

January 13, 2009

## *News from the Committee on National Statistics*

### PEOPLE NEWS

>We noted in our November “news” that **John Galvin** of BLS and **Rosemary Marcuss** of BEA received Presidential Rank Meritorious Executive awards on September 30, 2008. We were remiss in not also noting that **Peggy Carr** received a Meritorious Executive award for her service as associate commissioner for assessment of the National Center for Education Statistics. Presidential Rank awards are given to members of the Senior Executive Service for distinguished service (achievement of extraordinary results) and meritorious service (sustained accomplishment). Award winners are chosen through a rigorous selection process. They are nominated by their agency heads, evaluated by boards comprised of private citizens, and approved by the President. The evaluation criteria (see <http://www.opm.gov/ses/performance/rankaward.asp>.) focus on leadership and results.

>We acknowledge with great appreciation and respect the contributions to the federal statistical system of **Steven Murdock**, who has returned to Rice University as Professor of Sociology after an eventful year as director of the U.S. Census Bureau. **Tom Mesenbourg**, who became the Census Bureau’s deputy director, October 7, 2008, is acting director.

### REPORTS RELEASED

>**Coverage Measurement in the 2010 Census**, the final report of the Panel on Coverage Measurement and Correlation Bias in the 2010 Census, chaired by Robert Bell, AT&T Research Laboratories, was publicly released in prepublication format on October 29, 2008. Copies of the printed report are now available for purchase and free PDFs of the executive summary may be downloaded from the National Academies Press ([http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12524](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12524)).

>**Protecting Student Records and Facilitating Education Research—A Workshop Summary**, the report of a workshop of the Committee on National Statistics and the Center for Education of the NRC Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education and the American Educational Research Association, was released December 29, 2008. Free PDFs of the report may be downloaded from the National Academies Press ([http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12514](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12514)).

>**Strategies for a BEA Satellite Health Care Account—Summary of a Workshop**, the report of a workshop of the Committee on National Statistics, was released December 22, 2008. Free PDFs of the report may be downloaded from the National Academies Press ([http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12494](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12494)).

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**108<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee**  
**Thursday and Friday, February 5-6, 2009**  
**Retreat (closed in its entirety)—NAS Beckman Center, Irvine, CA**

**109<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee**  
**Friday, May 8, 2009**  
**NAS Keck Center, Room 100, 500 5<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Washington, DC**  
***Public Symposium and Reception, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm, May 8, 2009***  
***Topic: THE FEDERAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM—***  
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**Co-sponsored by:**  
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#### **Department of Commerce**

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Study director: Constance Citro; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

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

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Final closed meeting to be held February 3, 2009

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

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: April 2004 – January 2006; extended through June 30, 2008

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

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

Reports: Interim report, *Research and Plans for Coverage Measurement in the 2010 Census: Interim Assessment*, released in prepublication format (there is no printed version), May 11, 2007 (free PDFs available at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=11941](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11941)); final report, *Coverage Measurement in the 2010 Census*, released in prepublication format, October 29, 2008 (free PDFs of the printed executive summary available at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12524](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12524)).

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Reports planned: Interim report, *Experimentation and Evaluation Plans for the 2010 Census: Interim Report*, released in prepublication format (there is no printed version), December 7, 2007 (free PDFs available at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12080](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12080)); letter report is in review; final report, September 2009

**Upcoming meetings:** Fifth meeting held November 10-11, 2008; sixth meeting to be held February 16-17, 2009

### **Workshop to Assist BEA Development of a Satellite Health Account**

Sponsor: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Duration: September 2006 – September 2007; extended through May 2009

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)

Report: Workshop summary, *Strategies for a BEA Satellite Health Care Account*, released December 22, 2008 (free PDFs available at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12494](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12494)).

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held March 14, 2008

## **Department of Defense**

### **Oversight Committee on Industrial Methods for the Effective Test and Development of Defense Systems** (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 – September 2009

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan); panel member: John Rolph (U. Southern California)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting scheduled for February 23-24, 2009

## **Department of Education**

### **Panel on Alternative Data Sources for the Limited-English Proficiency Allocation Formula under Title III, ESEA** (joint with the Board on Testing and Assessment)

Sponsor: Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development

Duration: October 2008 – September 2010

Study director: Thomas Plewes; senior program officer: Judith Koenig; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** TBD

## **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; to be extended through September 2009  
Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri  
Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)  
Report planned: Final report will enter review in early February  
**Upcoming meetings:** Fifth meeting held March 13, 2008; no more meetings are planned

**Panel on Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Social Survey Data with Biological Measures** (joint with the Committee on Population)

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Duration: October 2007 – September 2009  
Study director: Barney Cohen; project assistant, Jacqueline Sovde  
Chair: Robert Hauser (U. Wisconsin)  
Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)  
**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held November 17-18 (open), followed by closed panel meeting, November 19, 2008; third meeting (closed) to be held on January 23, 2009

**Panel on Missing Data in Clinical Trials**

Sponsor: Food and Drug Administration  
Duration: October 2008 – March 2010  
Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin  
Chair: TBD  
Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)  
**Upcoming meetings:** TBD

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Duration: October 2008 – September 2009  
Study director: Miron Straf; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin  
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**Upcoming meeting:** TBD (by invitation)

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Duration: October 2008 – March 2010  
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Chair: TBD  
Report planned: Workshop summary  
**Upcoming meetings:** TBD

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Duration: October 2007 – September 2009  
Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant, Bridget Edmonds  
Chair: Alan Jette (Boston U.)

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held January 8-9, 2009

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

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

Duration: July 2007 – May 2009

Study director: Constance Citro; project assistant: Michael Siri

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

Report planned: Workshop summary is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held April 30, 2008

## **Department of Justice**

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

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Duration: September 2006 – May 2009

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

Chair: Robert Groves (U. Michigan)

Reports planned: Interim report released in prepublication format, January 8, 2008, and published by the National Academies Press in mid-May (free PDFs available at

[http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12090](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12090)); final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Ninth and last meeting held November 15 in St. Louis, MO (closed)

## **Department of Labor**

### **Panel to Review the Labor Department's Occupational Information Network (O\*Net)** (joint with the Center for Education)

Sponsor: Employment and Training Administration

Duration: June 2008 – June 2009

Study director: Margaret Hilton; senior program officer: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Nancy Tippins (Valtera Corporation, Greenville, SC)

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting to be held February 3, 2009

## **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: Catherine Didion; senior program officer: Michael Cohen

Chair: Claude Canizares (MIT); co-chair: Sally Shaywitz (Yale); panel members: Alicia Carriquiry (Iowa State), Arleen Leibowitz (UCLA)

Report planned: Final report is in response to review

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

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

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Christopher Hill (George Mason U.)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Fourth meeting held January 6, 2009 (closed); no more meetings are planned

**Workshop on Confidentiality Criteria for Statistics from the Survey of Earned Doctorates**

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2008 – September 2009

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** TBD

**Kauffman Foundation, Spencer Foundation, W.T. Grant Foundation****Workshop on Protecting Students' Records and Facilitating Education Research** (joint with Center for Education and in cooperation with the American Educational Research Association)

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

Duration: July 2007 – August 2008; extended through February 2009

Study director: Thomas Plewes; rapporteur: Margaret Hilton; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Felice Levine (AERA)

Report: Workshop summary, *Protecting Student Records and Facilitating Education Research*, released December 29, 2008 (free PDFs available at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12514](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12514)).

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held April 24-25, 2008

**Lumina Foundation for Education****Planning Meeting and Panel on Measuring Higher Education Productivity** (joint with the Board on Testing and Assessment and the Board on Higher Education in the Workforce)

Sponsor: Lumina Foundation

Duration: October 2008 – March 2010

Co-study directors: Christopher Mackie and Stuart Elliott; senior program officer: Peter Henderson; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Rebecca Blank, Brookings Institution (planning meeting, chair for the panel TBD)

Reports planned: Detailed scope of work from the planning meeting; final report from the panel study

**Upcoming meetings:** Planning meeting to be held February 20, 2009 (by invitation)

**State of the USA (SUSA)****Panel on SUSA Economic Indicators** (joint with the Science, Technology and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: State of the USA (see <http://www.stateoftheusa.org/>)

Duration: September 2008 – August 2009

Study director: Daniel Melnick; project assistant, Bridget Edmonds

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Planning meeting held October 20, 2008; first panel meeting TBD

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### REPORT RELEASED

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**A draft agenda is attached. A general invitation will be issued in March. We hope to see you all there.**

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**Upcoming meetings:** Sixth meeting held February 16-17, 2009; seventh meeting to be held April 13-14.

### **Workshop on Intangible Assets: Measuring and Enhancing Their Contribution to Corporate Value and Growth** (Joint with the Science, Technology, and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: Bureau of Economic Analysis and Science Resources Statistics Division, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Stephen Merrill; senior program officer: Christopher Mackie

Report planned: Workshop summary is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** The workshop was held June 23, 2008

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**FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2009**

*“If we could first know where we are and whither we are tending, we could then better judge what to do, and how to do it.”*

--Abraham Lincoln

As the new administration takes office, it is vitally important that attention is paid to the Federal Statistical System and its role as a vital part of the nation’s decision making and scientific infrastructure. This conference will focus on how dependent governing is on the products of the Federal Statistical System, from the apportionment/redistricting process to health care and immigration reform and economic regulation. It will also address visions for the future to keep the Federal Statistical System—a key national treasure—best positioned to serve the policy making, planning, and research needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **AGENDA [draft]**

**8:00am      Registration and Continental Breakfast—Great Hall**

- 8:30 Welcome—Auditorium**  
William Eddy, Chair, Committee on National Statistics, The National Academies  
Heidi Hartmann, Board Chair, American Academy of Political and Social Science  
[announce winner of Moynihan Prize]
- 8:45 Session I – The Nation’s Statistical System: Why It Matters**  
*[The system provides data for apportioning power, allocating funds, designing public and private sector policy, evaluating public and private sector programs, and contributing to basic social science research.]*  
Moderator: Kenneth Prewitt, Columbia University  
Speaker: Peter Orszag, director, U.S. Office of Management and Budget
- 9:15 Session II – What is the Federal Statistical System?**  
Moderator: Katherine Wallman, Chief Statistician, U.S. Office of Management and Budget
1. The Platform
    - a) Decennial Census  
Margo Anderson, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
    - b) National Income and Product Accounts  
Dale Jorgenson, Harvard University
  2. The Building Blocks – Robert Groves, University of Michigan  
[overview of decentralized system, federal-state systems, cross-sectional and longitudinal surveys, administrative records]
- 10:30 Coffee Break—Great Hall**
- 10:45 Session III – Knowledge Gained from Federal Statistics**  
Moderator: Douglas Massey, Princeton University  
Speakers:
1. Thomas Feucht, National Science and Technology Committee on Sciences Subcommittee on Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences  
[science policy]
  2. Katharine Abraham, University of Maryland [labor markets and the economy]  
[invited]
  3. Linda Darling-Hammond, Stanford University [education]
  4. Stephanie Coontz, Evergreen State College, Olympia WA [family]
  5. Samuel Preston, University of Pennsylvania [health]
- 12:15pm Lunch (Buffet)—Great Hall**
- 1:15 Session IV – Perspectives from Business and Government**  
Moderator: Christopher Hoenig, SUSA, Inc.  
Speakers:
1. Business Uses – Maurine Haver, National Association for Business Economics Statistics Committee
  2. Media Uses – Steven Holmes, CNN [invited]
  3. Federal Executive Uses – Michael O’Grady, National Opinion Research Center (formerly Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS)
  4. Congressional Uses – Gene Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General, U.S. Government Accountability Office [invited]
  5. State and Local Government Uses – Joseph Salvo, NYC Planning Department

**2:45                    Coffee Break—Great Hall**

**3:00                    Session V – The Statistical System’s Future: Needs, Challenges, and Opportunities**

Moderator: Constance Citro, director, Committee on National Statistics

Speakers:

1. Janet Norwood, former commissioner, BLS (emphasizing principles and practices, such as independence, support for research)
2. Hermann Habermann, former U.S. chief statistician, head of the UN statistical office, and deputy director of the Census Bureau (emphasizing opportunities for new sources of data and technology for data collection and dissemination)

**4:00                    Session VI – The Sciences’ Stake in the Statistical System**

Ralph J. Cicerone, President, National Academy of Sciences [invited]

Charles M. Vest, President, National Academy of Engineering

Harvey V. Fineberg, President, Institute of Medicine

**4:15                    Session VII – Parting Thoughts: Where Do We Go from Here?**

Moderator: Kenneth Prewitt, Columbia University

Speaker: John Holdren, presidential science advisor-designate [invited]

**4:45                    Reception—Great Hall**

March 27, 2009

## *News from the Committee on National Statistics*

### REPORT RELEASED

>*Principles and Practices for a Federal Statistical Agency, Fourth Edition*, the Committee's white paper, first issued in 1992, was publicly released on March 11, 2009. The fourth edition identifies four principles for an effective statistical agency: production of objective information that is relevant to issues of public policy; credibility among data users; trust among data providers; and a strong position of independence from the appearance and reality of political control. The fourth edition also discusses 11 important practices that are means for a statistical agency to live up to the four principles: they include a commitment to quality and professional practice and an active program of methodological and substantive research. A limited number of copies are available from the Committee. The report can be read online and copies may be purchased at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12564](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12564).

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

**Friday, May 8, 2009**

**Auditorium, NAS Main Building, 2100 C Street NW, Washington, DC**

***Public Symposium and Reception, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm, May 8, 2009***

***Topic: THE FEDERAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM—  
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## Department of Commerce

### **Panel on the Census Bureau's Reengineered Survey of Income and Program Participation**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2006 – June 2008; extended through June 2009

Study director: Constance Citro; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

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

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Final closed meeting held February 3, 2009

### **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: Lawrence Brown (Wharton School, U. Pennsylvania); panel members: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan), Roger Tourangeau (U. Maryland), Nora Cate Schaeffer (U. Wisconsin)

Reports planned: *Experimentation and Evaluation Plans for the 2010 Census: Interim Report*, released in prepublication format (there is no printed version), December 7, 2007 (free PDFs available at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12080](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12080)); *Letter Report, Experimentation and Evaluation Plans for the 2010 Census*, letter to Acting Director Thomas Mesenbourg from Lawrence Brown, released on February 19, 2009 (free PDFs available at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12607](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12607)); final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Seventh meeting to be held April 13-14, 2009 (closed); eighth meeting to be held June 1, 2009 (closed)

### **Workshop on Intangible Assets: Measuring and Enhancing Their Contribution to Corporate Value and Growth** (Joint with the Science, Technology, and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: Bureau of Economic Analysis and Science Resources Statistics Division, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Stephen Merrill; senior program officer: Christopher Mackie

Report planned: Workshop summary is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** The workshop was held June 23, 2008

## Department of Defense

### **Oversight Committee on Industrial Methods for the Effective Test and Development of Defense Systems** (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 – September 2009

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan); panel member: John Rolph (U. Southern California)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting held February 23-24, 2009; workshop scheduled for July 9-10, 2009

## **Department of Education**

### **Panel on Alternative Data Sources for the Limited-English Proficiency Allocation Formula under Title III, ESEA** (joint with the Board on Testing and Assessment)

Sponsor: Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development

Duration: October 2008 – September 2010

Study director: Thomas Plewes; senior program officer: Judith Koenig; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard U.)

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting to be held April 29-30, 2009

## **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; extended through September 2009

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Fifth meeting held March 13, 2008; no more meetings are planned

### **Panel on Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Social Survey Data with Biological Measures** (joint with the Committee on Population)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Barney Cohen; project assistant, Jacqueline Sovde

Chair: Robert Hauser (U. Wisconsin-Madison)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held November 17-18 (open), followed by closed panel meeting, November 19, 2008; third meeting (closed) to be held in spring 2009

### **Panel on Missing Data in Clinical Trials**

Sponsor: Food and Drug Administration

Duration: October 2008 – March 2010

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Roderick Little (U. Michigan); panel member: Hal Stern (U. California Irvine)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting to be held April 3-4, 2009, at the FDA offices in Silver Spring, MD; Workshop tentatively scheduled for June 17-18, 2009 (location uncertain)

### **Planning Meeting on the Costs and Effectiveness of Public Health Behavioral Interventions** (joint with the IOM Food and Nutrition Board and Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2008 – September 2009

Study director: Miron Straf; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Joe Newhouse (Harvard U.)

Report planned: no report; prospectus for a possible study

**Upcoming meeting:** TBD (by invitation)

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Report planned: Workshop summary

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Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant, Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Alan Jette (Boston U.)

Report planned: Workshop summary is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held January 8-9, 2009

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

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

Duration: July 2007 – May 2009

Study director: Constance Citro; project assistant: Michael Siri

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

Report planned: Workshop summary is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held April 30, 2008

## **Department of Justice**

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

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Duration: September 2006 – May 2009

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

Chair: Robert Groves (U. Michigan)

Reports planned: Interim report released in prepublication format, January 8, 2008, and published by the National Academies Press in mid-May (free PDFs available at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12090](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12090)); final report is in review

**Upcoming meetings:** Ninth and last meeting held November 15 in St. Louis, MO (closed)

## **Department of Labor**

### **Panel to Review the Labor Department's Occupational Information Network (O\*Net)** (joint with the Center for Education)

Sponsor: Employment and Training Administration

Duration: June 2008 – June 2009

Study director: Margaret Hilton; senior program officer: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Nancy Tippins (Valtera Corporation, Greenville, SC)

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting held February 3, 2009; workshop and second meeting held March 26-27, 2009; workshop and third meeting to be held April 17-18, 2009

### **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: Catherine Didion; senior program officer: Michael Cohen

Chair: Claude Canizares (MIT); co-chair: Sally Shaywitz (Yale); panel members: Alicia Carriquiry (Iowa State), Arleen Leibowitz (UCLA)

Report planned: Final report is in response to review

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

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

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Christopher Hill (George Mason U.)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Fourth meeting held January 6, 2009 (closed); no more meetings are planned

**Workshop on Confidentiality Criteria for Statistics from the Survey of Earned Doctorates**

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2008 – September 2009

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Barbara Bailar (NORC, retired)

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** TBD

### **Lumina Foundation for Education**

**Planning Meeting and Panel on Measuring Higher Education Productivity** (joint with the Board on Testing and Assessment and the Board on Higher Education in the Workforce)

Sponsor: Lumina Foundation

Duration: October 2008 – March 2010

Co-study directors: Christopher Mackie and Stuart Elliott; senior program officer: Peter Henderson; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Rebecca Blank, Brookings Institution (chair for the planning meeting; chair for the panel TBD)

Reports planned: Detailed scope of work from the planning meeting; final report from the panel study

**Upcoming meetings:** Planning meeting held February 20, 2009 (by invitation)

## State of the USA (SUSA)

**Panel on SUSA Economic Indicators** (joint with the Science, Technology and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: State of the USA (see <http://www.stateoftheusa.org/>)

Duration: September 2008 – August 2009

Study director: Daniel Melnick; project assistant, Bridget Edmonds

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Planning meeting held October 20, 2008; first panel meeting TBD

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Washington, DC**

**FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2009**

*“If we could first know where we are and whither we are tending, we could then better judge what to do,  
and how to do it.”*  
--Abraham Lincoln

As the new administration takes office, it is critically important that attention is paid to the Federal Statistical System and its role as a vital part of the nation’s decision making and scientific infrastructure. This conference will focus on how dependent governing is on the products of the Federal Statistical System, from the apportionment/redistricting process to health care and immigration reform and economic regulation. It will also address visions for the future to keep the Federal Statistical System—a key national treasure—best positioned to serve the policy making, planning, and research needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## **AGENDA**

- 8:00am**      ***Registration and Continental Breakfast—Great Hall***
- 8:30**          **Welcome—Auditorium**  
William Eddy, *Chair, Committee on National Statistics, The National Academies, and  
John C. Warner Professor of Statistics, Carnegie Mellon University*  
Heidi Hartmann, *Chair, Board of the American Academy of Political and Social  
Science, and President, Institute for Women’s Policy Research*
- 8:45**          **Session I – The Nation’s Statistical System: Why It Matters**  
Moderator: Kenneth Prewitt, *Carnegie Professor of Public Affairs and Vice President  
for Global Centers, Columbia University*  
Speaker: Peter Orszag, *Director, U.S. Office of Management and Budget*
- 9:15**          **Session II – What is the Federal Statistical System?**  
Moderator: Katherine Wallman, *Chief Statistician, U.S. Office of Management  
and Budget*

1. Margo Anderson, *Professor of History and Urban Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee* [The platform: Decennial Census]
2. Dale Jorgenson, *Samuel W. Morris University Professor, Harvard University* [The platform: National Income and Product Accounts]
3. Robert Groves, *Director, Survey Research Center, and Research Professor, University of Michigan* [Building blocks: statistical agencies, federal-state statistical cooperatives, surveys, administrative records]

**10:30**      ***Coffee Break—Great Hall***

**10:45**      **Session III – Knowledge Gained from Federal Statistics**

Moderator: Thomas Feucht, *National Science and Technology Committee on Sciences Subcommittee on Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences*, and *Deputy Director for Research and Evaluation, National Institute of Justice*

Speakers:

1. Katharine Abraham, *Professor, Joint Program in Survey Methodology, University of Maryland* [Labor markets and the economy]
2. Linda Darling-Hammond, *Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education, Stanford University* [Education]
3. Stephanie Coontz, *Professor of History and Family Studies, The Evergreen State College, Olympia WA* [Family]
4. Samuel Preston, *Frederick J. Warren Professor of Demography, University of Pennsylvania* [Health]
5. Douglas Massey, *Henry G. Bryant Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs, Princeton University* [Immigration]

**12:15pm**      ***Lunch—Great Hall***

**1:15**      **Session IV – Perspectives from Business and Government**

Moderator: Christopher Hoenig, *Chief Executive Officer, State of the USA, Inc.*

Speakers:

1. Maurine Haver, *Chair, National Association for Business Economics Statistics Committee*, and *President, Haver Analytics, Inc.* [Business uses]
2. Paul Overberg, *Database Editor, USA Today* [Media uses]
3. Michael O’Grady, *Senior Fellow, National Opinion Research Center*, and *former Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services* [Federal executive uses]
4. Nancy Kingsbury, *Managing Director, Applied Research and Methods, U.S. Government Accountability Office* [Congressional uses]
5. Joseph Salvo, *Director, Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning* [State and local government uses]

**2:45**      ***Coffee Break—Great Hall***

**3:00**      **Session V – The Statistical System’s Future: Needs, Challenges, and Opportunities**

Moderator: Sally Morton, *President, American Statistical Association*, and *Vice President of Statistics and Epidemiology, RTI International*

Speakers:

1. Janet Norwood, *former Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics* [protecting and enhancing the statistical system]

2. Hermann Habermann, *former U.S. Chief Statistician, Director, UN Statistical Division, and Deputy Director, U.S. Census Bureau*  
[innovation in the statistical system]

**4:00      Session VI – The Sciences’ Stake in the Statistical System**

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Charles Vest, *President, National Academy of Engineering*  
Harvey Fineberg, *President, Institute of Medicine*

**4:15      Session VII – Parting Thoughts on the Key Role of Federal Statistics**

Moderator: Kenneth Prewitt, *Columbia University*  
Speaker: John Holdren, *Director, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy* [invited]

**4:45      Reception—Great Hall**

**NOTE:** The American Academy of Political and Social Science will prepare a special volume of its *Annals*, edited by Kenneth Prewitt and based on papers prepared by presenters at the symposium.

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May 4, 2009

## *News from the Committee on National Statistics*

### PEOPLE NEWS

>We wish **Tom Petska** all the best on his retirement as director of the Statistics of Income Division of the Internal Revenue Service. Tom contributed 28 years of service to SOI and 8 years of service to the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the Social Security Administration. We thank him for his contributions to his agency and the statistical system as a whole.

>We welcome **Nancy Kirkendall** to the CNSTAT staff. She has accepted a part-time appointment as a senior program officer and will direct a study for the Food and Nutrition Service of USDA on using the American Community Survey to develop small-area estimates of children who are eligible for school meal programs. Nancy had a distinguished career in federal statistics before retiring from the Energy Information Administration as director of the Statistics and Methods Group in January 2008.

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**Formula for CNSTAT October and May seminar dates—  
Last Friday in October; Friday before Mother's Day weekend in May**

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Duration: October 2008 – September 2010  
Study director: Thomas Plewes; senior program officer: Judith Koenig; project assistant, Michael Siri  
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Report planned: Final report  
**Upcoming meetings:** Second meeting to be held June 15-16, 2009

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**Upcoming meetings:** Planning meeting to be held June 12, 2009 (by invitation)

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Duration: September 2006 – May 2009

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

Chair: Robert Groves (U. Michigan)

Reports planned: Interim report released in prepublication format, January 8, 2008, and published by the National Academies Press in mid-May (free PDFs available at

[http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12090](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12090)); final report is in response to review

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

**Department of Labor**

**Panel to Review the Labor Department's Occupational Information Network (O\*Net)** (joint with the Center for Education)

Sponsor: Employment and Training Administration

Duration: July 2008 – September 2009

Study director: Margaret Hilton; senior program officer: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Nancy Tippins (Valtera Corporation, Greenville, SC)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Third meeting held April 17-18, 2009; teleconference (closed) to be held July 2nd

## **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: Catherine Didion; senior program officer: Michael Cohen

Chair: Claude Canizares (MIT); co-chair: Sally Shaywitz (Yale); panel members: Alicia Carriquiry (Iowa State), Arleen Leibowitz (UCLA)

Report planned: Final report will be publicly released on June 2, 2009

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

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

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Christopher Hill (George Mason U.)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Fourth meeting held January 6, 2009 (closed); no more meetings are planned

### **Workshop on Confidentiality Criteria for Statistics from the Survey of Earned Doctorates**

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2008 – September 2009

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Barbara Bailer (NORC, retired)

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop to be held May 27, 2009

## **Lumina Foundation for Education**

### **Planning Meeting and Panel on Measuring Higher Education Productivity** (joint with the Board on Testing and Assessment and the Board on Higher Education in the Workforce)

Sponsor: Lumina Foundation

Duration: October 2008 – March 2010

Co-study directors: Christopher Mackie and Stuart Elliott; senior program officer: Peter Henderson; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Rebecca Blank, Brookings Institution (chair for the planning meeting; chair for the panel TBD)

Reports planned: Detailed scope of work from the planning meeting; final report from the panel study

**Upcoming meetings:** Planning meeting held February 20, 2009 (by invitation); first panel meeting TBD

## State of the USA (SUSA)

**Panel on SUSA Economic Indicators** (joint with the Science, Technology and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: State of the USA (see <http://www.stateoftheusa.org/>)

Duration: September 2008 – August 2009

Study director: Daniel Melnick; project assistant, Bridget Edmonds

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Planning meeting held October 20, 2008; first panel meeting TBD

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# **THE FEDERAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM— RECOGNIZING ITS CONTRIBUTIONS; MOVING IT FORWARD**

**Joint Symposium of the Committee on National Statistics and the  
American Academy of Political and Social Science**

**Co-sponsored by:**

**American Association of Public Opinion Research, American Statistical Association,  
Association of Population Centers, Association of Public Data Users,  
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Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics,  
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**The National Academies  
NAS Building – Auditorium and Great Hall – 2100 C St NW  
Washington, DC**

**FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2009**

*“If we could first know where we are and whither we are tending, we could then better judge what to do,  
and how to do it.”*  
--Abraham Lincoln

As the new administration takes office, it is critically important that attention is paid to the Federal Statistical System and its role as a vital part of the nation’s decision making and scientific infrastructure. This conference will focus on how dependent governing is on the products of the Federal Statistical System, from the apportionment/redistricting process to health care and immigration reform and economic regulation. It will also address visions for the future to keep the Federal Statistical System—a key national treasure—best positioned to serve the policy making, planning, and research needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## **AGENDA**

- 8:00am**      ***Registration and Continental Breakfast—Great Hall***
- 8:30**          **Welcome—Auditorium**  
William Eddy, *Chair, Committee on National Statistics, The National Academies, and  
John C. Warner Professor of Statistics, Carnegie Mellon University*  
Heidi Hartmann, *Chair, Board of the American Academy of Political and Social  
Science, and President, Institute for Women’s Policy Research*
- 8:45**          **Session I – The Nation’s Statistical System: Why It Matters**  
Moderator: Kenneth Prewitt, *Carnegie Professor of Public Affairs and Vice President  
for Global Centers, Columbia University*  
Speaker: Peter Orszag, *Director, U.S. Office of Management and Budget*
- 9:15**          **Session II – What is the Federal Statistical System?**  
Moderator: Katherine Wallman, *Chief Statistician, U.S. Office of Management  
and Budget*

1. William Eddy, *Chair, Committee on National Statistics, The National Academies, and John C. Warner Professor of Statistics, Carnegie Mellon University* [Building blocks: statistical agencies, OMB, federal-state statistical cooperatives, surveys, administrative records]
2. Margo Anderson, *Professor of History and Urban Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee* [Cornerstone: Decennial Census]
3. Dale Jorgenson, *Samuel W. Morris University Professor, Harvard University* [Cornerstone: National Income and Product Accounts]

**10:30**      ***Coffee Break—Great Hall***

**10:45**      **Session III – Knowledge Gained from Federal Statistics**

Moderator: Thomas Feucht, *National Science and Technology Committee on Sciences Subcommittee on Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences, and Deputy Director for Research and Evaluation, National Institute of Justice*

Speakers:

1. Katharine Abraham, *Professor, Joint Program in Survey Methodology, University of Maryland* [Labor markets and the economy]
2. Stephanie Coontz, *Professor of History and Family Studies, The Evergreen State College, Olympia WA* [Family]
3. Samuel Preston, *Frederick J. Warren Professor of Demography, University of Pennsylvania* [Health]
4. Douglas Massey, *Henry G. Bryant Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs, Princeton University* [Immigration]

**12:15pm**      ***Lunch—Great Hall***

**1:15**      **Session IV – Perspectives from Business and Government**

Moderator: Christopher Hoenig, *Chief Executive Officer, State of the USA, Inc.*

Speakers:

1. Maurine Haver, *Chair, National Association for Business Economics Statistics Committee, and President, Haver Analytics, Inc.* [Business uses]
2. Paul Overberg, *Database Editor, USA Today* [Media uses]
3. Michael O’Grady, *Senior Fellow, National Opinion Research Center, and former Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services* [Federal executive uses]
4. Nancy Kingsbury, *Managing Director, Applied Research and Methods, U.S. Government Accountability Office* [Congressional uses]
5. Joseph Salvo, *Director, Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning* [State and local government uses]

**2:45**      ***Coffee Break—Great Hall***

**3:00**      **Session V – The Statistical System’s Future: Needs, Challenges, and Opportunities**

Moderator: Sally Morton, *President, American Statistical Association, and Vice President of Statistics and Epidemiology, RTI International*

Speakers:

1. Janet Norwood, *former Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics* [protecting and enhancing the statistical system]
2. Hermann Habermann, *former U.S. Chief Statistician, Director, UN Statistical*



*Division, and Deputy Director, U.S. Census Bureau  
[innovation in the statistical system]*

**4:00      Session VI – The Sciences’ Stake in the Statistical System**

Moderator: Kenneth Prewitt, *Columbia University*

Ralph Cicerone, *President, National Academy of Sciences*

Charles Vest, *President, National Academy of Engineering*

Harvey Fineberg, *President, Institute of Medicine*

**4:20      Session VII – Parting Thoughts on the Key Role of Federal Statistics**

Moderator: Kenneth Prewitt, *Columbia University*

Speaker: John Holdren, *Director, White House Office of Science and Technology  
Policy*

**4:45      Reception—Great Hall**

**NOTE:** The American Academy of Political and Social Science will prepare a special volume of its *Annals*, edited by Kenneth Prewitt and based on papers prepared by presenters at the symposium.

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June 17, 2009

## *News from the Committee on National Statistics*

### PEOPLE NEWS

>We congratulate **Rebecca Blank** on her confirmation as Under Secretary for Economic Affairs at the U.S. Department of Commerce, with oversight responsibility for the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the Census Bureau. Among her many public service contributions, she served as a member of the CNSTAT panel that produced the report *Measuring Poverty: A New Approach* (1995), chaired the CNSTAT panel that produced the report *Measuring Racial Discrimination* (2004), and served on the Advisory Committee for CNSTAT's parent unit, the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE). She was a senior fellow at Brookings and before that dean of the Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. She is giving the President's Invited Address at the August 2009 Joint Statistical Meetings in Washington, DC.

### REPORT RELEASED

>*Gender Differences at Critical Transitions in the Careers of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Faculty*, the final report of the Committee on Gender Differences in Careers of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Faculty, chaired by Claude Canizares, MIT, and Sally Shaywitz, Yale, and including CNSTAT member Alicia Carriquiry, Iowa State University, was publicly released in prepublication format on June 2, 2009. The report includes original research results from two surveys. The study was joint between the Committee on Women in Science, Engineering, and Medicine of the NRC Policy and Global Affairs Division and CNSTAT and funded by the National Science Foundation's Division of Science Resources Statistics. The prepublication report is available for purchase and reading at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12062](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12062)).

### CNSTAT MEETINGS

We have had several inquiries about CNSTAT's meeting schedule and so provide our meeting dates through May 2011:

- *CNSTAT's 110<sup>th</sup> meeting* will be held **Thursday and Friday, October 29-30, 2009**. The venue is the Keck Center at 500 5<sup>th</sup> St. NW. The format will be a business meeting on Thursday, from 9:00 am – 5:15 am, followed by a dinner for members and guests. Friday morning will be a business meeting, beginning at 8:30 am, followed by lunch with the statistical agency heads at 12:30 and a **public seminar from 2:00 – 4:00 pm, ending with a reception**.
- *CNSTAT's 111<sup>th</sup> meeting* will be held Thursday and Friday, February 11-12, 2010, in Washington, DC. The format will be business on Thursday from 9:00 – 5:15, followed by a dinner for members and guests, and business on Friday, from 8:00 – 1:30. There are no public events at this meeting.

- **CNSTAT's 112<sup>th</sup> meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, May 6-7, 2010**, in Washington, DC. The format will be the same as the October 2009 meeting, including a **public seminar on the 7<sup>th</sup>**.
- **CNSTAT's 113<sup>th</sup> meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, October 21-22, 2010**, in Washington, DC. Note the change from the last to the *second-to-last* Thu-Fri in October, which will be our formula for future October meetings. The format will include a **public seminar on the 22<sup>nd</sup>**.
- **CNSTAT's 114<sup>th</sup> meeting** will be held Friday and Saturday, February 11-12, 2011, at the Beckman Center in Irvine, CA. The format will be retreat business on Friday from noon – 5:30, followed by a dinner for members and guests, and retreat business on Saturday from 8:30 – 5:30, followed by a dinner for members and guests. There are no public events at this meeting.
- **CNSTAT's 115<sup>th</sup> meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, May 5-6, 2011**, in Washington, DC. The format will include a **public seminar on the 6<sup>th</sup>**.

## **CURRENTLY ACTIVE PANELS AND WORKSHOPS**

[Organized by sponsor; chair and current and former CNSTAT members are listed; unless otherwise noted, meetings are in Washington, DC, and include open portions; *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), or visit <http://nationalacademies.org>, click on Current Projects, and then on Search for Projects.]

### **Department of Agriculture**

**Panel on Alternative Estimates of Children Eligible for School Nutrition Programs** (joint with the Food and Nutrition Board, Institute of Medicine)

Sponsor: Food and Nutrition Service

Duration: May 2009 – April 2012

Study director: Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Allen Schirm (Mathematica Policy Research)

Reports planned: Phase 1 report, Phase 2 report, Addendum with ACS 5-year estimates

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting TBD

### **Department of Commerce**

**Panel on the Census Bureau's Reengineered Survey of Income and Program Participation**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2006 – June 2008; extended through June 2009

Study director: Constance Citro; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

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

Report planned: Final report is in response to review

**Upcoming meetings:** Final closed meeting held February 3, 2009; 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; extended through December 2009  
Study director: Michael Cohen; senior program officer: Daniel Cork; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin  
Chair: Lawrence Brown (Wharton School, U. Pennsylvania); panel members: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan), Roger Tourangeau (U. Maryland), Nora Cate Schaeffer (U. Wisconsin)  
Reports planned: *Experimentation and Evaluation Plans for the 2010 Census: Interim Report*, released in prepublication format (there is no printed version), December 7, 2007 (free PDFs available at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12080](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12080)); *Letter Report, Experimentation and Evaluation Plans for the 2010 Census*, letter to Acting Director Thomas Mesenbourg from Lawrence Brown, released on February 19, 2009 (free PDFs available at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12607](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12607)); final report is being drafted  
**Upcoming meetings:** Eighth (final) meeting held June 1, 2009 (closed); no more meetings are planned

#### **Panel to Review the Statistical Methods and Operational Procedures for the 2010 Census**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau  
Duration: June 2009 – May 2014  
Study director: Daniel Cork; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin  
Chair: TBD  
Reports planned: Two interim reports; final report  
**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting TBD

#### **Workshop on Intangible Assets: Measuring and Enhancing Their Contribution to Corporate Value and Growth** (Joint with the Science, Technology, and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: Bureau of Economic Analysis and Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation  
Duration: October 2007 – September 2009  
Study director: Stephen Merrill; senior program officer: Christopher Mackie  
Report planned: Workshop summary is in response to review  
**Upcoming meetings:** The workshop was held June 23, 2008

### **Department of Defense**

#### **Oversight Committee on Industrial Methods for the Effective Test and Development of Defense Systems** (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 – May 2010  
Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant, Michael Siri  
Chair: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan); panel member: John Rolph (U. Southern California)  
Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)  
**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop to be held in the fall

### **Department of Education**

#### **Panel on Alternative Data Sources for the Limited-English Proficiency Allocation Formula under Title III, ESEA** (joint with the Board on Testing and Assessment)

Sponsor: Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development  
Duration: October 2008 – September 2010  
Study director: Thomas Plewes; senior program officer: Judith Koenig; project assistant, Michael Siri  
Chair: Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard U.)

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Third meeting to be held October 22-23, 2009

### **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; extended through September 2009

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

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

#### **Panel on Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Social Survey Data with Biological Measures** (joint with the Committee on Population)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Barney Cohen; project assistant, Jacqueline Sovde

Chair: Robert Hauser (U. Wisconsin-Madison)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary) is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Third meeting (closed) to be held June 29-30, 2009

#### **Panel on Missing Data in Clinical Trials**

Sponsor: Food and Drug Administration

Duration: October 2008 – March 2010

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Roderick Little (U. Michigan); panel member: Hal Stern (U. California Irvine)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop to be held September 9-10, 2009

#### **Planning Meeting on the Costs and Effectiveness of Public Health Behavioral Interventions** (joint with the IOM Food and Nutrition Board and Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2008 – September 2009

Study director: Miron Straf; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Joe Newhouse (Harvard U.)

Report planned: no report; prospectus for a possible study

**Upcoming meeting:** Planning meeting held June 12, 2009 (by invitation)

#### **Workshop on Improving Healthcare Cost Projections for the Medicare Population**

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2008 – March 2010

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Dana Goldman (RAND)

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop to be held in January 2009

#### **Workshop on New Measures of Disability: Going Beyond ADLs and IADLs** (joint with the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences and the Committee on Population)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009  
Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant, Bridget Edmonds  
Chair: Alan Jette (Boston U.)  
Report planned: Workshop summary is in response to review  
**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held January 8-9, 2009

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

Sponsor: National Center for Health Statistics, Social Security Administration, U.S. Census Bureau, internal funding  
Duration: July 2007 – May 2009  
Study director: Constance Citro; project assistant: Michael Siri  
Chair: Louise Ryan (Harvard); planning committee members Janet Norwood (BLS, retired), Edward Perrin (U. Washington), Samuel Preston (U. Pennsylvania), Kenneth Prewitt (Columbia)  
Report planned: Workshop summary is in response to review  
**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held April 30, 2008

## **Department of Justice**

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

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics  
Duration: September 2006 – May 2009  
Study director: Daniel Cork; senior program officer: Carol Petrie; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin  
Chair: Robert Groves (U. Michigan)  
Reports planned: Interim report released in prepublication format, January 8, 2008, and published by the National Academies Press in mid-May 2008 (free PDFs available at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12090](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12090)); final report, *Ensuring the Quality, Credibility, and Relevance of U.S. Justice Statistics*, is approved and will be released in early July  
**Upcoming meetings:** No more meetings are planned

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Report planned: Final report publicly released on June 2, 2009 (see above).

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

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

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

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Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2008 – September 2009

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Barbara Bailar (NORC, retired)

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held May 27, 2009. Because a key presenter could not attend, the workshop was recessed and will be reconvened at a date to be determined.

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**Panel on Measuring Higher Education Productivity** (joint with the Board on Testing and Assessment and the Board on Higher Education and Workforce)

Sponsor: Lumina Foundation

Duration: October 2008 – March 2010

Study director: Christopher Mackie; senior program officers: Stuart Elliott (BOTA) and Peter Henderson (BHEW); project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Reports planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** First panel meeting TBD

**Russell Sage Foundation**

**Planning Meeting on the Future of Social Science Data Collection**

Sponsor: Russell Sage Foundation

Duration: June 2009 – February 2010

Study director: Constance Citro; project assistant, Bridget Edmonds

Chair: TBD

Reports planned: No report; prospectus for a possible study

**Upcoming meetings:** TBD (by invitation)

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July 20, 2009

## *News from the Committee on National Statistics*

### PEOPLE NEWS

>We congratulate **Robert Groves** on his confirmation as director of the U.S. Census Bureau on July 13, 2009. Among his many public service contributions, he served two terms on CNSTAT, chaired its panel to review the programs of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, and served on half a dozen additional panels and workshops. He was professor of sociology and director of the Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan.

>We note with regret the death of **Marie Eldridge**, aged 83, on June 13, 2009. She had a varied career in federal statistics, working for the Social Security Administration and the Bureau of Labor Statistics before joining what is now the Postal Service in the 1960s. She was director of the Office of Statistics and Analysis of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in the early 1970s and became he administrator of the Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics in 1978. In 1984 she became a director at the Research Triangle Institute. She was a past president of the Washington Statistical Society.

>We congratulate the following newly elected **Fellows of the American Statistical Association**:

- John M. Abowd, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (member of CNTAT Panels on Expanding Access to Research Data and Understanding Business Dynamics);
- William P. Butz, Population Reference Bureau, Washington, DC;
- Stephen H. Cohen, National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics, Arlington, VA;
- Julia I. Lane, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA;
- Daniel O. Scharfstein, John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore (member of CNSTAT Panel on Missing Data in Clinical Trials);
- Gary Shapiro, Westat, Rockville, MD;
- Christopher A. Sims, Princeton University, Princeton (NAS member and former CNSTAT member); and
- Duane L. Steffey, Exponent Inc., Menlo Park (former CNSTAT study director for *Counting People in the Information Age* [National Research Council, 1994]).

>We congratulate **Christine Bachrach**, acting director of the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research at the National Institutes of Health, who received the Population Association of America's Robert J. Lapham award in April 2009 for "distinguished contributions to population research, the application of demographic knowledge to improve the human condition, and service to the population profession."

>We congratulate **Lynda Carlson**, director of the National Science Foundation's Division of Science Resources Statistics, who is the recipient of the 2009 Roger Herriot Award for Innovation in Federal Statistics, which is sponsored by the Washington Statistical Society and the Government and Social Statistics Sections of the American Statistical Association.

>We welcome **Esha Sinha** to the CNSTAT staff as an associate program officer. She is completing her Ph.D. in economics at SUNY Binghamton under the direction of former CNSTAT study director Ed

Kokkelenberg. She starts work with us on a part-time basis July 27 and will become full-time in January 2010.

>We will very likely be looking for a full-time study director—program officer or senior program officer, depending on experience—for one or more new projects in the fall. We welcome suggestions of candidates to consider. For information, the National Academies hires program officers at a salary range that approximates a GS-12 in the DC area; it hires senior program officers at a salary range that approximates a GS-13/14 in the DC area.

## REPORT RELEASED

>*Ensuring the Quality, Credibility, and Relevance of U.S. Justice Statistics*, the final report of the Panel to Review the Programs of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, chaired by Robert Groves, was publicly released in prepublication format on July 10, 2009. The study was joint with the Committee on Law Justice and funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics. The press release for the report is at <http://www8.nationalacademies.org/onpinews/newsitem.aspx?RecordID=12671>; the report text can be read at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12671](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12671).

## CNSTAT MEETINGS

>CNSTAT will have a substantial presence at the *Joint Statistical Meetings* to be held August 1-6, 2009, in Washington, DC. Cynthia Clark, Bob Groves, Hermann Habermann, Nancy Kirkendall, and Kathy Wallman are on a panel organized by CNSTAT, to be chaired by Bill Eddy, on “Opportunities and Challenges for the Federal Statistical System for the Next 5-10 Years.” The panel is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, at 10:30 am in Room CC-101 of the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. We will also be exhibiting throughout the meetings with display copies and order forms for many of our reports. We are booth number 420; please stop by and see us.

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Chair: Allen Schirm (Mathematica Policy Research)

Reports planned: Phase 1 report, Phase 2 report, Addendum with ACS 5-year estimates

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**Upcoming meetings:** The workshop was held June 23, 2008

### **Department of Defense**

#### **Oversight Committee on Industrial Methods for the Effective Test and Development of Defense Systems** (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 – May 2010

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan); panel member: John Rolph (U. Southern California)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting held February 23-24, 2009; workshop to be held in the fall

### **Department of Education**

#### **Panel on Alternative Data Sources for the Limited-English Proficiency Allocation Formula under Title III, ESEA** (joint with the Board on Testing and Assessment)

Sponsor: Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development

Duration: October 2008 – September 2010

Study director: Thomas Plewes; senior program officer: Judith Koenig; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard U.)

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Third meeting to be held October 22-23, 2009

## **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; extended through September 2009

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

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

### **Panel on Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Social Survey Data with Biological Measures** (joint with the Committee on Population)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Barney Cohen; project assistant, Jacqueline Sovde

Chair: Robert Hauser (U. Wisconsin-Madison)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary) is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Fourth meeting (closed) to be held in mid-August

### **Panel on Missing Data in Clinical Trials**

Sponsor: Food and Drug Administration

Duration: October 2008 – March 2010

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Roderick Little (U. Michigan); panel member: Hal Stern (U. California Irvine)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting held April 3-4, 2009; workshop to be held September 9-10, 2009

### **Planning Meeting on the Costs and Effectiveness of Public Health Behavioral Interventions** (joint with the IOM Food and Nutrition Board and Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2008 – September 2009

Study director: Miron Straf; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Joe Newhouse (Harvard U.)

Report planned: no report; prospectus for a possible study

**Upcoming meeting:** Planning meeting held June 12, 2009 (by invitation)

### **Workshop on Improving Healthcare Cost Projections for the Medicare Population**

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2008 – March 2010

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Dana Goldman (RAND)

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting held June 11, 2009; workshop to be held January 13, 2009

### **Workshop on New Measures of Disability: Going Beyond ADLs and IADLs** (joint with the Committee on Population)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant, Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Alan Jette (Boston U.)

Report planned: Workshop summary is in response to review

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held January 8-9, 2009

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

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

Duration: July 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Constance Citro; project assistant: Michael Siri

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

Report planned: Workshop summary has been approved and is being printed

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held April 30, 2008

**Department of Justice**

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

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Duration: September 2006 – May 2009

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

Chair: Robert Groves (U. Michigan)

Reports planned: Interim report released in prepublication format, January 8, 2008, and published by the National Academies Press in mid-May 2008 (free PDFs available at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12090](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12090)); final report, *Ensuring the Quality, Credibility, and Relevance of U.S. Justice Statistics*, released July 10, 2009 (see above).

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

**Department of Labor**

**Panel to Review the Labor Department's Occupational Information Network (O\*Net)** (joint with the Center for Education)

Sponsor: Employment and Training Administration

Duration: July 2008 – September 2009

Study director: Margaret Hilton; senior program officer: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Nancy Tippins (Valtera Corporation, Greenville, SC)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Teleconference (closed) held July 2, 2009; no more meetings are planned

**National Science Foundation**

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

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Christopher Hill (George Mason U.)

Report planned: Final report is in review

**Upcoming meetings:** Fourth meeting held January 6, 2009 (closed); no more meetings are planned

**Workshop on Confidentiality Criteria for Statistics from the Survey of Earned Doctorates**

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2008 – September 2009

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Barbara Bailar (NORC, retired)

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held May 27, 2009. Because a key presenter could not attend, the workshop was recessed and will be reconvened at a date to be determined.

### **Lumina Foundation for Education**

**Panel on Measuring Higher Education Productivity** (joint with the Board on Testing and Assessment and the Board on Higher Education and Workforce)

Sponsor: Lumina Foundation

Duration: October 2008 – March 2010

Study director: Christopher Mackie; senior program officers: Stuart Elliott (BOTA) and Peter Henderson (BHEW); project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Reports planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** First panel meeting TBD

### **Russell Sage Foundation**

**Planning Meeting on the Future of Social Science Data Collection**

Sponsor: Russell Sage Foundation

Duration: June 2009 – February 2010

Study director: Constance Citro; project assistant, Bridget Edmonds

Chair: TBD

Reports planned: No report; prospectus for a possible study

**Upcoming meetings:** TBD (by invitation)

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## *News from the Committee on National Statistics*

### PEOPLE NEWS

>We welcome two new members of CNSTAT, whose terms began July 1, 2009—**Lisa Lynch** and **Sallie Keller**. We also welcome back for second terms, beginning July 1, **Bill DuMouchel**, **Joe Hotz**, **Karen Kafadar**, **Joe Newhouse**, and **Alan Zaslavsky**. All CNSTAT members (and all members of National Academies study committees) serve pro bono, and we appreciate their public service.

**Dr. Lynch** is dean and professor of economics at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University. From 1995-1997 she was the chief economist at the U.S. Department of Labor, and she has been a faculty member at Tufts University, M.I.T., The Ohio State University, and the University of Bristol. She is currently chair of the Board of Directors of the Boston Federal Reserve Bank and a member of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She is also a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research, the Economic Policy Institute, and IZA in Bonn, Germany. She has published extensively on issues such as the impact of technological change and organizational innovation (especially training) on productivity and wages, the determinants of youth unemployment, and the school to work transition. She received her B.A. in economics and political science from Wellesley College and her M.Sc. and Ph.D. in economics from the London School of Economics. She co-chaired with CNSTAT member **John Haltiwanger** the CNSTAT panel that produced the 2007 report, *Understanding Business Dynamics: An Integrated System for America's Future*.

**Dr. Keller** is the William and Stephanie Sick Dean of the George R. Brown School of Engineering and professor of statistics at Rice University. She is a fellow and past president of the American Statistical Association, a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a national associate of the National Academy of Sciences. Prior to joining Rice in 2005, she was the group leader for the Statistical Sciences Group at Los Alamos National Laboratory from 1998 to 2005. Prior to her move to Los Alamos, she was professor and director of graduate studies in the Department of Statistics, Kansas State University (KSU). She served as program director for statistics and probability, Division of Mathematical Sciences, the National Science Foundation, from 1994 to 1996. Her areas of research are uncertainty quantification, computational and graphical statistics and related software and modeling techniques, and data access and confidentiality. She received her Ph.D. in statistics from Iowa State University of Science and Technology and her B.S. and M.S. in mathematics from the University of South Florida. She has served on a number of National Academies panels and committees, including as chair of the standing Committee on Applied and Theoretical Statistics (CATS).

>We congratulate **Richard Newell** on his confirmation as administrator of the Energy Information Administration on July 31, 2009. Dr. Newell is on leave from his position as the Gendell Associate Professor of Energy and Environmental Economics at Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment. Previously he served as the senior economist for energy and environment on the President's Council of Economic Advisers. He also spent many years as a senior fellow at Resources for the Future (RFF) and has published widely on the economics of markets and policies for energy, the environment, and related technologies, particularly alternatives for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and achieving other energy and environmental goals. He has served on several National Academy of Sciences expert committees related to energy, environment, and innovation. Dr. Newell holds a Ph.D. from Harvard University in environmental and resource economics, a Master's in Public Affairs (M.P.A.) from



Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and a B.S. in materials engineering and a B.A. in philosophy from Rutgers University.

>We congratulate **Cass Sunstein** on his confirmation as administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) in the U.S. of Management and Budget on September 11, 2009. OIRA, which houses the Statistical and Science Policy Office, approves all agency information collection requests and reviews all proposed federal regulations. For 27 years, Mr. Sunstein taught at the University of Chicago Law School. He is currently Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, where he is on leave while working in the administration. He has B.A. and J.D. degrees from Harvard University.

> We note with regret the death of **Roberta (Robie) Sangster**, aged 55, on August 27, 2009, in her home state of Washington. She worked as a survey methodologist at the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Washington, D.C., from 1993 until 2008 and received the BLS Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004 for her dedication to improving BLS survey design. She was a member of the Washington Statistical Society and the American Statistical Association. She was also a member of the Washington Chapter of the Association for Public Opinion Research, which recognized her achievements in 2008 with an award for her outstanding contributions to the field of survey research.

>We note with regret the death of **Robert (Bob) Marx**, September 7, 2009. He served as chief of the Geography Division at the Census Bureau from 1983 to 2003 (interrupted by a 3-year period as associate director in the 1990s to prepare for the 2000 census). He was the architect of the Census Bureau's TIGER geographic coding and mapping system, which began in the early 1980s as a collaborative effort with the U.S. Geological Survey and made it possible for the first time to generate maps and geocode addresses by using a computerized database that represented physical features, census geography, and street networks for the entire country. During his more than 36-year career at the Census Bureau, he received several awards for exceptional performance, including the Department of Commerce's Gold and Silver Medals, and the Meritorious Presidential Rank Award.

>We congratulate the following recipients of awards:

- **Ken Cecco**, chief of the Corporation Statistics Branch, Statistics of Income Division, IRS, and **Lillian Lin**, mathematical statistician, Division of HIV and AIDS Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, who jointly received the 2009 Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award. This award's purpose is to encourage the mentoring of junior staff in the federal statistical system and is cosponsored by the Government Statistics and Social Statistics Sections of the American Statistical Association, the Washington Statistical Society, the American Educational Research Association, the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics, and the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy.
- **Brian Harris-Kojetin**, senior statistician in the Statistical and Science Policy Office at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, who received an OMB Professional Achievement Award in July 2009.
- **Charles (Chuck) Manski**, Board of Trustees professor in economics at Northwestern University, who was elected to the National Academy of Sciences at its annual meeting in April 2009. He previously was a faculty member at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and Carnegie Mellon University. He received his B.S. and Ph.D. in economics from M. I. T. His research spans econometrics, judgment and decision, and the analysis of social policy. For the National Academies, he has been chair of the Committee on Data and Research for Policy on Illegal Drugs and a member of the Board on Mathematical Sciences and their

Applications, the Committee on National Statistics, and the Commission on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education.

- **Jean Opsomer**, professor of statistics at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, who received the Gertrude M. Cox Award from the Washington Statistical Society and RTI International in June 2009; the award was established in 2003 to recognize statisticians in early to mid-career who have made significant contributions to statistical practice. He has made noteworthy contributions in survey research, environmental statistics, and nonparametric regression and served as a member of the CNSTAT panel that produced the 2007 report, *Understanding American Agriculture: Challenges for the Agricultural Resource Management Survey*.
- **John Rolph**, professor of statistics in the Department of Information and Operations Management at the Marshall School of Business, University of Southern California, and former chair of CNSTAT, who received a Distinguished Achievement Award in August 2009 from the Section on Statistics in Defense and National Security of the American Statistical Association. He chaired the CNSTAT panel that produced the 1998 report, *Statistics, Testing, and Defense Acquisition: New Approaches and Methodological Improvements*, and has served on subsequent panels on using statistical methods in defense acquisition.
- **Stephanie Shipp**, head of the economics, energy, and environmental research area at the Science and Technology Policy Institute (a federally funded research and development center operated by the Institute for Defense Analyses for the National Science Foundation on behalf of the Office of Science and Technology Policy), who received the 2009 Pat Doyle Award for service to the Government Statistics Section of the American Statistical Association. Prior to joining STPI in 2007, she held positions at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the U.S. Census Bureau, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- **Katherine Wallman**, chief statistician and head of the Statistical and Science Policy Office at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget since 1993, who received the Robert G. Damus Award in July 2009, recognizing her enduring commitment to OMB and to the highest principles of the civil service. (Bob Damus was a long-time General Counsel of OMB.)

>We welcome **Hermann Habermann** to the CNSTAT staff as a temporary part-time senior program officer. Dr. Habermann has consulted with statistical agencies around the world following his retirement from the Census Bureau, where he was deputy director. His prior positions include director of the U.N. Statistics Division and U.S. chief statistician in the Office of Management and Budget. He served on CNSTAT in 1999-2002. For CNSTAT, he will be organizing a public workshop to explore the pros and cons of a federally funded research and development center (FFRDC) to support survey and IT research for the federal statistical system.

>We welcome **Edrin Rouse**, who is one of 26 Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellows at the National Academies for the fall term. He will be with CNSTAT through November 25. He is currently completing his Ph.D. in business quantitative methods at North Central University and has more than 17 years of experience spearheading business process improvement efforts in various manufacturing and service industries. He will be assisting Hermann Habermann with the CNSTAT workshop on FFRDCs and Tom Plewes and Judy Koenig with a study for the Department of Education on data sources for allocating funds to states for programs to assist limited-English proficiency students.

>We are looking for a **full-time study director**—program officer or senior program officer, depending on experience—for one or more new projects this fall, including a comprehensive review for the Energy

Information Administration of the Commercial Business and Residential Energy Consumption Surveys. We welcome suggestions of candidates to consider. For information, the National Academies hires program officers at a salary range that approximates a GS-12 in the DC area; it hires senior program officers at a salary range that approximates a GS-13/14 in the DC area. The job (requisition #090156-4) is posted on the National Academies web site, <http://www.nationalacademies.org/>; look under Careers/Employment/Current Opportunities.

## REPORTS RELEASED

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>CNSTAT expresses appreciation to the Board of the American Statistical Association for its endorsement of the committee's "purple book," *Principles and Practices for a Federal Statistical Agency, Fourth Edition* (2009), as announced in the June 2009 issue of *Amstat News*. Please let us know if you are interested in ordering copies in bulk, as we can arrange for a discount on the published price of the National Academies Press (see [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12564](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12564)).

## CNSTAT MEETINGS

### 110th Meeting of the Committee

Friday, October 30, 2009

NAS Keck Center, 500 5<sup>th</sup> St, NW, Washington, DC – Room 100

Public Seminar and Reception, 2:00 – 5:00 pm – Please RSVP to [cnstat@nas.edu](mailto:cnstat@nas.edu)

**Topic: CHALLENGES FOR POLICY USES OF ECONOMIC STATISTICS**

**Abstract:** The federal statistical system produces key statistics that are widely used for monitoring the health of the nation's economy and formulating economic policy. Data users want statistics that are up to date, issued frequently (monthly, if possible), of high quality, and that can indicate turning points in the business cycle—a tall order, indeed. David Romer, a member of the National Bureau of Economic Research's "Business Cycle Dating Committee," will describe how that committee uses economic indicators to date peaks and troughs denoting expansions and recessions in the U.S. economy, and where the committee would most like to see data improvements made. A senior official from the administration will discuss how economic statistics are used to determine fiscal policy and what improvements in quality, timeliness, and relevance would be most helpful for this purpose. Senior managers from the key economic statistics-producing agencies, including the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Census Bureau, will offer their perspectives. Key concerns to be addressed by all speakers are the tradeoffs between timeliness of release and quality (as reflected in the magnitude of revisions) and what new or modified indicators could help predict turning points, such as last year's financial collapse.

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>PowerPoint presentations and posters from the May 8, 2009, *Symposium on the Federal Statistical System—Recognizing Its Contributions; Moving It Forward*, sponsored by CNSTAT and the American Academy of Political and Social Science, are available at the CNSTAT web site, [http://www7.nationalacademies.org/cnstat/May\\_2009\\_Seminar.html](http://www7.nationalacademies.org/cnstat/May_2009_Seminar.html).

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### Department of Agriculture

**Panel on Alternative Estimates of Children Eligible for School Nutrition Programs** (joint with the Food and Nutrition Board, Institute of Medicine)

Sponsor: Food and Nutrition Service

Duration: May 2009 – April 2012

Study director: Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Allen Schirm (Mathematica Policy Research)

Reports planned: Phase 1 report, Phase 2 report, Addendum with ACS 5-year estimates

**Upcoming meetings:** Second meeting scheduled for October 29-30, 2009, in Washington, DC; third meeting scheduled for December 10, 2009, in Washington, DC

### Department of Commerce

### **Panel on the Census Bureau's Reengineered Survey of Income and Program Participation**

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Duration: October 2006 – June 2009

Study director: Constance Citro; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

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

Report planned: Final report released in prepublication format, July 27, 2009 (see above)

**Upcoming meetings:** Final closed meeting held February 3, 2009; no more meetings are planned

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

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Duration: October 2006 – December 2009

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

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

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**Upcoming meetings:** Eighth (final) meeting held June 1, 2009 (closed); no more meetings are planned

### **Panel to Review the 2010 Census**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: June 2009 – May 2014

Study director: Daniel Cork; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: TBD

Reports planned: Two interim reports; final report

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting scheduled for October 14-15, 2009, in Washington, DC

### **Workshop on Intangible Assets: Measuring and Enhancing Their Contribution to Corporate Value and Growth** (Joint with the Science, Technology, and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: Bureau of Economic Analysis and Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Stephen Merrill; senior program officer: Christopher Mackie

Report planned: Workshop summary has been approved and is being printed

**Upcoming meetings:** The workshop was held June 23, 2008

## **Department of Defense**

### **Oversight Committee on Industrial Methods for the Effective Test and Development of Defense Systems** (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 – May 2010

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan); panel member: John Rolph (U. Southern California)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting held February 23-24, 2009; workshop to be held in December 2009

## **Department of Education**

### **Panel on Alternative Data Sources for the Limited-English Proficiency Allocation Formula under Title III, ESEA** (joint with the Board on Testing and Assessment)

Sponsor: Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development

Duration: October 2008 – September 2010

Study director: Thomas Plewes; senior program officer: Judith Koenig; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard U.)

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Third meeting to be held October 22-23, 2009, in Washington, DC

## **Department of Energy**

### **Panel to Review the Commercial Business and Residential Energy Consumption Surveys (CBECS/RECS)**

Sponsor: Energy Information Administration

Duration: September 2009 – March 2011

Study director: Nancy Kirkendall (until a new staff officer is hired)

Chair: TBD

Reports planned: Letter report, final report

**Upcoming meetings:** TBD

## **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 2009

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

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

### **Panel on Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Social Survey Data with Biological Measures** (joint with the Committee on Population)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Barney Cohen; project assistant, Jacqueline Sovde

Chair: Robert Hauser (U. Wisconsin-Madison)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary) is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Fourth meeting (closed) held August 19, 2009

### **Panel on Missing Data in Clinical Trials**

Sponsor: Food and Drug Administration

Duration: October 2008 – March 2010

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Roderick Little (U. Michigan); panel member: Hal Stern (U. California Irvine)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

**Upcoming meetings:** Third meeting to be held November 5-6, 2009, in Washington, DC; fourth meeting to be held January 4, 2010, in Washington, DC

**Planning Meeting on the Costs and Effectiveness of Public Health Behavioral Interventions** (joint with the IOM Food and Nutrition Board and Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2008 – September 2009

Study director: Miron Straf; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Joe Newhouse (Harvard U.)

Report planned: no report; prospectus for a possible study

**Upcoming meeting:** Planning meeting held June 12, 2009 (by invitation)

**Workshop on Improving Healthcare Cost Projections for the Medicare Population**

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2008 – March 2010

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Dana Goldman (RAND)

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting held June 11, 2009; workshop to be held January 13, 2010, in Washington, DC

**Workshop on New Measures of Disability: Going Beyond ADLs and IADLs** (joint with the Committee on Population)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2007 – December 2009

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant, Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Alan Jette (Boston U.)

Report planned: Workshop summary has been approved and is being printed

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held January 8-9, 2009

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

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

Duration: July 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Constance Citro; project assistant: Michael Siri

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

Report planned: Workshop summary has been approved and is being printed

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held April 30, 2008

## **Department of Labor**

**Panel to Review the Labor Department's Occupational Information Network (O\*Net)** (joint with the Center for Education)

Sponsor: Employment and Training Administration

Duration: July 2008 – September 2009

Study director: Margaret Hilton; senior program officer: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Nancy Tippins (Valtera Corporation, Greenville, SC)

Report planned: Final report is in review

**Upcoming meetings:** Teleconference (closed) held July 2, 2009; no more meetings are planned

### **National Science Foundation**

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

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2007 – October 2009

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Christopher Hill (George Mason U.)

Report planned: Final report is in response to review

**Upcoming meetings:** Fourth meeting held January 6, 2009 (closed); no more meetings are planned

#### **Workshop on Confidentiality Criteria for Statistics from the Survey of Earned Doctorates**

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2008 – September 2009

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Barbara Bailar (NORC, retired)

Report planned: Workshop summary is in response to review

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held May 27, 2009.

### **National Science Foundation and Contributing Agencies**

#### **Workshop on Enhancing Research and Development for the Federal Statistical System**

Sponsor: The National Science Foundation Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics Program and other core contributors to CNSTAT

Duration: September 2009 – October 2009

Study director: Hermann Habermann; Graduate Fellow, Edrin Rouse; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop to be scheduled in March 2010; first steering committee meeting TBD

### **Lumina Foundation for Education**

#### **Panel on Measuring Higher Education Productivity** (joint with the Board on Testing and Assessment and the Board on Higher Education and Workforce)

Sponsor: Lumina Foundation

Duration: October 2008 – March 2010

Study director: Christopher Mackie; senior program officers: Stuart Elliott (BOTA) and Peter Henderson (BHEW); project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Teresa Sullivan (U. Michigan)

Reports planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** First panel meeting scheduled for October 30, 2009, in Washington, DC

### **Russell Sage Foundation**

#### **Planning Meeting on the Future of Social Science Data Collection**

Sponsor: Russell Sage Foundation



Duration: June 2009 – February 2010  
Study director: Tom Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri  
Chair: Douglas Massey (Princeton U.)  
Reports planned: No report; prospectus for a possible study  
**Upcoming meetings:** November 18, 2009 (by invitation), in Washington, DC

### **State of the USA**

#### **Expert Meeting on Education and the Economy**

Sponsor: State of the USA, Inc.  
Duration: August 2009 – December 2010  
Study director: Constance Citro; project assistant, Bridget Edmonds  
Chair: Robert Hauser (University of Wisconsin–Madison)  
Reports planned: No report; commissioned papers  
**Upcoming meetings:** TBD (by invitation)

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## *News from the Committee on National Statistics*

**Don't forget to register for the CNSTAT seminar, October 30, 2009 [see attached agenda].**

### PEOPLE NEWS

>We congratulate **Joseph Newhouse** on receiving the Institute of Medicine's Adam Yarmolinsky Medal, which recognizes the contributions of an IOM member from a discipline outside the health and medical sciences. Dr. Newhouse is John D. MacArthur Professor of Health Policy and Management in the Department of Health Care Policy at Harvard University, a member of CNSTAT, and chair of its Panel to Advance a Research Program on the Design of National Health Accounts. He received his award for having "distinguished himself as a dynamic participant in the IOM and other health-related organizations and as a pre-eminent academic health economist for more than four decades."

>We congratulate **Jeanne Brooks-Gunn** and **Dana Goldman** on being elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine. Dr. Brooks-Gunn, Virginia and Leonard Marx Professor of Child Development and Education, Teachers College and College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, served as a member of the CNSTAT panel that produced the 1995 report, *Measuring Poverty—A New Approach*. Dr. Goldman, professor and Norman Topping Chair in Medicine and Public Policy, and director, Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and senior economist, RAND Corp., Los Angeles, is chairing the CNSTAT Workshop on Improving Healthcare Cost Projections for the Medicare Population.

>We congratulate CNSTAT senior program officer **Tom Plewes** on receiving an individual Distinguished Service Award from the National Academies. Tom has directed close to a dozen consensus panels and workshops since first joining CNSTAT in 2002. The report he oversaw on *Measuring Research and Development Expenditures in the U.S. Economy* (2005) led to a major new survey, developed cooperatively by the Census Bureau and the NSF Science Resources Statistics Division and first fielded in early 2009—the Business R&D and Innovation Survey (BRDIS).

> We note with regret the death of **Marshall Turner**, on October 8, 2009, in Upper Marlboro, MD. Marshall was known by many for his work with state governments on the block-level data provided after each census beginning in 1980 for congressional and state legislative redistricting—the "P.L. 94-171 File."

### REPORTS RELEASED

>**Data on Federal Research and Development Investments: A Pathway to Modernization**, the final report of the Panel on Modernizing the Infrastructure of the National Science Foundation Federal Funds Survey, chaired by Christopher Hill, was publicly released in prepublication format on September 30, 2009. Free PDFs of the report may be downloaded at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12772](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12772). Printed copies will be available shortly.

>**Vital Statistics—Summary of a Workshop**, a summary of the Workshop on Revitalizing the Nation's Vital Statistics, chaired by Louise Ryan and held April 30, 2008, was released in printed form on October 8, 2009. Free PDFs of the report may be downloaded at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12714](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12714).

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CNSTAT expresses appreciation to the Board of the American Statistical Association for its endorsement of the committee's "purple book," ***Principles and Practices for a Federal Statistical Agency, Fourth Edition*** (fourth edition, 2009), as announced in the June 2009 issue of *Amstat News*. Please let us know if you are interested in ordering copies in bulk, as we can arrange for a discount on the published price of the National Academies Press (see [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12564](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12564)).

## CNSTAT MEETINGS

**110th Meeting of the Committee**  
**Friday, October 30, 2009**  
**NAS Keck Center, 500 5<sup>th</sup> St, NW, Washington, DC – Room 100**  
**Public Seminar and Reception, 2:00 – 5:00 pm – Please RSVP to [cnstat@nas.edu](mailto:cnstat@nas.edu)**

**Topic: CHALLENGES FOR POLICY USES OF ECONOMIC STATISTICS**  
**See attached agenda for details**

>We have had several inquiries about CNSTAT's regular meeting schedule and so provide our meeting dates from February 2010 through May 2011:

- **CNSTAT's 111<sup>th</sup> meeting** will be held Thursday and Friday, February 11-12, 2010, in Washington, DC. There are no public events at this meeting.
- **CNSTAT's 112<sup>th</sup> meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, May 6-7, 2010**, in Washington, DC. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 7<sup>th</sup>**.
- **CNSTAT's 113<sup>th</sup> meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, October 21-22, 2010**, in Washington, DC. Note the change from the last to the *second-to-last* Thu-Fri in October, which will be our formula for future October meetings. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 22<sup>nd</sup>**.
- **CNSTAT's 114<sup>th</sup> meeting** will be held Friday and Saturday, February 11-12, 2011, at the Beckman Center in Irvine, CA. There are no public events at this meeting.
- **CNSTAT's 115<sup>th</sup> meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, May 5-6, 2011**, in Washington, DC. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 6<sup>th</sup>**.

>PowerPoint presentations and posters from the May 8, 2009, ***Symposium on the Federal Statistical System—Recognizing Its Contributions; Moving It Forward***, sponsored by CNSTAT and the American Academy of Political and Social Science, are available at the CNSTAT web site, [http://www7.nationalacademies.org/cnstat/May\\_2009\\_Seminar.html](http://www7.nationalacademies.org/cnstat/May_2009_Seminar.html).

## CURRENTLY ACTIVE PANELS AND WORKSHOPS

[Organized by sponsor; chair and current and former CNSTAT members are listed; unless otherwise noted, meetings are in Washington, DC, and include open portions; *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), or visit <http://nationalacademies.org>, click on Current Projects, and then on Search for Projects.]

### Department of Agriculture

#### **Panel on Alternative Estimates of Children Eligible for School Nutrition Programs** (joint with the Food and Nutrition Board, Institute of Medicine)

Sponsor: Food and Nutrition Service

Duration: May 2009 – April 2012

Study director: Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Allen Schirm (Mathematica Policy Research)

Reports planned: Phase 1 report, Phase 2 report, Addendum with ACS 5-year estimates

**Upcoming meetings:** Second meeting scheduled for October 29-30, 2009, in Washington, DC; third meeting scheduled for December 10, 2009, in Washington, DC

### Department of Commerce

#### **Panel on the Census Bureau's Reengineered Survey of Income and Program Participation**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2006 – June 2009

Study director: Constance Citro; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

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

Report planned: Final report released in prepublication format, July 27, 2009; free PDFs of the report may be downloaded at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12715](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12715); printed copies will be available shortly

**Upcoming meetings:** Final closed meeting held February 3, 2009; 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 – December 2009

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

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

Reports planned: *Experimentation and Evaluation Plans for the 2010 Census: Interim Report*, released in prepublication format (there is no printed version), December 7, 2007 (free PDFs available at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12080](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12080)); *Letter Report, Experimentation and Evaluation Plans for the 2010 Census*, letter to Acting Director Thomas Mesenbourg from Lawrence Brown, released on February 19, 2009 (free PDFs available at [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12607](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12607)); final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Eighth (final) meeting held June 1, 2009 (closed); no more meetings are planned

#### **Panel on Measuring the Group Quarters Population in the American Community Survey**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2009 – September 2011

Study director: TBD

Chair: TBD

Reports planned: interim report and final report

**Upcoming meetings:** TBD

**Panel to Review the 2010 Census**

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: June 2009 – May 2014

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

Co-Chairs: Thomas Cook (former president, SABRE Decision Technologies) and Janet Norwood (former BLS commissioner)

Reports planned: Two interim reports; final report

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting held October 14-15, 2009, in Washington, DC; second meeting scheduled for December 18 in Washington, DC

**Workshop on Intangible Assets: Measuring and Enhancing Their Contribution to Corporate Value and Growth** (Joint with the Science, Technology, and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: Bureau of Economic Analysis and Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2007 – October 2009

Study director: Stephen Merrill; senior program officer: Christopher Mackie

Report planned: Workshop summary has been approved and is being printed

**Upcoming meetings:** The workshop was held June 23, 2008

**Department of Defense**

**Oversight Committee on Industrial Methods for the Effective Test and Development of Defense Systems** (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 – May 2010

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan); panel member: John Rolph (U. Southern California)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting held February 23-24, 2009; workshop to be held December 16-17, 2009

**Department of Education**

**Panel on Alternative Data Sources for the Limited-English Proficiency Allocation Formula under Title III, ESEA** (joint with the Board on Testing and Assessment)

Sponsor: Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development

Duration: October 2008 – September 2010

Study director: Thomas Plewes; senior program officer: Judith Koenig; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard U.)

Report planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Third meeting to be held October 22-23, 2009, in Washington, DC

## **Department of Energy**

### **Panel to Review the Commercial Building and Residential Energy Consumption Surveys (CBECS/RECS)** (joint with the Board on Energy and Environmental Systems)

Sponsor: Energy Information Administration

Duration: September 2009 – March 2012

Study director: Nancy Kirkendall (until a new staff officer is hired)

Chair: TBD

Reports planned: Letter report, final report

**Upcoming meetings:** TBD

## **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 2009

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

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

### **Panel on Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Social Survey Data with Biological Measures** (joint with the Committee on Population)

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Duration: October 2007 – September 2009

Study director: Barney Cohen; project assistant, Jacqueline Sovde

Chair: Robert Hauser (U. Wisconsin-Madison)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

**Upcoming meetings:** Fourth meeting (closed) held August 19, 2009

### **Panel on Missing Data in Clinical Trials**

Sponsor: Food and Drug Administration

Duration: October 2008 – March 2010

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Roderick Little (U. Michigan); panel member: Hal Stern (U. California Irvine)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

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Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2008 – September 2009

Study director: Miron Straf; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Joe Newhouse (Harvard U.)

Report planned: no report; prospectus for a possible study

**Upcoming meeting:** Planning meeting held June 12, 2009 (by invitation)

### **Planning Meeting on Measuring Subjective Well-Being in a Policy-Relevant National Accounting Framework** (joint with Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging  
Duration: October 2009 – September 2010  
Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant, Michael Siri  
Chair: TBD  
Report planned: no report; prospectus for a possible study  
**Upcoming meeting:** TBD

**Workshop on Improving Healthcare Cost Projections for the Medicare Population**

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging  
Duration: October 2008 – March 2010  
Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds  
Chair: Dana Goldman (RAND)  
Report planned: Workshop summary  
**Upcoming meetings:** First meeting held June 11, 2009; workshop to be held January 13, 2010, in Washington, DC

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Sponsor: National Institute on Aging  
Duration: October 2007 – December 2009  
Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant, Bridget Edmonds  
Chair: Alan Jette (Boston U.)  
Report planned: Workshop summary has been approved and is being printed  
**Upcoming meetings:** Workshop held January 8-9, 2009

**Workshop on Evaluating Databases for Use in the CHIP Allocation Formula**

Sponsor: Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation  
Duration: October 2009 – February 2011  
Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri  
Chair: TBD  
**Upcoming meetings:** TBD

**Department of Labor**

**Panel to Review the Labor Department's Occupational Information Network (O\*Net) (joint with the Center for Education)**

Sponsor: Employment and Training Administration  
Duration: July 2008 – December 2009  
Study director: Margaret Hilton; senior program officer: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri  
Chair: Nancy Tippins (Valtera Corporation, Greenville, SC)  
Report planned: Final report is in review  
**Upcoming meetings:** Teleconference (closed) held July 2, 2009; no more meetings are planned

**National Science Foundation**

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

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation  
Duration: October 2007 – October 2009  
Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Christopher Hill (George Mason U.)

Report planned: Final report released in prepublication format, September 30, 2009 (see above)

**Upcoming meetings:** Fourth meeting held January 6, 2009 (closed); no more meetings are planned

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Duration: October 2008 – October 2009

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Barbara Bailer (NORC, retired)

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**Workshop on Enhancing Research and Development for the Federal Statistical System**

Sponsor: The National Science Foundation Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics Program and other core contributors to CNSTAT

Duration: September 2009 – May 2010

Study director: Hermann Habermann; Graduate Fellow, Edrin Rouse; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop summary

**Upcoming meetings:** First steering committee meeting TBD; workshop to be scheduled in March 2010

**Lumina Foundation for Education**

**Panel on Measuring Higher Education Productivity** (joint with the Board on Testing and Assessment and the Board on Higher Education and Workforce)

Sponsor: Lumina Foundation

Duration: October 2008 – March 2010

Study director: Christopher Mackie; senior program officers: Stuart Elliott (BOTA) and Peter Henderson (BHEW); project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Teresa Sullivan (U. Michigan)

Reports planned: Final report

**Upcoming meetings:** Planning meeting held February 20, 2009; first panel meeting scheduled for October 30, 2009, in Washington, DC

**Russell Sage Foundation**

**Planning Meeting on the Future of Social Science Data Collection**

Sponsor: Russell Sage Foundation

Duration: June 2009 – February 2010

Study director: Tom Plewes; project assistant, Michael Siri

Chair: Douglas Massey (Princeton U.)

Reports planned: No report; prospectus for a possible study

**Upcoming meetings:** November 18, 2009 (by invitation), in Washington, DC



## State of the USA

### **Expert Meeting on Education and the Economy** (joint with the Board on Testing and Assessment)

Sponsor: State of the USA, Inc.

Duration: August 2009 – December 2010

Study director: Constance Citro; project assistant, Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Robert Hauser (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

Reports planned: No report

**Upcoming meetings:** TBD (by invitation)

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## **110th Meeting of the Committee on National Statistics**

The National Academies, Keck Center, 500 5<sup>th</sup> St, NW, Washington, DC

*Open Session – Public Seminar and Reception – Keck 100 – Friday, October 30, 2009*

*Please RSVP by October 28<sup>th</sup> to Bridget Edmonds at 202-334-3096 or [cnstat@nas.edu](mailto:cnstat@nas.edu).*

- 1:30 pm      ***Light refreshments for seminar guests (first floor prefunction space)***
- 2:00          *Welcome*  
                 —Bill Eddy, CNSTAT Chair and Carnegie Mellon University
- 2:05          *Developments at the OMB Statistical and Science Policy Office*  
                 —Katherine K. Wallman, Chief Statistician
- Featured Topic: Challenges for Policy Uses of Economic Statistics***  
                 Chair: John Haltiwanger, CNSTAT and University of Maryland
- 2:20          *Using Current Economic Statistics for Understanding the Business Cycle—All  
                 You Wanted to Know about the NBER “Recession Dating” Process*  
                 —David Romer, Professor of Economics, University of California at Berkeley
- 2:40          *Using Current Economic Statistics for Economic Policy-Making*  
                 —Alan Krueger, Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy, U.S. Treasury  
                 Department
- 3:00          *Perspectives from the Producer Agencies*  
                 —Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics  
                 —Steven Landefeld, Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis  
                 —Thomas Mesenbourg, Deputy Director, U.S. Census Bureau
- 3:40          *Floor discussion*
- 4:00          ***Reception for seminar guests – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Atrium***
- 5:00          ***Adjourn***

*Abstract:* The federal statistical system produces key statistics that are widely used for monitoring the health of the nation's economy and formulating economic policy. Data users want statistics that are up to date, issued frequently (monthly, if possible), of high quality, and that can indicate turning points in the business cycle—a tall order, indeed. David Romer, a member of the National Bureau of Economic Research's "Business Cycle Dating Committee," will describe how that committee uses economic indicators to date peaks and troughs denoting expansions and recessions in the U.S. economy, and where the committee would most like to see data improvements made. Alan Krueger will discuss how the administration uses economic statistics to determine economic policy and what improvements in quality, timeliness, and relevance would be most helpful for this purpose. Leaders of the key economic statistics-producing agencies, including the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Census Bureau, will offer their perspectives. Key concerns to be addressed by all speakers are the tradeoffs between timeliness of release and quality (as reflected in the magnitude of revisions) and what new or modified indicators could help predict turning points, such as last year's financial collapse.

**NOTE:** All venues are handicapped-accessible. There is first-come, first-served parking on the first floor of the Keck parking garage, entrance on 6<sup>th</sup> St between E and F. Pedestrian entrance is on 5<sup>th</sup> St between E and F. The nearest Metro station is Gallery Place (Red and Green/Yellow lines; arena exit at 7<sup>th</sup> and F Sts).