society**, “for his seminal methodological work in global health as it relates to disease monitoring and biosurveillance as it relates to HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer’s disease, and biosecurity; and for his contributions to training a generation of researchers about the importance of statistics in public health and increasing public awareness of these issues.” (Ron is a National Academy of Medicine and former CNSTAT member.)
- **Gary Shapiro**, Westat (retired), recipient of a **Karl E. Peace Award for Outstanding Statistical Contributions for the Betterment of Society**, “for his central role in the formation and ongoing work of Statistics Without Borders (SWB), an organization devoted to using statistics to further the development of human rights throughout the world; for his work as a mentor to SWB volunteers; and for his devoted pro-bono work on developing a sampling scheme of police archives for evaluating police involvement in the disappearances and killing of Guatemalans.”
- **Fritz Scheuren**, NORC at the University of Chicago, recipient of the **ASA Mentoring Award**, “for his career-long superior mentoring, tireless encouragement, generosity of time and knowledge, and positive influence on generations of statisticians and nonstatisticians alike; for his inspiration that others mentor; for his commitment to excellence in motivating others and leadership by example; for his sincere interest in people and genuine encouragement to succeed; for his dedication to using statistics to better society and his constant display of kindness to all around him; for his inspiration and willingness to seek out and help those who have had fewer opportunities; and for his passionate encouragement to generations of statisticians from academia, government, and business to be active in the ASA as part of their professional development and sense of community.”
- **Eleanor Singer**, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan (emerita), recipient of the **Monroe G. Sirken Award in Interdisciplinary Survey Methods Research**, “for significant contributions to our understanding of survey participation, sources of nonresponse bias, and factors affecting survey responses; for pioneering research on the use and effects of incentives; and for leadership in developing awareness and understanding of ethical issues in survey

research.” Eleanor chaired the CNSTAT panel that produced *Expanding Access to Research Data—Reconciling Risks and Opportunities* (2005).

- **Keith Rust**, Westat, recipient of the **Washington Statistical Society Outstanding Service Award**, “In recognition of outstanding service and leadership to the Washington Statistical Society as president, Methodology Section chair, and Hansen Lecture Committee chair.” Keith served on CNSTAT and on several panels on decennial census methodology.

We note with sadness the death of **Fred Leone**, July 14, 2016, at age 93 in Galion, Ohio. Fred received a Ph.D. from Purdue University. His career for many years was in academia, with positions at what is now Case Western University and the University of Iowa. He moved to the Washington, DC, area in 1973 to take up the position of *executive director* of the **American Statistical Association**. He served in that position for 15 years until his retirement in 1988. Speaking personally, Connie Citro remembers Fred as very supportive during the time when she held a Census Bureau/NSF/ASA research fellowship in 1985.

REPORT *News*

Measuring Recovery from Substance Use or Mental Disorders: Workshop Summary was released in prepublication format, August 12, 2016. Free [PDFs](#) are available on-line; printed copies will be available shortly. The summary reports on a workshop held to explore options for expanding the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) behavioral health data collections to include measures of recovery from substance use and mental disorders. Workshop participants discussed available measures and associated possible data collection mechanisms. This publication summarizes the presentations and discussions from the workshop.

Using Linked Census, Survey, and Administrative Data to Assess Longer-Term Effects of Policy: Proceedings of a Workshop—in Brief was released July 19, 2016, and is available in print and as a free [PDF](#). The document summarizes the presentations and discussions at a workshop, held May 9, 2016, as part of the activities of the Standing Committee on the American Opportunity Study (AOS)—First Phase, chaired by Michael Hout (NYU) and funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The standing committee’s work is motivated by recognition of the major changes in the United States in recent decades in family structures, gender roles, immigration patterns, occupational and industrial patterns, and labor markets. All of these factors—and others—affect people’s long-term health, social status, educational attainment, and economic opportunity. At the same time, the country’s capacity to monitor trends and make long-term evidence-based policy to effect positive change has languished. The AOS is envisioned to create an intergenerational panel—using existing data at the person level—to study both social and economic mobility and the effectiveness of programs and policies that affect that mobility. The workshop was convened to explore more fully the value and potential uses of the AOS throughout a broad range of social science research and to identify researchers’ data needs and how those might converge with the vision for the AOS.

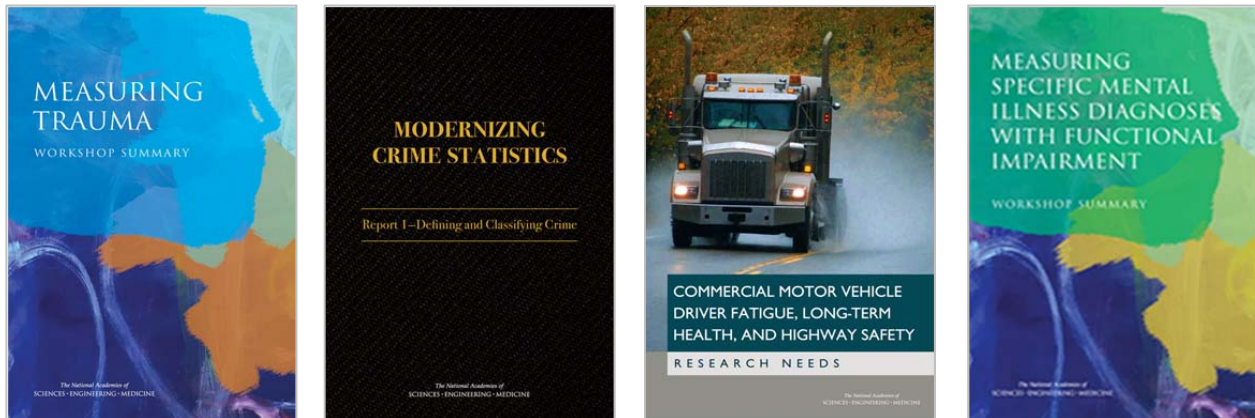
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[***Measuring Trauma: Workshop Summary***](#) (first released as a prepublication, June 3, 2016)

[***Modernizing Crime Statistics—Report 1: Defining and Classifying Crime***](#) (first released as a prepublication, May 16, 2016)

[***Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Fatigue, Long-Term Health, and Highway Safety: Research Needs***](#) (first released as a prepublication, March 10, 2016)

[Measuring Specific Mental Illness Diagnoses with Functional Impairment](#) (first released as a prepublication, February 12, 2016)



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Reminder: Slides from previous CNSTAT public seminars are available on the CNSTAT [public seminars and symposia](#) page; slides from several major workshops are available on the [presentations](#) page on the CNSTAT website. The most recent addition to the presentations section is "[Multiple Data Sources Presentations](#)," which links to presentations from recent workshops and meetings for CNSTAT's [Panel on Improving Federal Statistics for Policy and Social Science Research Using Multiple Data Sources and State-of-the-Art Estimation Methods](#).

EVENT & OTHER *News*

John Abowd, recipient of the 2016 Shiskin Award, will give the seminar. His topic is "How Will Statistical Agencies Operate When All Data Are Private?" John is Edmund Ezra Day professor of economics, professor of information science, and professor of statistics at Cornell University, and, since June 2016, the associate director for research and methodology and chief scientist at the Census Bureau. He began teaching and conducting research at Cornell in 1987 where he established, along with his colleague Lars Vilhuber, and directed the Cornell Virtual Research Data Center, and the Labor Dynamics Institute, while also directing the Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research. He is a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, with the French national statistical office, and at several research organizations in France and Germany. He is a fellow of the Society of Labor Economists, the ASA, and the Econometric Society, and an elected member of the International Statistical Institute. He has served on CNSTAT, chairing the panel that produced *Collecting Compensation Data from Employers* (2013), and on the American Economic Association's Committee on Economic Statistics.

Abstract: The dual problems of respecting citizen privacy and protecting the confidentiality of their data—Ken Prewitt's famous "don't ask/don't tell" dictum—have become hopelessly conflated in the "Big Data" era. There are orders of magnitude more data outside an agency's

firewall than inside it—compromising the integrity of traditional statistical disclosure limitation methods. And increasingly the information processed by the agency was “asked” in a context wholly outside the agency’s operations—blurring the distinction between what was asked and what is published. Already private businesses like Microsoft, Google, and Apple recognize that cybersecurity (safeguarding the integrity and access controls for internal data) and privacy protection (ensuring that what is published does not reveal too much about any person or business) are two sides of the same coin. This is a paradigm-shifting moment for statistical agencies. This talk will examine how agencies can respond in a manner consistent with their missions.

The *Department of Statistics at Carnegie Mellon University* is pleased to announce a celebration in honor of **Stephen Fienberg** (NAS member and former chair of CNSTAT) to be held on **October 15, 2016**. The event will include academic talks and a final reception. The main speakers are:

- Stephen Stigler, Department of Statistics, the University of Chicago, who will deliver the inaugural Fienberg lecture,
- Alicia Carriquiry, Department of Statistics, Iowa State University,
- Ed George, Statistics Department, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
- Sasha Slavković, Department of Statistics, Pennsylvania State University.

For further information, schedule, and registration, please visit: <http://www.stat.cmu.edu/fienberg2016>. Registration is free and will remain open until September 14, although the number of available spots is limited, so register early. For any inquiries, please contact Jessica Paschke at jpaschke@andrew.cmu.edu or Alessandro Rinaldo at arinaldo@cmu.edu.

CNSTAT Meetings

CNSTAT holds three regular meetings each year, with its spring and fall meeting dates following a set formula; our May meetings are always the Thursday–Friday preceding Mother’s Day and our October meetings are always the second-to-last Thursday–Friday of the month. Here are the next three meetings:

CNSTAT’s 131st meeting will be held **October 20-21, 2016**, in the *National Academy of Sciences Building* at 2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. On the 21st, the meeting will feature a luncheon with statistical agency heads (members of the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy, ICSP), followed by a public seminar, beginning with light refreshments at 2 pm and ending with a reception at 4:30 pm. Seminar speakers will be **Fred Conrad** (University of Michigan) and **Michael Schober** (New School for Social Research) on the general topic of “Taking Surveys to the Respondent—Challenges and Opportunities for Obtaining Survey Responses Via Smartphones.” Details to follow (including names of discussants); registration will open in September.

CNSTAT’s 132nd meeting will be held **February 10-11, 2017**, at the *Beckman Center* adjacent to the University of California, Irvine, campus. It will be in retreat format.

CNSTAT’s 133rd meeting will be held **May 11-12, 2017**, at the *National Academy of Sciences Building* at 2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. On the 12th, the meeting will feature a luncheon with statistical agency heads (members of the ICSP), followed by a public seminar, beginning with light refreshments at 2 pm and ending with a reception at 4:30 pm.

NOTE: Presentations from the joint CNSTAT/NSF-Census Research Network (NCRN) set of workshops and public seminar at the May 8, 2015, CNSTAT meeting are available on the NCRN [site](#). Presentations from the October 23, 2015, CNSTAT public seminar on “Reengineering the 2020 Census” are available

on the CNSTAT web site under [News and Events/Public Seminars and Other Symposia](#). Presentations from the May 6, 2016, CNSTAT public seminar on “Combining Information from Survey and Non-Survey Data Sources for Policy Research: Challenges and Opportunities” are available on the CNSTAT [website](#).

Active PANELS & WORKSHOPS

[Listed by sponsor agency, beginning with federal departments. Unless otherwise noted, meetings are in Washington, DC, and include open sessions. For further information, contact the person listed as the study director or project assistant (e-mail addresses follow the formula of first initial plus last name as oneword@nas.edu). Also see the CNSTAT [web site](#) under “Our Work.”]

Department of Agriculture

Panel on Methods for Integrating Multiple Data Sources to Improve Crop Estimates

Sponsor: National Agricultural Statistics Service

Duration: September 2014–September 2017

Study director: Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Mary Ann Kasper

Chair: Mary Ellen Bock (Purdue University)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting scheduled for October 6-7, 2016, in Washington, DC.

Panel on Improving Data Collection and Reporting about Agriculture with Increasingly Complex Farm Business Structures

Sponsor: National Agricultural Statistics Service and Economic Research Service

Duration: September 2015–September 2018

Study director: Christopher Mackie; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair-designate: Catherine Kling (Iowa State University)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: TBD

Workshop on Model-Based Methods for Producing Estimates of Livestock with Appropriate Measures of Uncertainty [on hold]

Sponsor: National Agricultural Statistics Service

Duration: September 2015–September 2018

Study director: Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Mary Ann Kasper

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop proceedings

Upcoming meetings: TBD

Department of Commerce

Panel to Reengineer the Census Bureau’s Annual Economic Surveys

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: May 2015–May 2018

Study director: Glenn White; senior program officer: Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Mary Ann Kasper

Chair: Katharine Abraham (University of Maryland)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Fourth meeting scheduled for October 27-28, 2016, in Washington, DC

Panel to Review and Evaluate the 2014 Survey of Income and Program Participation Content and Design

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: September 2013–November 2016

Study director: Carol House; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin; research associate: Adrienne Bradford

Chair: John Czajka (Mathematica Policy Research)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting scheduled for October 10-11, 2016, in Washington, DC

Standing Committee on Reengineering Census Operations

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: September 2014–September 2019

Study director: Daniel Cork; senior program officer: Michael Cohen; program officer: Jordyn White; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: Thomas Cook (Decision Analytics International)

Reports: Standing committees do not issue reports; they meet for discussion; they also identify topics for separate workshops or consensus panels; this committee has facilitated a consensus panel on reengineering the Census Bureau's annual economic surveys (see above) and will spin off workshops on central topics for 2020 census planning. A [website](#) is maintained for the committee.

Upcoming meetings: Seventh meeting scheduled for September 7-9, 2016, in Washington, DC

Workshop on the Census Bureau's Concept of Operations for Reengineering the 2020 Census [on hold]

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: September 2015–September 2016

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop proceedings

Upcoming meetings: TBD

Workshop on Respondent Burden in the American Community Survey

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: September 2015–November 2016

Study director: Brian Harris-Kojetin; senior program officers: Michael Cohen, Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Co-chairs: Linda Gage (California Department of Finance, retired) and Joseph Salvo (NYC Department of City Planning)

Report planned: The workshop proceedings has cleared review and is being prepared for release

Meetings: Workshop held March 8-9, 2016, in Washington, DC

Department of Education

Committee on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Achievement Levels Evaluation (joint with the Board on Testing and Assessment, which has the lead)

Sponsor: National Center for Education Statistics

Duration: September 2014–July 2016

Study director: Judith Koenig (BOTA); program officer: Jordyn White (CNSTAT); project assistant: Kelly Arrington (BOTA)

Chair: Christopher Edley, Jr. (University of California, Berkeley)
Report planned: Final report, *Evaluation of the Achievement Levels for Mathematics and Reading on the National Assessment of Educational Progress*, is again undergoing review
Meetings: Eighth (last) meeting (closed) held November 16-17, 2015, in Irvine, CA

Department of Health and Human Services

Standing Committee on Integrating New Behavioral Health Measures into SAMHSA's Data Collection Programs (joint with the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences and the Board on Health Sciences Policy)

Sponsors: Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Duration: August 2014–September 2016

Study director: Krisztina Marton; senior program officer: Jeanne Rivard (BBCSS); senior program officer: Adrienne Stith Butler (BHSP); project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: James Jackson (University of Michigan)

Reports: Standing committees do not issue reports; they meet for discussion; they also identify topics for separate workshops or consensus panels; this committee is facilitating workshops on the topics of **measuring serious emotional disturbance in children** (workshop summary released in prepublication format on November 23, 2015, printed copies and free [PDFs](#) available); **specific mental illness diagnoses with any functional impairment** (workshop summary released in prepublication format, February 12, 2016, printed copies and free [PDFs](#) available); **trauma** (workshop summary released in prepublication format, June 3, 2016; printed copies and free [PDFs](#) available); and **recovery** (workshop summary released in prepublication format, August 12, 2016—see “Report News” above). A [website](#) is maintained for the committee.

Meetings: Final meeting held May 26-27, 2016, in Washington, DC

Workshop on Improving Data on Criminal Justice System Involvement in Population Health Data Collections

Sponsor: Office of Minority Health

Duration: September 2015–September 2016

Study director: Jordyn White; senior program officer: Carol House; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Wendy Manning (Bowling Green University)

Report planned: The workshop proceedings is in response to review

Meetings: Workshop held March 29-30, 2016, in Washington, DC.

Department of Justice

Panel on Modernizing the Nation's Crime Statistics (joint with the Committee on Law and Justice)

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics and Federal Bureau of Investigation

Duration: September 2013–December 2016

Study director: Daniel Cork; program officer: Jordyn White; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Janet Lauritsen (University of Missouri–St. Louis)

Reports planned: First report released in prepublication format, May 16, 2016; printed copies and free [PDFs](#) are available; second report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: 13th meeting scheduled for September 14-15, 2016, in Washington, DC

Department of Transportation

Panel to Review the Compliance, Safety, and Accountability Program of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (joint with the Transportation Research Board)

Sponsor: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Duration: March 2016–September 2017

Study director: Michael Cohen; senior program officer: Richard Pain; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; TRB Studies and Special Programs Division director: Stephen Godwin; project assistant:

Michael Siri; summer intern: Andrew Yarger; off-site research associate: Jacob Spertus (Harvard)

Co-chairs: Joel Greenhouse (Carnegie Mellon) and Sharon-Lise Normand (Harvard Medical School)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Second meeting scheduled for August 30-31, 2016, in Washington, DC

National Science Foundation

Panel to Evaluate the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics Approach to Measuring the Science and Engineering Workforce

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: September 2015–March 2018

Study director: Krisztina Marton; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Co-chairs: Rita Colwell (University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University) and James House (University of Michigan)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting scheduled for October 20-21, 2016, in Washington, DC

Standing Committee on the Future of Major NSF-Funded Social Science Surveys

Sponsor: National Science Foundation, Directorate on Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences

Duration: March 2015–March 2017

Study director: Cynthia Thomas; project assistant: Eileen LeFurgy

Chair: Barbara Entwisle (University of North Carolina)

Reports: Standing committees do not issue reports; they meet for discussion; they may also facilitate separate workshops or consensus panels. A [website](#) is maintained for the committee.

Upcoming meetings: Third in-person meeting scheduled for October 6-7, 2016, in Washington, DC (by invitation)

Workshop on Prioritizing and Implementing Improvements to Innovation Indicators

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: September 2015–September 2016

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: Scott Stern (MIT)

Report planned: The workshop proceedings is in review

Meetings: Workshop held May 19-20, 2016, in Washington, DC

Workshop on Transparency and Reproducibility in Federal Statistics

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Duration: March 2016–March 2017

Study director: Hermann Habermann; senior program officer: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair-designate: William Eddy (Carnegie Mellon University)

Report: Workshop proceedings

Upcoming meetings: TBD

The Carnegie Corporation of New York

Standing Committee on Creating the American Opportunity Study, First Phase

Sponsor: The Carnegie Corporation of New York

Duration: April 2015–March 2017

Study director: Carol House; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Michael Hout (NYU)

Reports: Standing committees do not issue reports; they meet for discussion; they also identify topics for separate workshops or consensus panels; this committee facilitated a workshop, May 9, 2016, on research uses of the American Opportunity Study (AOS), which is being developed to measure intergenerational mobility by linking 1990 census records (after capturing the necessary information) with subsequent census records, American Community Survey records, and administrative records that become available. The result will be a facility for researchers to obtain extracts of linked files for analysis within the Federal Statistical Research Data Center network (formerly the Census Bureau RDC network). The First-Phase AOS is to address the challenges of capturing linking information for the 1990 census short-form and long-form records, to evaluate the likely quality of matches with other records, and to propose the next phase of work. A “workshop in brief” proceedings of the May workshop was released July 19, 2016, and is available for download as a free [PDF](#). Presentation [slides](#) from the May workshop are also available.

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting TBD

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Panel on the Economic and Fiscal Consequences of Immigration

Sponsor: The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Duration: May 2013–October 2016

Study director: Christopher Mackie; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: Francine Blau (Cornell University)

Report planned: Final report is in response to review and is expected to be released in mid-September

Meetings: Seventh and final meeting (closed) held September 11-12, 2015, in Washington, DC

The Laura and John Arnold Foundation

Panel on Improving Federal Statistics for Policy and Social Science Research Using Multiple Data Sources and State-of-the-Art Estimation Methods

Sponsor: The Laura and John Arnold Foundation

Duration: April 2015–December 2017

Study director: Brian Harris-Kojetin; research assistant: George Schoeffel; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Robert Groves (Georgetown University)

Report planned: First report is being drafted; second report. A [website](#) is maintained for the committee.

Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting (closed) scheduled for September 23-24, 2016, in Woods Hole, MA

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