

*January 10, 2007*

## ***News from the Committee on National Statistics***

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| Our best wishes to all for the New Year. |
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| Nominations Sought for 2007 Julius Shiskin Award—Please See Attachment |
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### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**102<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Committee**  
**Friday-Saturday, February 9-10, 2007**  
**Retreat Meeting – NAS Beckman Center, Irvine, CA [closed]**

**103<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Committee**  
**Thursday, May 10, 2007**  
**NAS Main Building, 2100 C St., NW, Washington, DC**  
***Public Seminar (topic to be determined) and Reception, 2:30 – 5:30 pm***

### **Currently Active Panels and Workshops**

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### **Department of Agriculture**

#### **Panel to Review USDA's Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS)**

Sponsor: Economic Research Service; National Agricultural Statistics Service

Duration: October 2005 – September 2007

Study director: Thomas Plewes; associate program officer: Caryn Kuebler; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Bruce Gardner (U. Maryland)

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** January 18-19, 2007; March 29-30, 2007

### **Department of Commerce**

#### **Panel on the Census Bureau's Dynamics of Economic Well-Being System (DEWS)**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2006 – June 2008

Study director: Patricia Ruggles; associate program officer, Caryn Kuebler; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Karl Scholz (U. Wisconsin); panel member: Joseph Hotz (UCLA)

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting scheduled for January 26-27, 2007

**Panel on Coverage Evaluation and Correlation Bias in the 2010 Census**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: April 2004 – January 2006; extended through March 31, 2007

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin; fellow: Stephanie Jaros

Chair: Robert Bell (AT&T Research); panel members: Larry Brown (U. Pennsylvania), Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard)

Reports planned: First report is in review

**Upcoming meetings:** Next meeting to be scheduled

**Panel on the Design of the 2010 Census Program of Evaluations and Experiments (CPEX)**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2006 – September 2009

Study director: Michael Cohen; senior program officer: Daniel Cork; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Larry Brown (Wharton School, U. Pennsylvania); panel members: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan), Nora Cate Schaeffer (U. Wisconsin)

Reports planned: Letter report on CPEX priorities, interim report; final report.

**Upcoming meetings:** TBD

**Panel on Functionality and Usability of Data from the American Community Survey**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: March 2004 – November 2005; extended through December 30, 2006

Study director: team of Michael Cohen and Daniel Cork; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Graham Kalton (Westat)

Report planned: Final report is in review

**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned

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Duration: October 2005 – March 2007

Study director: Thomas Plewes; associate program officer: Caryn Kuebler; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Richard Nathan (SUNY-Albany)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned.

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Panel to Advance a Research Program on the Design of National Health Accounts**

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2005 – September 2008

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)

Reports planned: Workshop proceedings; final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Second meeting, January 10, 2007, Irvine, CA

**Panel to Review the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health/Bureau of Labor Statistics Respirator Use Survey Program** (joint with the Board on Chemical Sciences and Technology)

Sponsor: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, CDC

Duration: July 2005 – December 2006

Study director: Thomas Plewes; research associate: Ericka McGowan; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: William Kalsbeek (U. North Carolina)

Report: **Final report, *Measuring Respirator Use in the Workplace*, released in prepublication format, December 20, 2007**

**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned

**Department of Justice**

**Panel to Assess the Feasibility, Accuracy, and Technical Capabilities of a National Ballistics**

**Database** (joint with the Committee on Law and Justice, which has the lead, the National Materials Advisory Board, and the Board on Manufacturing and Engineering Design)

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Study director: Carol Petrie; senior program officer: Daniel Cork; project assistant: Michael Siri

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Report planned: Final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned

**Panel to Review Programs of the Bureau of Justice Statistics**

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Duration: September 2006 – August 2008

Study director: Daniel Cork; senior program officer: Carol Petrie; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Robert Groves (U. Michigan)

Reports planned: Interim report at end of first year; final report at end of project

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting scheduled for February 2-3, 2007

**National Science Foundation**

**Committee on Gender Differences in Careers of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Faculty**

(congressionally mandated) (joint with Committee on Women in Science and Engineering, which has the lead)

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, NSF

Duration: December 2003 – June 2005; extended through February 2006

Study director: Charlotte Kuh; program officer: John Sislin; project assistant: Elizabeth Huthnance

Chair: Claude Canizares (MIT); co-chair: Sally Shaywitz (Yale); panel member: Arleen Leibowitz (UCLA)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned

**Committee on Technology and Privacy Dimensions of Information for Terrorism Prevention and Other National Goals** (joint with the Committee on Law and Justice, which has the lead, and the Computer Science and Telecommunications Board)

Sponsor: National Science Foundation, Department of Homeland Security, National Agricultural Statistics Service, National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: September 2004 – June 2007

Study director: Betty Chemers; senior program officers: Michael Cohen and Herb Lin; project assistant: Janice Sabuda

Chair: Charles Vest (president emeritus, MIT); co-chair, William Perry (Stanford); panel members: William DuMouchel (Lincoln Technologies), Stephen Fienberg (Carnegie Mellon U.), Daryl Pregibon (Google)

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Fourth meeting scheduled for January 18-19, 2007

**Panel to Assess the Benefits of the American Community Survey for the NSF Science Resources Statistics Division**

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2006 – March 2008

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Reports planned: Interim and final reports

**Upcoming meetings:** TBD

**Kauffman Foundation**

**Panel on Measuring Business Formation, Dynamics, and Performance**

Sponsor: E. M. Kauffman Foundation, Small Business Administration, and U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: January – December 2004 for Phase I; January – December 2005 for Phase II; extended through March 2007

Study director: Christopher Mackie; associate program officer: Caryn Kuebler; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: John Haltiwanger (U. Maryland); co-chair: Lisa Lynch (Tufts U.); panel member: Robert Groves (U. Michigan)

Reports planned: Progress report at end of Phase I (delivered February 23, 2005); final report is in review

**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned.

**Contact Information for CNSTAT**

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### Nominations Sought for 2007 Julius Shiskin Award

Nominations are invited for the annual Julius Shiskin Memorial Award for Economic Statistics. The Award is given in recognition of unusually original and important contributions in the development of economic statistics or in the use of statistics in interpreting the economy. Contributions are recognized for statistical research, development of statistical tools, application of information technology techniques, use of economic statistical programs, management of statistical programs, or developing public understanding of measurement issues. The Award was established in 1980 by the Washington Statistical Society (WSS) and is now cosponsored by the WSS, the National Association for Business Economics, and the Business and Economics Statistics Section of the American Statistical Association (ASA). The 2006 award recipient was J. Steven (Steve) Landefeld, Director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis, for his leadership in improving the U.S. economic accounts and related statistics through effective management, collaboration with domestic and international users, and scholarly research.

Because the program was initiated many years ago, it is little wonder that statisticians and economists often ask, "Who was Julius Shiskin?" At the time of his death in 1978, "Julie" was the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and earlier served as the Chief Statistician at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and the Chief Economic Statistician and Assistant Director of the Census Bureau. Throughout his career, he was known as an innovator. At Census he was instrumental in developing an electronic computer method for seasonal adjustment. In 1961, he published *Signals of Recession and Recovery*, which laid the groundwork for the calculation of monthly economic indicators, and he developed the monthly Census report *Business Conditions Digest* to disseminate them to the public. In 1969, he was appointed Chief Statistician at OMB where he developed the policies and procedures that govern the release of key economic indicators (Statistical Policy Directive Number 3), and originated a *Social Indicators* report. In 1973, he was selected to head BLS where he was instrumental in preserving the integrity and independence of the BLS labor force data and directed the most comprehensive revision in the history of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which included a new CPI for all urban consumers.

Nominations for the 2007 award are now being accepted. Individuals or groups in the public or private sector from any country can be nominated. The award will be presented with an honorarium of \$750 plus additional recognition from the sponsors. A nomination form and a list of all previous recipients are available on the ASA Website at <[www.amstat.org/sections/bus\\_econ/shiskin.html](http://www.amstat.org/sections/bus_econ/shiskin.html)> or by writing to the Julius Shiskin Award Committee, Attn: Monica Clark, American Statistical Association, 732 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-1943.

Completed nominations must be received by April 1, 2007. For further information contact Steven Paben, Julius Shiskin Award Committee Secretary, at [paben.steven@bls.gov](mailto:paben.steven@bls.gov).

*March 26, 2007*

## ***News from the Committee on National Statistics***

Nominations Sought for the 2007 Roger Herriott and Jeanne E. Griffith Awards—  
Please see attachments and note the imminent due dates

### **PEOPLE NEWS**

>We express our sympathies to the family and colleagues of Lincoln Moses, who died December 17, 2006. He was professor emeritus of health research and policy and of statistics at Stanford University, where he served as a faculty member, department chair, and dean over a 40-year career from 1952-1992. He was a member of the Institute of Medicine and the first administrator of the Energy Information Administration from 1978-1980. He served as chair of the Committee on National Statistics in 1985 and was a member of CNSTAT from 1981-1986.

### **REPORTS RELEASED**

>*Using the American Community Survey: Benefits and Challenges*, the final report of the CNSTAT Panel on the Functionality and Usability of Data from the American Community Survey, funded by the U.S. Census Bureau and chaired by Graham Kalton, Westat. The report was released in prepublication (xerox) format on Monday, March 26, at 10:00 am. Printed copies of the report will be available in about 6 weeks.

>*Putting People on the Map: Protecting Confidentiality with Linked Social-Spatial Data*, the final report of the Panel on Confidentiality Issues Arising from the Integration of Remotely Sensed and Self-Identifying Data, which was organized under the aegis of the Committee on the Human Dimensions of Global Change, which is a sister unit to CNSTAT in the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education. The panel was funded by the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and chaired by Myron Guttman, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research. The printed report was released on March 19.

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## **Seminar Agenda**

### **Recent Developments at the OMB Statistical and Science Policy Office**

Katherine K. Wallman, Chief Statistician of the United States

### **Featured Presentation**

#### ***Economic Effects of Global Climate Change: Implications for Federal Research and Statistics***

William D. Nordhaus, Sterling Professor of Economics, Yale University

### **Discussion**

Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration

J. Steven Landefeld, Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis

Bill Nordhaus, a member of the National Academy of Sciences and a former member of CNSTAT, is a world authority on the economic consequences of climate change and on policies designed to mitigate its effects. He pioneered methods for integrating environmental costs and benefits into economic growth analysis and, when calculating the impact of global warming, factoring in the potential for people to adapt to climate change. He will discuss the current state of research in the field and challenge the federal statistical and research communities to provide the data, measurements, methodological research, and analyses needed to help us chart our future course.

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Chair: TBD

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Chair: John Haltiwanger (U. Maryland); co-chair: Lisa Lynch (Tufts U.); panel member: Robert Groves (U. Michigan)

Reports planned: Progress report at end of Phase I (delivered February 23, 2005); **final report, *Understanding Business Dynamics: An Integrated System for America's Future*, is in press and will be released in late April**

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned.

**Contact Information for CNSTAT**

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## THE JEANNE E. GRIFFITH MENTORING AWARD

On receiving the Roger Herriot Award in June 2001, Jeanne E. Griffith said:

**One of the most rewarding aspects (of Federal statistics) for me was the opportunity to promote creative activities and energies among my staff...When I have had the blessing to mentor young people in their careers, I have tried to emphasize..... (that) only they, themselves, can make the most of (the)....chances that life presents.**

Dr. Griffith died in August 2001 after working for more than 25 years in the Federal statistical system. Throughout her career, and especially in her latter senior management positions at the National Center for Education Statistics and the National Science Foundation, one of Jeanne's *highest* priorities was to mentor and encourage younger staff at all levels to learn, to grow, and to recognize and seize career opportunities as they came along.

The Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award has been established to encourage mentoring of younger staff in the Federal statistical system. It is presented annually, beginning in 2003, to a supervisor who is nominated by co-workers and supervisors, and chosen by the Award Selection Committee. The award is co-sponsored by the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy, the Council for Excellence in Government, the Washington Statistical Society, the Social Statistics and Government Statistics Sections of the American Statistical Association, and the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics.

Nominations for 2007 will be accepted beginning in February 2007. The last date for submission of nominations is **March 30, 2007**, and the Award Committee will make its determination of the award winner by May 4, 2007. The award will consist of a \$1000 honorarium and a citation, which will be presented at a ceremony arranged by the co-sponsors in June 2007.

The winning mentor will be selected for his or her efforts in supporting the work and developing the careers of younger staff. Examples of typical mentoring activities include:

- Advising junior staff to help them create career opportunities, networking skills, and contacts for growth and development;
- Counseling junior staff and providing resources to help develop their technical writing, analysis, presentation and organizational skills and knowledge;
- Encouraging junior staff growth and career development through attendance and oral presentations at meetings with higher level officials, staffs of other agencies, professional associations, training courses, and conferences;
- Motivating junior staff and building self confidence through feedback on their efforts, being a listener when that is needed, and creating a caring and supportive environment;
- Serving as a role model for junior staff through professional expertise, information and insights, balancing collegial and personal roles, and including everyone across rank, race, ethnicity, and seniority.

**For further information, contact Ed Spar, Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (COPAFS), by phone: 703-836-0404; fax: 703-836-0406; or by e-mail at [copafs@aol.com](mailto:copafs@aol.com). The nomination cover sheet and guidelines form—or a photocopy—should be attached to a nomination memorandum or letter. Forms are available from Ed Spar, or by downloading from the COPAFS website at <http://www.copafs.org>. Send nominations to the Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award Committee, c/o COPAFS, 2121 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314.**

## HERRIOT AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Nominations are sought for the 2007 Roger Herriot Award for Innovation in Federal Statistics. The award is intended to reflect the special characteristics that marked Roger Herriot's career:

- Dedication to the issues of measurement;
- Improvements in the efficiency of data collection programs; and
- Improvements and use of statistical data for policy analysis.

The award is not limited to senior members of an organization, nor is it to be considered as a culmination of a long period of service. Individuals at all levels within Federal statistical agencies, other government organizations, nonprofit organizations, the private sector, and the academic community may be nominated on the basis of their contributions.

The recipient of the 2007 Roger Herriot Award will be chosen by a committee comprising representatives of the Social Statistics and Government Statistics Sections of the American Statistical Association, and of the Washington Statistical Society. Roger Herriot was associated with and strongly supportive of these organizations during his career. The award consists of a \$1000 honorarium and a framed citation, which will be presented at a ceremony at the Joint Statistical Meetings in August 2007. The Washington Statistical Society will also host a seminar given by the winner on a subject of his or her own choosing.

The previous recipients of the Roger Herriot Award are Joseph Waksberg (Westat), Monroe Sirken (NCHS), Constance Citro (CNStat), Roderick Harrison (Census Bureau), Clyde Tucker (BLS), Thomas Jabine (SSA, EIA, CNStat), Donald Dillman (Washington State University), Jeanne Griffith (OMB, NCES, NSF), Daniel Weinberg (Census Bureau), David Banks (FDA, BTS, NIST), Paula Schneider (Census Bureau), Robert E. Fay III (Census Bureau), and Nathaniel Schenker (NCHS).

**Nominations for the 2007 award will be accepted beginning in February 2007. Nomination packages should contain:**

- A cover letter from the nominator that should include references to specific examples of the nominee's contributions to innovation in Federal statistics. These contributions can be to methodology, procedure, organization, administration, or other areas of Federal statistics, and need not have been made by or while a Federal employee.
- Up to six additional letters in support that demonstrate the innovativeness of each contribution.
- A current vita for the nominee, including contact information.

Both individual and group nominations may be submitted. The committee may consider nominations made for the 2006 award, but it encourages resubmission of those nominations with updated information.

For more information, contact Daniel Weinberg, Chair, 2007 Roger Herriot Award Committee, at 301.763.5791 or <Daniel.H.Weinberg@census.gov>. Completed packages must be received by **April 1, 2007**. Electronic submissions in MS-Word or as a "pdf" file are encouraged.

Alternately, nominations may be mailed to:

Dr. Daniel H. Weinberg  
Chief, Center for Economic Statistics  
U.S. Census Bureau  
Washington, DC 20233-6300

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## ***News from the Committee on National Statistics***

### **PEOPLE NEWS**

>We note the passing of Mollie Orshansky, who invented the current U.S. official poverty measure with her innovative work at the Social Security Administration in the early 1960s. Please see the attached obituary and an editorial on revising the poverty measure from the *New York Times*, April 17, 2007.

>We congratulate Richard Suzman, Associate Director for Behavioral and Social Research at the National Institute on Aging, for receiving the Robert J. Lapham Award at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, March 30, 2007. The Lapham Award recognizes members of PAA who contributed to the population profession through the application of demographic knowledge to policy issues.

>We congratulate Larry Brown, who will receive the C.R. Rao Award from the Pennsylvania State University Department of Statistics, May 24, 2007. Larry is the Miers Busch Professor of Statistics at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, and a former member of CNSTAT. The Rao Prize is established to honor and recognize outstanding and influential innovations in the theory and practice of mathematical statistics, international leadership in directing statistical research, and pioneering contributions by a recognized leader in the field of statistics.

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>*Understanding Business Dynamics: An Integrated Data System for America's Future*, the final report of the CNSTAT Panel on Measuring Business Formation, Dynamics, and Performance, funded the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation with support from the U.S. Census Bureau and Small Business Administration. The panel was co-chaired by John Haltiwanger, University of Maryland, and Lisa Lynch, Tufts University. The printed report was released on April 20 (see [http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=11844](http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11844) ).

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>*Putting People on the Map: Protecting Confidentiality with Linked Social-Spatial Data*, the final report of the Panel on Confidentiality Issues Arising from the Integration of Remotely Sensed and Self-Identifying Data, which was organized under the aegis of the Committee on the Human Dimensions of Global Change, a sister unit to CNSTAT in the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education. The panel was funded by the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and chaired by Myron Gutman, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research. The printed report was released on March 19 (see [http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=11865](http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11865) ).

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

### **103<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Committee**

**Thursday, May 10, 2007**

**NAS Main Building, 2100 C St., NW, Washington, DC**

***Public Seminar and Reception, 2:30 – 5:30 pm***

### **Seminar Agenda**

#### **Recent Developments at the OMB Statistical and Science Policy Office**

Katherine K. Wallman, Chief Statistician of the United States

#### **Featured Presentation**

##### ***Measuring the Economic Effects of Global Warming: Models, Data, and Policy***

William D. Nordhaus, Sterling Professor of Economics, Yale University

#### **Discussion**

Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration

J. Steven Landefeld, Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis

William D. Nordhaus, member of the National Academy of Sciences and former member of CNSTAT, will present an overview of the current state of research in the field of measuring the economic effects of global climate change and challenge the federal statistical and research communities to develop the data, statistics, methodological research, and analyses needed to help us chart our future course. Specifically, he will discuss “integrated assessment” and other economic models of global warming; present results of recent modeling efforts attempting to identify the relative efficiency of different policy objectives; assess the major uncertainties that limit our modeling efforts and, in turn, our understanding of the issues; and offer recommendations for improving statistical data that would improve our models, projections, and policy assessments.

### **104<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee**

**Thursday, October 25, 2007**

**NAS Main Building, 2100 C St., NW, Washington, DC**

***Public Seminar and Reception, 2:30 – 5:30 pm (TBD)***

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### **Department of Agriculture**

**Panel to Review USDA's Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS)**

Sponsor: Economic Research Service; National Agricultural Statistics Service

Duration: October 2005 – September 2007

Study director: Thomas Plewes; associate program officer: Caryn Kuebler; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Bruce Gardner (U. Maryland)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meeting:** Last meeting, March 29-30, 2007 (closed); no more meetings are planned.

Conference sessions are planned for the Joint Statistical Meetings and the annual meeting of the American Agricultural Economics Association

**Department of Commerce**

**Panel on the Census Bureau's Dynamics of Economic Well-Being System (DEWS)**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2006 – June 2008

Study director: Patricia Ruggles; associate program officer, Caryn Kuebler; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Karl Scholz (U. Wisconsin); panel member: Joseph Hotz (UCLA)

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings** Second meeting scheduled for April 26-27, 2007

**Panel on Coverage Evaluation and Correlation Bias in the 2010 Census**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: April 2004 – January 2006; extended through December 31, 2007

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin; fellow: Stephanie Jaros

Chair: Robert Bell (AT&T Research); panel members: Larry Brown (U. Pennsylvania), Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard)

Reports planned: Interim report is in review

**Upcoming meetings:** Next meeting scheduled for May 24-25, 2007

**Panel on the Design of the 2010 Census Program of Evaluations and Experiments (CPEX)**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2006 – September 2009

Study director: Michael Cohen; senior program officer: Daniel Cork; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Larry Brown (Wharton School, U. Pennsylvania); panel members: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan), Nora Cate Schaeffer (U. Wisconsin)

Reports planned: Letter report on CPEX priorities, interim report; final report.

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting scheduled for April 30-May 1, 2007

**Panel on Functionality and Usability of Data from the American Community Survey**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: March 2004 – November 2005; extended through December 30, 2006

Study director: team of Michael Cohen and Daniel Cork; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Graham Kalton (Westat)

Report planned: **Final report, *Using the American Community Survey: Benefits and Challenges*, released in prepublication format, March 26, 2007**

**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned; the report will be discussed at the June 8, 2007, meeting of the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics

**Panel on Research and Development Priorities for the U.S. Census Bureau's Government Statistics Program**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2005 – March 2007; extended through September 30, 2007

Study director: Thomas Plewes; associate program officer: Caryn Kuebler; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Richard Nathan (SUNY-Albany)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned.

**Department of Health and Human Services**

**Panel to Advance a Research Program on the Design of National Health Accounts**

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2005 – September 2008

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)

Reports planned: Workshop proceedings; final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Third meeting, May 17, 2007 (will feature presentations from work on health accounts and data systems progressing at the OECD, Australian Bureau of Statistics, UK Office for National Statistics, and Statistics Canada.)

**Panel to Review the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health/Bureau of Labor Statistics Respirator Use Survey Program** (joint with the Board on Chemical Sciences and Technology)

Sponsor: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, CDC

Duration: July 2005 – December 2006

Study director: Thomas Plewes; research associate: Ericka McGowan; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: William Kalsbeek (U. North Carolina)

Report: **Final report, *Measuring Respirator Use in the Workplace*, released in prepublication format, December 20, 2006**, and has been submitted for final publication.

**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned

**Panel to Review the National Children's Study Research Plan** (joint with the Board on Children, Youth, and Families and the Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice)

Sponsor: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Duration: April 2007 – April 2008

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; senior program officer: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Matthew McDonough

Chair: TBD

Report: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** TBD

**Department of Justice**

**Panel to Assess the Feasibility, Accuracy, and Technical Capabilities of a National Ballistics**

**Database** (joint with the Committee on Law and Justice, which has the lead, the National Materials Advisory Board, and the Board on Manufacturing and Engineering Design)

Sponsor: National Institute of Justice



Duration: September 2003 – December 2005; extended through December 2006  
Study director: Carol Petrie; senior program officer: Daniel Cork; project assistant: Michael Siri  
Chair: John Rolph (U. Southern California); panel members: William Eddy (Carnegie Mellon U.), Vijay Nair (U. Michigan), Daryl Pregibon (Google)  
Report planned: Final report to go into review in early May  
**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned

#### **Panel to Review Programs of the Bureau of Justice Statistics**

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics  
Duration: September 2006 – August 2008  
Study director: Daniel Cork; senior program officer: Carol Petrie; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin  
Chair: Robert Groves (U. Michigan)  
Reports planned: Interim report at end of first year; final report at end of project  
**Upcoming meetings:** Third meeting scheduled for June 11-12, 2007, Ann Arbor, MI (closed)

### **National Science Foundation**

#### **Committee on Gender Differences in Careers of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Faculty**

(congressionally mandated) (joint with Committee on Women in Science and Engineering, which has the lead)

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, NSF  
Duration: December 2003 – June 2005; extended through February 2006  
Study director: Charlotte Kuh; program officer: John Sislin; project assistant: Elizabeth Huthnance  
Chair: Claude Canizares (MIT); co-chair: Sally Shaywitz (Yale); panel member: Arleen Leibowitz (UCLA)  
Report planned: Final report is being drafted  
**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned

#### **Committee on Technology and Privacy Dimensions of Information for Terrorism Prevention and Other National Goals** (joint with the Committee on Law and Justice, which has the lead, and the Computer Science and Telecommunications Board)

Sponsor: National Science Foundation, Department of Homeland Security, National Agricultural Statistics Service, National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau  
Duration: September 2004 – June 2007  
Study director: Betty Chemers; senior program officers: Michael Cohen and Herb Lin; project assistant: Janice Sabuda  
Chair: Charles Vest (president emeritus, MIT); co-chair, William Perry (Stanford); panel members: William DuMouchel (Lincoln Technologies), Stephen Fienberg (Carnegie Mellon U.), Daryl Pregibon (Google)  
Report planned: Final report is being drafted  
**Upcoming meetings:** Fifth and final meeting held March 29-30, 2007; no more meetings are planned

#### **Panel to Assess the Benefits of the American Community Survey for the NSF Science Resources Statistics Division**

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation  
Duration: October 2006 – March 2008  
Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri  
Chair: TBD  
Reports planned: Interim and final reports  
**Upcoming meetings:** The first meeting will be held in June 2007.

## **Kauffman Foundation**

### **Panel on Measuring Business Formation, Dynamics, and Performance**

Sponsor: E. M. Kauffman Foundation, Small Business Administration, and U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: January – December 2004 for Phase I; January – December 2005 for Phase II; extended through March 2007

Study director: Christopher Mackie; associate program officer: Caryn Kuebler; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: John Haltiwanger (U. Maryland); co-chair: Lisa Lynch (Tufts U.); panel member: Robert Groves (U. Michigan)

Reports planned: Progress report at end of Phase I (delivered February 23, 2005); **final report, *Understanding Business Dynamics: An Integrated System for America's Future*, released April 20**

**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned.

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## **The Passing of a Giant: Mollie Orshansky and the U.S. Poverty Measure**

**NY TIMES: April 17, 2007**

**Editorial, Counting the Poor**

It's not official, but it's virtually indisputable. Poverty in America is much more widespread than has been previously acknowledged.

According to the Census Bureau, nearly 37 million Americans—12.6 percent of the population—were living in poverty in 2005. That means that four years into an economic expansion, the percentage of Americans defined as poor was higher than at the bottom of the last recession in late 2001, when it was 11.7 percent. But that's not the worst of it. Recently, the bureau released 12 alternative measures of poverty, and all but one are higher than the official rate.

The alternative that hews most closely to the measurement criteria recommended by the National Academy of Sciences yields a 2005 poverty rate of 14.1 percent. That works out to 41.3 million poor Americans, 4.4 million more than were officially counted. Those higher figures indicate that millions of needy Americans are not getting government services linked to official poverty levels.

The census's official measure basically looks only at whether a family has enough pretax income, plus cash benefits from the government, to pay for bare necessities. The academy's criteria called for adding in the value of noncash government benefits like food stamps, and for subtracting expenses like out-of-pocket medical costs and work-related outlays, including child care expenses.

They also take into account geographical differences in the cost of living and the fact that poverty is relative. To be accurate, a poverty gauge cannot simply measure a family's ability (or lack thereof) to subsist. It must also capture the extent to which the poor cannot afford the requisites of modern life.

All told, under the official measure, the poverty line for a family with two parents and two children is \$19,806. Under the alternative it's \$22,841.

Lawmakers must listen to what the new numbers are telling them and, as a first step, instruct the Census Bureau to adopt the academy's more realistic criteria. They must also realize that improvements in antipoverty programs—such as expanding the earned income tax credit for the working poor and providing better early education—are some of the best investments the nation can make.

**NY TIMES: April 17, 2007**

**Mollie Orshansky, Statistician, Dies at 91**

**By SEWELL CHAN**

Mollie Orshansky, a statistician and economist who in the 1960s developed the federal poverty line, a measurement that shaped decades of social policy and welfare programs, died Dec. 18 at her home in Manhattan, a family member said yesterday. She was 91.

The cause was cardiopulmonary arrest, said a niece, Eda F. Shapiro. She said the family had not immediately announced the death because of concerns over a long-running legal dispute in Washington over Miss Orshansky's estate. Miss Orshansky was buried a day after her death in Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Glendale, Queens, Ms. Shapiro said.

Miss Orshansky, whose parents had known poverty in Ukraine, worked for the Social Security Administration from 1958 until she retired in 1982. She was "one of a respected but mostly invisible cadre of women research professionals based at S.S.A. and other government agencies during the postwar years," the historian Alice O'Connor wrote in "Poverty Knowledge," a 2001 history of poverty research.

"These women," Ms. O'Connor wrote, "found job opportunities in federal government and other 'applied' endeavors when university jobs were largely closed off to them, although within

government they were often clustered in research bureaus focusing on such traditional ‘women’s’ concerns as social welfare, female labor force participation, families and children, and home economics. That experience as a career government statistician, a far cry from systems analysis, was what gave Orshansky the wholly unexpected designation as author of the government’s official poverty line.”

In 1963 and 1964, Miss Orshansky conducted the research that would become the basis of the poverty thresholds. She used the economy food plan — the cheapest of four “nutritionally adequate” food plans developed by the Department of Agriculture — and multiplied the dollar costs by roughly three to come up with a minimum cost-of-living estimate. (A household food consumption survey by the Agriculture Department had shown that, in 1955, families of three or more people spent about one-third of their after-tax cash income on food.)

Miss Orshansky devised more than 120 poverty thresholds, adjusting her calculations for family size and composition and rural-urban differences. She published her research in a seminal 1965 article in *The Social Security Bulletin*.

President Lyndon B. Johnson had declared a War on Poverty, but there was no official definition of the problem at the time. In May 1965, the Office of Economic Opportunity, the federal agency charged with carrying out the antipoverty effort, adopted the “Orshansky index” as the yardstick to measure poverty.

It was a use that Miss Orshansky herself had never intended. “Orshansky developed the index as a research tool, not an instrument of policy or a criterion for determining eligibility for anti-poverty programs,” the historian Michael B. Katz wrote in “The Undeserving Poor,” a 1989 history of antipoverty efforts.

The federal poverty guideline — \$9,800 for a single person and \$20,000 for a family of four in 2006 — has long been criticized as understating the true extent of poverty. It also seems outdated. Food today makes up a much smaller proportion of household expenses than it did in the 1960s; the costs of housing, transportation, child care and health care have risen far more sharply.

In 1995, a panel of the National Academy of Sciences urged several changes in calculating poverty, but no major changes have occurred, in part because they would have the politically unpopular effect of increasing the poverty rate, probably by a couple of percentage points, which would require an expansion of benefits.

Miss Orshansky, a lifelong liberal Democrat, expressed sympathy with the criticisms of the poverty line. “The best that can be said of the measure,” she once wrote, “is that at a time when it seemed useful, it was there.”

Miss Orshansky was born Jan. 9, 1915, the third of six daughters of Samuel and Fannie Orshansky, Jewish immigrants who settled in the Bronx after leaving Ukraine. She graduated from Hunter College High School in Manhattan in 1931 and from Hunter College in 1935, with a degree in mathematics and statistics.

Miss Orshansky did graduate work in economics and statistics in Washington. In 1939, she became a research clerk with the federal Children’s Bureau, doing statistical analyses of child health, growth and nutrition. In 1942, as a statistician for the New York City Department of Health, she helped develop a survey on the incidence and treatment of pneumonia. Beginning in 1945, she spent 13 years at the Agriculture Department, collecting and analyzing records on household spending and food consumption.

In the 1960s, at the request of the Justice Department, she testified at hearings that led to the elimination of poll taxes, which had been used to keep black Americans from voting. She said that a poll tax of \$2, for example, would be enough to cost many poor families an entire day’s meals.

Miss Orshansky received honors from the Social Security Administration, the American Statistical Association and the American Political Science Association. For most of her career, she lived in an apartment on the waterfront in Washington. She traveled extensively and loved to cook.

In 2002, *The Washington Post* reported on a legal struggle over Miss Orshansky’s care, which had begun after she was hospitalized in the fall of 2001. A niece, Jane M. Pollack, had taken Miss

**Orshansky to New York, but a judge in Washington, who had named a legal guardian for Miss Orshansky, tried to compel her to return to Washington, arguing that her family had not demonstrated that they could adequately care for her.**

**On Aug. 15, 2002, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals ruled that the judge had abused her authority and ignored Miss Orshansky's wishes to live with her family in New York. The appeals court also canceled the appointment of the guardian. Other legal issues remain unresolved, said her niece Ms. Shapiro of Manhattan. In addition to several nieces, Miss Orshansky is survived by a sister, Sarah Pollack of Manhattan.**

*August 14, 2007*

## ***News from the Committee on National Statistics***

### **NEW MEMBERS**

- >CNSTAT is pleased to welcome as new members, appointed to 3-year terms:  
Sally Morton, Vice President of Statistics and Epidemiology, Research Triangle Institute  
Roger Tourangeau, Director, Joint Program in Survey Methodology, University of Maryland
- >We thank the following past members, whose terms ended in June, for their service:  
Robert Bell, AT&T Research Laboratories, Florham Park, New Jersey  
Nora Cate Schaeffer, Department of Sociology, University of Madison-Wisconsin

### **OTHER PEOPLE NEWS**

We congratulate these members of the statistical community who were honored with awards during 2007:

#### **>American Statistical Association Fellows**

- John L. Adams, senior statistician, RAND Corporation (member CNSTAT panels on R&D statistics at NSF and data and research for evaluating welfare reform; Committee on Law and Justice workshop on improving evaluation of anti-crime programs)  
Mick P. Couper, research associate professor, University of Michigan (member CNSTAT 2010 census panel and survey automation workshop committee)  
Lester R. Curtin, mathematical statistician, National Center for Health Statistics  
Linda Gage, senior demographer, California Department of Finance (member CNSTAT panels on statistical issues in formula allocation and the 2010 CPEX program)  
David R. Judkins, senior statistician, Westat  
Elizabeth H. Margosches, statistician, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Barry D. Nussbaum, chief statistician, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Allen L. Schirm, associate director and senior fellow, Mathematica Policy Research (member CNSTAT panels on small-area estimates of poverty, statistical issues in formula allocation, and the 2010 CPEX program)  
Stuart Scott, senior mathematical statistician, Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### **>ASA Founders Award**

- Gary McDonald, General Motors (retired) and Oakland University (member CNSTAT panel on R&D statistics at NSF, Committee on Applied and Theoretical Statistics, and various mathematics-related panels in other NRC units)  
Katherine Wallman, chief statistician of the U.S. government (In a previous incarnation as executive director of COPAFS, she served on the CNSTAT panel on the NSF science and engineering personnel data system.)

- >**Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award** (Council for Excellence in Government, Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics, Government and Social Statistics Sections of ASA, Interagency Council on Statistical Policy, and Washington Statistical Society)

Stephanie Shipp, director, Economic Assessment Office, Advanced Technology Program,  
National Institute of Standards and Technology, U. S. Department of Commerce

>**Julius Shiskin Award** (Washington Statistical Society and National Association for Business Economics)

Arthur Kennickell, senior economist and head of the Microeconomic Surveys Unit at the Federal Reserve Board (member CNSTAT panel to review the Agricultural Resource Management Survey)

>**Roger Herriot Award for Innovation in Federal Statistics** (Washington Statistical Society and Government and Social Statistics Sections of ASA)

Nancy Kirkendall, director, Statistics and Methods Group, Energy Information Administration

>**Washington Statistical Society Chapter Recognition Award**

John Czajka, senior fellow, Mathematica Policy Research (member CNSTAT panels on alternative census methods, data and research for evaluating welfare reform, R&D priorities for the Census Bureau's government statistics program, and technical issues for the re-engineered SIPP)

## REPORTS RELEASED

>*Understanding American Agriculture: Challenges for the Agricultural Resource Management Survey*, the final report of the CNSTAT Panel to Review USDA's Agricultural Resource Management Survey, funded by the Economic Research Service and the National Agricultural Statistics Service and chaired by Bruce Gardener. The report was released in prepublication format, July 30 (see [http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=11990](http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11990)). Printed copies of the report will be available in 8-10 weeks.

>*State and Local Government Statistics at a Crossroads*, the final report of the CNSTAT Panel on Research and Development Priorities for the U.S. Census Bureau's State and Local Government Statistics Program, funded by the Census Bureau and chaired by Richard Nathan. The report will be released in prepublication format, August 17, and posted at <http://www.nap.edu> at that time.

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**104th Meeting of the Committee**

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**NAS Main Building, 2100 C St., NW, Washington, DC**

***Public Seminar and Reception, 2:30 – 5:30 pm***

## Seminar Agenda

**The featured speaker will be Alan Krueger, Bendheim Professor of Economics and Public Affairs at Princeton University, who will discuss innovative research on the development of subjective measures of well-being from surveys and their use as key national indicators with important public policy applications.**

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### **Department of Agriculture**

#### **Panel to Review USDA's Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS)**

Sponsor: Economic Research Service; National Agricultural Statistics Service

Duration: October 2005 – September 2007

Study director: Thomas Plewes; associate program officer: Caryn Kuebler; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Bruce Gardner (U. Maryland)

Report planned: Final report, *Understanding American Agriculture: Challenges for the Agricultural Resource Management Survey*, released in prepublication format, July 30, 2007

**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned; conference sessions on the report held at the recent Joint Statistical Meetings and annual meeting of the American Agricultural Economics Association

### **Department of Commerce**

#### **Panel on the Census Bureau's Dynamics of Economic Well-Being System (DEWS—now, the re-engineered SIPP)**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2006 – June 2008

Study director: Patricia Ruggles; associate program officer, Caryn Kuebler; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Karl Scholz (U. Wisconsin); panel member: Joseph Hotz (Duke)

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Third meeting scheduled for September 20-21, 2007, in Woods Hole, MA (closed)

#### **Panel on Coverage Evaluation and Correlation Bias in the 2010 Census**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: April 2004 – January 2006; extended through December 31, 2007

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin; fellow: Stephanie Jaros

Chair: Robert Bell (AT&T Research); panel members: Larry Brown (U. Pennsylvania), Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard)

Reports planned: Interim report, *Research and Plans for Coverage Measurement in the 2010 Census: Interim Assessment*, released May 11, 2007; final report at end of project

**Upcoming meetings:** Last meeting, July 18, 2007 (closed); no more meetings are planned

#### **Panel on the Design of the 2010 Census Program of Evaluations and Experiments (CPEX)**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2006 – September 2009

Study director: Michael Cohen; senior program officer: Daniel Cork; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Larry Brown (Wharton School, U. Pennsylvania); panel members: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan), Nora Cate Schaeffer (U. Wisconsin)

Reports planned: Interim report; final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Second meeting held July 16-17, 2007; third meeting likely in November 2007



**Panel on Functionality and Usability of Data from the American Community Survey**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: March 2004 – November 2005; extended through December 30, 2006

Study director: team of Michael Cohen and Daniel Cork; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Graham Kalton (Westat)

Report planned: Final report, *Using the American Community Survey: Benefits and Challenges*, released in prepublication format, March 26, 2007; printed copies will be available in September

**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned

**Panel on Research and Development Priorities for the U.S. Census Bureau's Government Statistics Program**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2005 – March 2007; extended through September 30, 2007

Study director: Thomas Plewes; associate program officer: Caryn Kuebler; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Richard Nathan (SUNY-Albany)

Report planned: Final report, *State and Local Government Statistics at a Crossroads*, to be released in prepublication format, August 17, 2007

**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned

**Workshop on Healthcare Expenditures Accounting**

Sponsor: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Duration: September 2006 – September 2007; to be extended through March 2008

Study director: Chris Mackie; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop to be scheduled for early 2008

**Department of Health and Human Services****Panel to Advance a Research Program on the Design of National Health Accounts**

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2005 – September 2008

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)

Reports planned: Workshop proceedings; final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Fourth meeting scheduled for October 18, 2007

**Panel to Review the National Children's Study Research Plan** (joint with the Board on Children, Youth, and Families and the Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice)

Sponsor: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Duration: April 2007 – April 2008

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; senior program officer: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Sam Preston (U. Pennsylvania); panel members: Bill Kalsbeek (U. North Carolina)

Report: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting scheduled for September 21-22, 2007; second meeting scheduled for November 8-10, 2007

**Workshop on Revitalizing the Nation's Vital Statistics**

Sponsor: National Center for Health Statistics, Social Security Administration, U.S. Census Bureau, internal funding

Study director: Caryn Kuebler; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** To be determined (workshop in late fall)

## **Department of Justice**

### **Panel to Assess the Feasibility, Accuracy, and Technical Capabilities of a National Ballistics**

**Database** (joint with the Committee on Law and Justice, which has the lead, the National Materials Advisory Board, and the Board on Manufacturing and Engineering Design)

Sponsor: National Institute of Justice

Duration: September 2003 – December 2005; extended through December 2007

Study director: Carol Petrie; senior program officer: Daniel Cork; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: John Rolph (U. Southern California); panel members: William Eddy (Carnegie Mellon U.), Vijay Nair (U. Michigan), Daryl Pregibon (Google)

Report planned: Final report is in review

**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned

### **Panel to Review Programs of the Bureau of Justice Statistics**

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Duration: September 2006 – August 2008

Study director: Daniel Cork; senior program officer: Carol Petrie; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Robert Groves (U. Michigan)

Reports planned: Interim report is being drafted; final report at end of project

**Upcoming meetings:** Fourth meeting scheduled for October 5-6, 2007; fifth meeting tentatively scheduled for December 7-8

## **National Science Foundation**

### **Committee on Gender Differences in Careers of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Faculty**

(congressionally mandated) (joint with Committee on Women in Science and Engineering, which has the lead)

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, NSF

Duration: December 2003 – June 2005; extended through February 2006

Study director: Charlotte Kuh; program officer: John Sislin; project assistant: Elizabeth Scott

Chair: Claude Canizares (MIT); co-chair: Sally Shaywitz (Yale); panel member: Arleen Leibowitz (UCLA)

Report planned: Final report is in review

**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned

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Report planned: Final report is being drafted

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Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2006 – March 2008

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Hal Stern (U. California, Irvine)

Reports planned: Final report

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Sponsor: Kauffman Foundation, Spencer Foundation, W.T. Grant Foundation

Duration: July 1, 2007 – April 30, 2008

Study director: Tom Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** The first meeting of the planning committee is tentatively scheduled for September 2007. The workshop will be conducted in late November or early December 2007.

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September 11, 2007

## *News from the Committee on National Statistics*

### REPORTS RELEASED

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**104th Meeting of the Committee**

**Thursday, October 25, 2007**

**NAS Main Building, 2100 C St., NW, Washington, DC**

***Public Seminar and Reception, 2:30 – 5:30 pm***

### **Seminar Agenda**

**The featured speaker will be Alan Krueger, Bendheim Professor of Economics and Public Affairs at Princeton University, who will discuss innovative research on the development of subjective measures of well-being from surveys and their use as key national indicators with important public policy applications.**

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#### **Panel to Review USDA's Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS)**

Sponsor: Economic Research Service; National Agricultural Statistics Service

Duration: October 2005 – September 2007

Study director: Thomas Plewes; associate program officer: Caryn Kuebler; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Bruce Gardner (U. Maryland)

Report planned: Final report, *Understanding American Agriculture: Challenges for the Agricultural Resource Management Survey*, released in prepublication format, July 30, 2007, available at [http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=11990](http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11990)).

**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned; conference sessions on the report were held at the recent Joint Statistical Meetings and annual meeting of the American Agricultural Economics Association

## **Department of Commerce**

### **Panel on the Census Bureau's Dynamics of Economic Well-Being System (DEWS—now, the re-engineered SIPP)**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2006 – June 2008

Study director: Patricia Ruggles; associate program officer, Caryn Kuebler; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Karl Scholz (U. Wisconsin); panel member: Joseph Hotz (Duke)

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Third meeting scheduled for September 20-21, 2007, in Woods Hole, MA (mostly closed)

### **Panel on Coverage Evaluation and Correlation Bias in the 2010 Census**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: April 2004 – January 2006; extended through December 31, 2007

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin; fellow: Stephanie Jaros

Chair: Robert Bell (AT&T Research); panel members: Larry Brown (U. Pennsylvania), Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard)

Reports planned: Interim report, *Research and Plans for Coverage Measurement in the 2010 Census: Interim Assessment*, released May 11, 2007; final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Last meeting, July 18, 2007 (closed); no more meetings are planned

### **Panel on the Design of the 2010 Census Program of Evaluations and Experiments (CPEX)**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2006 – September 2009

Study director: Michael Cohen; senior program officer: Daniel Cork; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Larry Brown (Wharton School, U. Pennsylvania); panel members: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan), Nora Cate Schaeffer (U. Wisconsin)

Reports planned: Interim report is being drafted; final report at end of project

**Upcoming meetings:** Second meeting held July 16-17, 2007; third meeting likely in November 2007

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Study director: team of Michael Cohen and Daniel Cork; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Graham Kalton (Westat)

Report planned: Final report, *Using the American Community Survey: Benefits and Challenges*, released in prepublication format, March 26, 2007; printed copies are now available (see above)

**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned

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Duration: October 2005 – March 2007; extended through September 30, 2007

Study director: Thomas Plewes; associate program officer: Caryn Kuebler; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Richard Nathan (SUNY-Albany)

Report planned: Final report, *State and Local Government Statistics at a Crossroads*, released in prepublication format, August 17, 2007, available at [http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12000](http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12000).

**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned

### **Workshop on Healthcare Expenditures Accounting**

Sponsor: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Duration: September 2006 – September 2007; to be extended through March 2008

Study director: Chris Mackie; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop proceedings

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop to be scheduled for early 2008

## **Department of Health and Human Services**

### **Panel to Advance a Research Program on the Design of National Health Accounts**

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2005 – September 2008

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)

Reports planned: Workshop proceedings; final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Fourth meeting scheduled for October 18, 2007

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Sponsor: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Duration: April 2007 – April 2008

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; senior program officer: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Sam Preston (U. Pennsylvania); panel members: Bill Kalsbeek (U. North Carolina)

Report: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting scheduled for September 21-22, 2007; second meeting scheduled for November 8-10, 2007

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Sponsor: National Center for Health Statistics, Social Security Administration, U.S. Census Bureau, internal funding

Study director: Caryn Kuebler; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** To be determined (workshop in December or January)

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**Database** (joint with the Committee on Law and Justice, which has the lead, the National Materials Advisory Board, and the Board on Manufacturing and Engineering Design)

Sponsor: National Institute of Justice

Duration: September 2003 – December 2005; extended through December 2007  
Study director: Carol Petrie; senior program officer: Daniel Cork; project assistant: Michael Siri  
Chair: John Rolph (U. Southern California); panel members: William Eddy (Carnegie Mellon U.), Vijay Nair (U. Michigan), Daryl Pregibon (Google)  
Report planned: Final report is in review  
**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned

#### **Panel to Review Programs of the Bureau of Justice Statistics**

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics  
Duration: September 2006 – August 2008  
Study director: Daniel Cork; senior program officer: Carol Petrie; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin  
Chair: Robert Groves (U. Michigan)  
Reports planned: Interim report is being drafted; final report at end of project  
**Upcoming meetings:** Fourth meeting scheduled for October 5-6, 2007; fifth meeting tentatively scheduled for December 7-8

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#### **Committee on Gender Differences in Careers of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Faculty**

(congressionally mandated) (joint with Committee on Women in Science and Engineering, which has the lead)

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, NSF  
Duration: December 2003 – June 2005; extended through February 2006  
Study director: Charlotte Kuh; program officer: John Sislin; project assistant: Elizabeth Scott  
Chair: Claude Canizares (MIT); co-chair: Sally Shaywitz (Yale); panel member: Arleen Leibowitz (UCLA)  
Report planned: Final report is in review  
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Report planned: Workshop summary

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### **PRESIDENTIAL RANK AWARDS**

We are delighted to note that four members of the statistical community received presidential rank awards on September 30, 2007. These awards are given to members of the Senior Executive Service for distinguished service (achievement of extraordinary results) and meritorious service (sustained accomplishment).

- >Howard Gruenspecht, deputy administrator, EIA, Distinguished Executive
- >Phil Kott, NASS/USDA, Meritorious Senior Professional
- >Richard Suzman, NIA, Meritorious Executive
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Study director: Chris Mackie; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop proceedings

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop to be scheduled for February-March 2008

**Department of Defense**

**Panel on the Application of Industrial Methods to the Testing of Defense Systems Acquired in Stages** (Joint with the Board on Army Science and Technology)

Sponsor: Office of the Secretary of Defense, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, and Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics

Duration: September 2007 – December 2008

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

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Duration: October 2005 – September 2008

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Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Fourth meeting held October 18, 2007; fifth meeting TBD

**Panel on Collecting, Accessing, and Protecting Data from Multipurpose Population Surveys with Genetic and Other Biological Measures** (joint with the Committee on Population)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Barney Cohen; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

**Upcoming meetings:** To be determined

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Duration: April 2007 – April 2008

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; senior program officer: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

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Report: Final report

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Chair: Louise Ryan (Harvard); planning committee members Janet Norwood (BLS, retired), Ed Perrin (U. Washington), Sam Preston (U. Pennsylvania), Ken Prewitt (Columbia)

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop scheduled for January 15, 2008

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Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Hal Stern (U. California, Irvine)

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Second meeting (workshop) held October 5-6, 2007; third meeting scheduled for November 2 (closed)

### **Panel on Modernizing the Infrastructure of the NSF Federal Funds Survey**

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2007 – December 2008

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** To be determined

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**Workshop on Protecting Students' Records and Facilitating Education Research** (joint with the Center for Education and in cooperation with the American Educational Research Association)

Sponsor: Kauffman Foundation, Spencer Foundation, W.T. Grant Foundation

Duration: July 1, 2007 – April 30, 2008

Study director: Tom Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Felice Levine (AERA)

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** The first meeting of the planning committee is scheduled for October 24, 2007 (closed). The workshop will be conducted in spring 2008.

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