

April 7, 2010

News from the Committee on National Statistics

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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 – December 2010

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Dana Goldman (RAND)

Report planned: Workshop summary is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held January 13, 2010, in Washington, DC

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: Anthony Mann

Chair: V. Joseph Hotz (Duke University)

Report planned: Workshop summary

Upcoming meetings: Workshop to be held June 18, 2010, in Washington, DC

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 (CFE); senior program officer: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Renee Wilson

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

Report released: *A Database for a Changing Economy: Review of the Occupational Information*

*Network (O*Net)*, the panel's final report, was publicly released in prepublication format on

December 4, 2009; free PDFs are available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12814;

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Department of Transportation

Panel on Strategies for Improved Passenger and Freight Travel Data (joint with the Transportation Research Board's Studies and Special Programs Division)

Sponsor: Federal Highway Administration (DOT), Research and Innovative Technology Administration (DOT), American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Transportation Research Board

Duration: October 2009 – March 2011

Study director: Nancy Humphrey (TRB)

Chair: Joseph Schofer (Northwestern U.); panel member: Hermann Habermann

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting scheduled for May 6-7, 2010, in Washington, DC

National Science Foundation

Panel on Communicating National Science Foundation Science and Engineering Information to Data Users (joint with the Computer Science and Telecommunications Board)

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation
Duration: October 2009 – March 2011
Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: TBD (panel is being formed)
Report planned: Workshop summary as an interim report; final report with recommendations.
Upcoming meetings: TBD

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 – September 2010
Study director: Hermann Habermann; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds
Chair: Thomas Louis (Johns Hopkins); members: Lawrence Brown (U. Pennsylvania), Emerson Elliott (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education), Ivan Fellegi (Statistics Canada emeritus), Sally Morton (RTI International), Robert Groves (U.S. Census Bureau), Edward Sondik (NCHS)
Report planned: Workshop summary
Upcoming meetings: First steering committee meeting (by phone) held February 5, 2010; workshop scheduled for June 29, 2010, in Washington, DC

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 2011
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: Third meeting scheduled for April 9, 2010, in Washington, DC

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COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL STATISTICS PUBLIC SEMINAR

Using Administrative and Survey Data to Inform Health Policy— A Federal Statistical System Initiative

Friday, May 7, 2010 – National Academies Building, 2101 C St NW, Washington, DC

- 2:00 pm **Light refreshments for Seminar Guests – Great Hall**
- 2:30 *Welcome and Introduction to Seminar – Auditorium*
—V. Joseph Hotz, CNSTAT and Duke University
- 2:35 *The Federal Statistical System Initiative on Administrative Records—An Overview*
—Katherine K. Wallman, Chief Statistician, U.S. Office of Management and Budget
- 2:45 *The Specifics of the Initiative, or How We Propose to Make a Great Leap Forward*
—Rochelle Wilkie Martinez, OMB Statistical and Science Policy Office
- 3:05 *The Medicaid Undercount Project: Evaluating Key Survey Estimates for Health Policy*
—Michael Davern, NORC at the University of Chicago
- 3:25 *Innovative Methods to Link and Access Administrative Records and Household Survey Data for Health Policy Research*
—Edward Sondik, Director, National Center for Health Statistics
- 3:45 *Floor Discussion*
- 4:00 *Special Presentation to Honor Bill Eddy, Outgoing CNSTAT Chair*
- 4:10 – 5:00 **Reception – Great Hall**

Abstract: Administrative records, such as federal individual and corporate tax records and birth and death records, have been an important source of federal statistical series for decades. Yet many potential uses of records, particularly the ability to link them with household survey data, have been constrained by legal and organizational barriers that make it difficult to acquire useful records on a timely basis or share them for statistical purposes. Consequently, to paraphrase the late Joe Waksberg (of Census and Westat fame), “administrative records are always the answer for the *next* round of a statistical program.”

Thanks to a 2011 budget initiative enabled by OMB director Peter Orszag, the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy is moving forward on a multi-pronged initiative to greatly reduce the barriers to using administrative records to evaluate and augment household survey-based statistics. The initiative could not be more timely given declining response rates to surveys. The seminar will focus on elements of the initiative that are particularly relevant to health policy analysis, including standardization of memoranda of understanding (MOUs) for acquiring and using records, a pathbreaking project to link Medicaid and survey records to analyze the errors in each, and a new project to develop a linking method that does not involve IRS data and therefore can be more readily shared for statistical purposes.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 4, 2010, to Bridget Edmonds at: cnstat@nas.edu or 202-334-3096. Limited parking is available in the visitor lot on 21st St between C St and Constitution Ave; the nearest Metro stop is Foggy Bottom – GWU at 23rd and I Sts. (blue and orange lines); all venues are accessible.

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NEW CHAIR

>CNSTAT is honored to welcome Lawrence Brown, Department of Statistics, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, as the incoming chair of the committee, appointed to a 3-year term beginning in July (Larry previously served as a member of CNSTAT in 1999-2005).

>We offer deep thanks for his long service to William Eddy, Department of Statistics, Carnegie Mellon University, who will complete two terms as CNSTAT chair in July (Bill previously served as a member of CNSTAT in 1996-2000). Note that there will be a special presentation to Bill at the May 7 CNSTAT seminar.

NEW MEMBERS

>CNSTAT is delighted to welcome as new members, appointed to 3-year terms beginning in July:
John Abowd, School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University (John served on our panels on measuring business formation, dynamics, and performance and access to research data)
Michael Hout, Departments of Sociology and Demography, University of California, Berkeley
(Mike is serving on our panel on measuring higher education productivity).

>We also welcome the following members to their second 3-year terms:
Sally Morton, Statistics and Epidemiology, RTI International
Roger Tourangeau, Joint Program in Survey Methodology, University of Maryland

>We thank the following members, whose two terms will end in June, for their dedicated service:
Katharine Abraham, Joint Program in Survey Methodology, University of Maryland
John Haltiwanger, Department of Economics, University of Maryland
Douglas Massey, Department of Sociology and Public Policy, Princeton University

OTHER PEOPLE NEWS

>We offer appreciation to Mary Frase on her retirement from a distinguished career in the federal statistical system, including positions at the National Center for Education Statistics and from 1999-present as deputy director of the NSF Division of Science Resources Statistics. Mary will be retiring at the end of the year. (Please see the attached description of a posting for her position.)

>We note President Obama's nomination of Peter Diamond, professor of economics at MIT (Peter served on a CNSTAT panel on retirement income modeling), to be a member of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors.

>We regretfully note the death of Nathan Keyfitz, professor of demography and sociology at Harvard University from 1972 to 1983, who recently died at the age of 96. Dr. Keyfitz was a leader in the field of mathematical demography and a pioneer in the application of mathematical tools to the study of population characteristics. Born in Montreal on June 29, 1913, he graduated from McGill University in 1934 with a degree in mathematics. He began working for the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in Ottawa, Canada, as a research statistician in 1936, where he would remain for 23 years. He rose to the rank of assistant dominion statistician in the Canadian Civil Service, before beginning a distinguished academic career in 1961. His academic career took him to the University of Toronto, the University of Montreal, the University of Chicago, the University of California, Berkeley, and Ohio State University before he arrived at Harvard as the Andelot Professor of Sociology in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and of Demography in the Harvard School of Public Health. He also served as chairman of the Department of Sociology. His pioneering work produced hundreds of books and articles in leading journals, and is credited for developing the field of mathematical demography [from <http://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2010/04/nathan-keyfitz-dies-at-96/>].

Dr. Keyfitz was a member of the National Academy of Sciences, served as a member of CNSTAT from 1975-1982, and chaired CNSTAT's panel on plans for the 1980 census.

>We congratulate these members of the statistical community who were recently honored with awards:
American Academy of Arts and Sciences 2010 Fellows

Joseph G. Altonji, professor of economics, Yale University (member CNSTAT, 1998-2004; served on CNSTAT panels on measuring racial discrimination and methods for improving enrollment in the Children's Health Insurance Program)

Robert M. Groves, director, U.S. Census Bureau (member CNSTAT, 2000-2006; served on CNSTAT panels on reviewing programs of the Bureau of Justice Statistics [chair], measuring business formation, dynamics, and performance, survey automation, institutional review boards for surveys and social science research, methods for improving enrollment in CHIP, reviewing the Social Security Administration's disability decision process, reviewing programs of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, and handling incomplete data)

Joseph B. (Jay) Kadane, professor of statistics and social sciences emeritus, Carnegie Mellon University (served on the CNSTAT panel on the bicentennial census)

Roderick J.A. Little, professor of biostatistics, University of Michigan (member CNSTAT, 1996-2002; served on the CNSTAT panel on coverage measurement in the 2010 census and currently chairs the CNSTAT panel on handling missing data in clinical trials)

American Academy of Political and Social Science 2010 Fellows

Rebecca M. Blank, undersecretary for economic affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce (served on CNSTAT panels on measuring poverty, experimental poverty measures, and measuring racial discrimination [chair])

Sheldon Danziger, professor of public policy, University of Michigan (served on CNSTAT panels on microsimulation modeling for social welfare programs and measuring poverty)

American Statistical Association 2010 Fellows

Virginia Lesser, associate professor and director, Survey Research Center, Department of Statistics, Oregon State University (served on CNSTAT panels to review the Department of Labor Occupational Information Network [O*NET] and the BLS/NIOSH respirator use survey)

Jeri Mulrow, senior mathematical statistician, NSF Division of Science Resources Statistics

Nora Cate Schaeffer, professor of sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (member CNSTAT, 2001-2007; served on CNSTAT panels on the Census Bureau's 2010 program of evaluations and experiments, research and development statistics at NSF, and methods for the 2000 census)

Laura Zayatz, leader of the Statistical Disclosure Avoidance Research Group, Statistical Research Division, U.S. Census Bureau, and chair of the Census Bureau's Disclosure Review Board.

Harvard School of Public Health 2010 Marvin Zelen Leadership Award in Statistical Science

Ingram Olkin, professor of statistics and education, Stanford University (member CNSTAT, 1977-1983; served on CNSTAT panels to review the 2010 census, statistics on supply and demand for precollege science and mathematics teachers, and handling missing data [chair])

Health Policy Statistics Section of the American Statistical Association Long-term Excellence Award

Alan M. Zaslavsky, professor of health-care policy (statistics), Harvard University Medical School (currently serving on CNSTAT and chairing the CNSTAT panel on alternative data sources for allocations of Title III funds to states for limited-English proficiency education programs; served on CNSTAT panels on coverage measurement in the 2010 census, Department of Health and Human Services collection of race and ethnicity data, methods for the 2010 census, small-area estimates of poverty, methods for the 2000 census)

National Academy of Sciences 2010 New Members

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Donald B. Rubin, professor of statistics, Harvard University (member CNSTAT, 1989-1992; served on CNSTAT panels on confidentiality and data access, evaluating bilingual education strategies, and handling incomplete data)

Survey Methodology 2010 Joseph Waksberg Award

Ivan P. Fellegi, chief statistician (emeritus), Statistics Canada (served on CNSTAT panels on the bicentennial census, census requirements in the year 2000 and beyond, and the 2010 census evaluation and experimentation program, and is currently serving on the CNSTAT panel to review the 2010 census)

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Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: no report; prospectus for a possible study

Upcoming meeting: TBD

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Chair: Dana Goldman (RAND)

Report planned: Workshop summary is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held January 13, 2010, in Washington, DC

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Sponsor: Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

Duration: October 2009 – February 2011

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: V. Joseph Hotz (Duke University)

Report planned: Workshop summary

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Duration: July 2008 – December 2009

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

Report released: *A Database for a Changing Economy: Review of the Occupational Information*

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Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

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Duration: October 2009 – March 2011

Study director: Nancy Humphrey (TRB)

Chair: Joseph Schofer (Northwestern U.); panel member: Hermann Habermann

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting scheduled for May 6-7, 2010, in Washington, DC

National Science Foundation

Panel on Communicating National Science Foundation Science and Engineering Information to Data Users (joint with the Computer Science and Telecommunications Board)

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2009 – March 2011

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

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Upcoming meetings: TBD

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Duration: April 2010 – May 2011

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Chair: Hal Stern (UC, Irvine); members: Katharine Abraham (JPSM, U. Maryland), Chet Bowie (NORC); Cynthia Clark (NASS), Graham Kalton (Westat), Jennifer Madans (NCHS), Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard Medical School)

Report planned: Workshop summary

Upcoming meetings: First steering committee meeting (by phone) held April 19, 2010; workshop 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 2011

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: Fourth meeting scheduled for July 22-23, 2010, possibly in Ann Arbor, MI

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Note: The most recent issues of *News from CNSTAT* are available on the “What’s New” portion of the CNSTAT web site.

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL STATISTICS PUBLIC SEMINAR

Using Administrative and Survey Data to Inform Health Policy— A Federal Statistical System Initiative

Friday, May 7, 2010 – National Academies Building, 2101 C St NW, Washington, DC

- 2:00 pm **Light refreshments for Seminar Guests – Great Hall**
- 2:30 *Welcome and Introduction to Seminar – Auditorium*
—V. Joseph Hotz, CNSTAT and Duke University
- 2:35 *The Federal Statistical System Initiative on Administrative Records—An Overview*
—Katherine K. Wallman, Chief Statistician, U.S. Office of Management and Budget
- 2:45 *The Specifics of the Initiative, or How We Propose to Make a Great Leap Forward*
—Rochelle Wilkie Martinez, OMB Statistical and Science Policy Office
- 3:05 *The Medicaid Undercount Project: Evaluating Key Survey Estimates for Health Policy*
—Michael Davern, NORC at the University of Chicago
- 3:25 *Innovative Methods to Link and Access Administrative Records and Household Survey Data for Health Policy Research*
—Edward Sondik, Director, National Center for Health Statistics
- 3:45 *Floor Discussion*
- 4:00 *Special Presentation to Honor Bill Eddy, Outgoing CNSTAT Chair*
- 4:10 – 5:00 **Reception – Great Hall**

Abstract: Administrative records, such as federal individual and corporate tax records and birth and death records, have been an important source of federal statistical series for decades. Yet many potential uses of records, particularly the ability to link them with household survey data, have been constrained by legal and organizational barriers that make it difficult to acquire useful records on a timely basis or share them for statistical purposes. Consequently, to paraphrase the late Joe Waksberg (of Census and Westat fame), “administrative records are always the answer for the *next* round of a statistical program.”

Thanks to a 2011 budget initiative enabled by OMB director Peter Orszag, the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy is moving forward on a multi-pronged initiative to greatly reduce the barriers to using administrative records to evaluate and augment household survey-based statistics. The initiative could not be more timely given declining response rates to surveys. The seminar will focus on elements of the initiative that are particularly relevant to health policy analysis, including standardization of memoranda of understanding (MOUs) for acquiring and using records, a pathbreaking project to link Medicaid and survey records to analyze the errors in each, and a new project to develop a linking method that does not involve IRS data and therefore can be more readily shared for statistical purposes.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 4, 2010, to Bridget Edmonds at: cnstat@nas.edu or 202-334-3096. Limited parking is available in the visitor lot on 21st St between C St and Constitution Ave; the nearest Metro stop is Foggy Bottom – GWU at 23rd and I Sts. (blue and orange lines); all venues are accessible.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF SCIENCE RESOURCES STATISTICS

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Arlington, VA 22230

NSF's Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences seeks candidates for the position of Deputy Division Director, Division of Science Resources Statistics (SRS). The incumbent, in collaboration with the Division Director, implements overall strategic planning and day-to-day management for the Division with respect to ongoing SRS data collections, the development of new data collections and products, ongoing and proposed analyses as well as management of the production of *Science and Engineering Indicators* and a wide variety of other products. The Deputy, in collaboration with the Division Director, provides leadership and guidance to Division staff members, determines funding requirements, maintains overall management of Division contracts, prepares and justifies budget estimates and budget products, balances program needs within SRS, establishes priorities in data collections and analytical projects, allocates resources within the several SRS programs and represents NSF to relevant external groups. The Deputy Division Director fosters partnerships with other Divisions, Directorates, Federal agencies, scientific organizations, international bodies and relevant professional associations and the academic community.

Appointment to this Senior Executive Service (SES) position will be on a permanent basis with a salary range of 155,500 to \$ 172,373. Applicants must have Ph.D. or equivalent demonstrated professional experience or a combination of education and equivalent experience in one or more of the following areas: data collection methods for persons and/or organizations; analysis of statistical data and related information, especially in reference to the science and engineering enterprise and dissemination of statistical data and related information in both print and web-based materials to lay and technical audiences.

Announcement S20100055-C with position requirements and application procedures is located on the NSF Home Page at www.nsf.gov/jobs. Applicants may also obtain the announcements by contacting Shirley Craig at 703-292-4367 (Hearing impaired individuals may call TDD 703-292-8044). Applications must be received by May 28, 2010.

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May 24, 2010

News from the Committee on National Statistics

CNSTAT Public Workshop
FACILITATING INNOVATION IN THE FEDERAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM
Tuesday, June 29, 2010, Keck Center, 500 5th St., NW, Room 100

~Please see the workshop announcement on the last page~

PEOPLE NEWS

>We congratulate **Deborah Griffin**, U.S. Census Bureau, who is the recipient of the **2010 Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award**, which was established to encourage mentoring of junior staff in the federal statistical system. It is presented annually to a supervisor, technical director, team coordinator, or other member of the federal statistical staff who is nominated by co-workers and supervisors and chosen by the Award Selection Committee.

The award is co-sponsored by the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy, the Washington Statistical Society, the Social Statistics and Government Statistics Sections of the American Statistical Association, the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics, the American Educational Research Association, the American Institutes for Research, and the National Opinion Research Center.

The award will be presented on Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at 4:00 pm in Seminar Room 3, Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, 2 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, DC. Please RSVP by e-mail to Stella Godbolt, BLS, at godbolt.stella@bls.gov, by Friday, June 18.

>We congratulate **Lawrence Bobo** on his election in April 2010 to the **National Academy of Sciences**. Dr. Bobo is the W.E.B. Du Bois Professor of the Social Sciences at Harvard University. He served on the CNSTAT panel on measuring poverty and is a member of the advisory committee for CNSTAT's parent unit within NAS, the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education.

>We congratulate **Esha Sinha**, associate program officer with CNSTAT, on receiving her Ph.D. in economics in May 2010 from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

REPORTS RELEASED

>Highlights of ***Envisioning the 2020 Census***, the final report of the CNSTAT Panel on the Design of the 2010 Census Program of Evaluations and Experiments, by Lawrence Brown, panel chair and incoming CNSTAT chair, appear in the May 2010 issue of AMSTAT NEWS (p.29) (http://magazine.amstat.org/2010/05/sciencepolicy5_1/).

>Printed copies of ***A Database for a Changing Economy: Review of the Occupational Information Network (O*Net)***, the final report of the CNSTAT and Center for Education Panel to Review the Occupational Network, chaired by Nancy Tippins, Valtera Corporation, are now available. (The report

was publicly released in prepublication format on December 4, 2009; free PDFs may be downloaded at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12814.)

The Report in Brief—

Information about the characteristics of jobs and the individuals who fill them is valuable for career guidance, reemployment counseling, workforce development, human resource management, and other purposes. To meet these needs, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in 1998 launched the Occupational Information Network (O*NET), which consists of a content model—a framework for organizing occupational data—and an electronic database. The O*NET content model includes hundreds of descriptors of work and workers organized into domains, such as skills, knowledge, and work activities. The database includes detailed information related to 1,102 occupations. In 2008, DOL requested the National Academies to review O*NET and consider its future directions. In response, this report inventories and evaluates the uses of O*NET; explores the linkage of O*NET with the Standard Occupational Classification System and other data sets; and identifies ways to improve O*NET, particularly in the areas of cost-effectiveness, efficiency, and currency.

>*Developing and Evaluating Methods for Using American Community Survey Data to Support the School Meals Program: Interim Report*, the first report of the CNSTAT Panel on Estimating Children Eligible for School Nutrition Programs Using the American Community Survey, chaired by Allen Schirm (Mathematica Policy Research) for the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, was released in prepublication format on May 18, 2010. Free PDFs may be downloaded at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12917; printed copies will be available shortly.

CNSTAT MEETINGS

>We have had several inquiries about CNSTAT's regular meeting schedule and so provide our meeting dates from October 2010 through October 2011. Note that our **May** meetings are always the Thursday-Friday before Mother's Day; our **October** meetings are always the second-to-last Thursday-Friday. Note also that the **venue** for our public events will be the Keck Center or a near-by location because the main NAS building at 2100 Constitution Avenue is closed for a 2-year renovation project.

- ***CNSTAT's 113th meeting*** will be held **Thursday and Friday, October 21-22, 2010**, in Washington, DC. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 22nd on attracting and retaining technical staff in the federal statistical system**.
- ***CNSTAT's 114th 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 115th meeting*** will be held **Thursday and Friday, May 5-6, 2011**, in Washington, DC. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 6th**.
- ***CNSTAT's 116th meeting*** will be held **Thursday and Friday, October 20-21, 2011**, in Washington, DC. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 21st**.

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; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Allen Schirm (Mathematica Policy Research)

Reports planned: Phase 1 report, *Developing and Evaluating Methods for Using American Community Survey Data to Support the School Meals Program: Interim Report*, released in prepublication format on May 18, 2010; Phase 2 report; Addendum with ACS 5-year estimates (free PDFs of the Phase 1 report may be downloaded at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12917)

Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting scheduled for June 21-22, 2010, in Washington, DC

Department of Commerce

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

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2006 – May 2010

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 released: *Envisioning the 2020 Census*, the panel's final report, was publicly released in prepublication format on February 22, 2010; the report includes the panel's interim and letter reports, previously released in prepublication format; free PDFs may be downloaded at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12865; printed copies will be available shortly.

Upcoming meetings: 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: Krisztina Marton; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Paul Voss, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill and University of Wisconsin–Madison

Reports planned: interim report and final report

Upcoming meetings: Second, third, and fourth meetings scheduled for June 21-22, August 16-17, and October 14-15, in Washington, DC

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: Anthony Mann

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

Reports planned: Two interim reports; final report

Upcoming meetings: Fourth meeting held April 28, 2010, in Washington, DC; fifth meeting TBD

Department of Defense

Committee to Review the Testing of Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S. Army (joint with the Board on Army Science and Technology, National Laboratory Assessments Board, and National Materials Advisory Board)

Sponsor: Office of the Secretary of Defense, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation

Duration: November 2009 – January 2011

Study director: Robert Love (BAST); project assistant: Alice Williams

Chair: Larry Lehowicz (Major General, U.S. Army retired; Quantum International)

Reports planned: *Phase I Report on Review of the Testing of Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S.*

Army: Letter Report was released January 4, 2010 (free PDFs are available at

http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12837); *Phase II Report on Review of the Testing of*

Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S. Army was released publicly on May 3, 2010 (free PDFs are available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12885); final report

Upcoming meetings: Second meeting held March 8-12, 2010, in Aberdeen, MD; future meetings TBD

Panel 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 2011

Study director: Michael Cohen; research associate: Julie Schuck; 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 held January 15-16, 2010, in Washington, DC; fourth meeting scheduled for June 18-19 in Woods Hole, MA

Panel on Reliability Growth Modeling

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

Duration: September 2009 – May 2011

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

Upcoming meetings: TBD

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 – December 2010

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

Chair: Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard U.)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Fourth meeting (closed) scheduled for June 7-8, 2010, in Berkeley, CA

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: Krisztina Marton; senior program officer: Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: William Eddy (Carnegie Mellon)

Reports planned: Letter report has been approved and is being prepared for release; final report

Upcoming meetings: Third and fourth meetings scheduled for July 19-20 and October 5-6, 2010, in Washington, DC

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 2010

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)

Report planned: Final report is in response to review

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

Panel on Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Biological Specimens and Biodata in Social Surveys (joint with the Committee on Population)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2007 – December 2010

Study director: Barney Cohen (CPOP); project assistant: Jacqueline Sovde

Chair: Robert Hauser (U. Wisconsin-Madison)

Report planned: Final report is in response to review

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

Panel on Missing Data in Clinical Trials

Sponsor: Food and Drug Administration

Duration: October 2008 – May 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) is in response to review

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are scheduled

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

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Report planned: no report; prospectus for a possible study
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COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL STATISTICS PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Facilitating Innovation in the Federal Statistical System

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

**National Academies Keck Center, Room 100
500 5th St., NW, Washington, DC**

- 8:30 am **Conference Overview** (*continental breakfast will be available*)
—Thomas Louis, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and Chair
- 8:45 **Welcome on Behalf of CNSTAT and the National Academies**
—Constance Citro, Director, Committee on National Statistics
- 8:50 **The Federal Perspective**
—Katherine Wallman, Chief Statistician, U.S. Office of Management and Budget
- 9:00 **Session I: The Importance of Innovation in Federal Statistics**
- 9:45 *Break*
- 10:00 **Session II: Scope of the Innovation Problem in Federal Statistics**
- 12:00 *Lunch*
- 1:00 pm **Session III: Barriers to Innovation and Possible Remedies**
- 3:00 *Break*
- 3:30 **Session IV: Next Steps**
- 4:30 **Concluding Comments**
- 5:00 *Adjourn*

Abstract: This workshop is intended to generate a wide spectrum of views on the state of innovation in the federal statistical system and possible ways to facilitate innovation in areas that are important for the future of the system. Representatives from the statistical system and the academic and private sectors are being invited to sit at a central table, with room for attendees on each side. The intent is to have a free-flowing set of discussions, which will be captured in a workshop summary to be widely distributed.

Session I will focus on why innovation is necessary for the health of the federal statistical system and its ability to provide information for the public and decision makers. Session II will address areas in which innovation is not as well developed as would be desirable in terms of the cost, quality, timeliness, and relevance of federal statistics. Session III will address barriers to innovation and possible remedies. A panel will then discuss next steps in Session IV.

Please RSVP by Friday, June 18, 2010, to Bridget Edmonds at: cncstat@nas.edu or 202-334-3096. Limited parking is available in the Keck parking garage, entrance on 6th St. NW between E and F Sts.; the pedestrian entrance is on 5th St. between E and F Sts. The nearest Metro stops are Judiciary Square (red line) and Gallery Place (red, yellow, green lines); the building is accessible.

June 30, 2010

News from the Committee on National Statistics

PEOPLE NEWS

>We congratulate CNSTAT member **Sallie Keller** on her appointment, effective in September, as director of the Science and Technology Policy Institute (STPI) in Washington, DC. STPI is a federally funded research and development center operated by the Institute for Defense Analyses for the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the Departments of Commerce and Energy. Since 2005, Dr. Keller has been the William and Stephanie Sick Dean of Engineering at Rice University. A fellow and past president of the American Statistical Association, Dr. Keller served as program director for statistics and probability in the Division of Mathematical Sciences at NSF from 1994 to 1996. She previously chaired the National Academy of Sciences' Committee on Applied and Theoretical Statistics (CATS) and served on several CNSTAT and CATS panels. She also held a joint research fellowship from the ASA, NSF, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics from 1996 to 1997. Prior to coming to Rice, Dr. Keller was the leader for the Statistical Sciences Group at Los Alamos National Laboratory from 1998 to 2005 and a faculty member at Kansas State University from 1985 to 1998.

>We congratulate CNSTAT member **Sally Morton** on her appointment, effective in July, as chair of the Department of Biostatistics in the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh. Most recently, Dr. Morton was vice president of statistics and epidemiology at RTI International where she led a department of 270 biostatisticians, statisticians, and epidemiologists. She also served as an adjunct professor of biostatistics at the University of North Carolina. Prior to her position at RTI, she led the statistics group at the RAND Corporation and held the RAND endowed chair in statistics. She is a fellow and past president of the American Statistical Association and has served on several CNSTAT and Institute of Medicine panels.

>We congratulate and welcome **James Lynch** who was confirmed as director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics by the U.S. Senate on June 22, 2010. Dr. Lynch was distinguished professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York before being nominated by President Obama to be the BJS director. He was previously a professor in the Department of Justice, Law, and Society at American University, where he also served as chair of the department. Throughout his career, Lynch has focused on measurement issues in criminal justice data and statistics. His work with Al Biderman on the nation's two crime measures—the Uniform Crime Report and the National Crime Victimization Survey—is an authoritative source on national crime statistics. He served on the CNSTAT Panel to Review the Programs of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, which published *Surveying Victims: Options for Conducting the National Crime Victimization Survey* in 2008 (see http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12090) and *Ensuring the Quality, Credibility, and Relevance of U.S. Justice Statistics* in 2009 (see http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12671).

>We congratulate and welcome **Susan Boehmer** as the new director of Statistics of Income at IRS. She is an established IRS executive with extensive experience in operations, research, and statistics. Her most recent position has been director of planning, research and analysis in the Wage and Investments Division, the office responsible for determining the needs, preferences, and behavior of 120 million taxpayers. It provides research and statistics on, among other things, the characteristics of taxpayers and their taxpaying behavior, tax-receipts patterns, operational planning, stakeholder interaction, and performance improvement.

>We congratulate **Dale Jorgenson** on receiving the 2010 Julius Shiskin Memorial Award for Economic Statistics. Dr. Jorgenson is the Samuel W. Morris University Professor at Harvard University, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, founding member of the NAS Board on Science, Technology, and Economic Policy, and chair of the Bureau of Economic Analysis advisory committee. This year's Shiskin Award recognized Professor Jorgenson for his contributions to the measurement of productivity, innovation, capital, human capital, and poverty, and for his leadership in the integration of the U.S. National Accounts. The award is co-sponsored by the Washington Statistical Society, the National Association for Business Economics, and the Business and Economic Statistics Section of the American Statistical Association.

>We note with regret the announced resignation in August of Office of Management and Budget Director **Peter Orszag**, who in his time in office has been a promoter of sound data and a good friend of the federal statistical system.

>We welcome **Jeffrey Moon**, who is interning this summer with CNSTAT as part of the Joint Program in Survey Methodology internship program. He is working with Nancy Kirkendall on the Panel on Alternative Estimates of Children Eligible for School Nutrition Programs. He will be a senior this fall in economics at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

REPORTS RELEASED

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The Report in Brief—

It has become trite to observe that increases in health care costs have become unsustainable. How best for policy to address these increases, however, depends in part on the degree to which they represent increases in the real quantity of medical services as opposed to increased unit prices of existing services. And an even more fundamental question is the degree to which the increased spending actually has purchased improved health.

Accounting for Health and Health Care addresses both these issues. The government agencies responsible for measuring unit prices for medical services have taken steps in recent years that have greatly improved the accuracy of those measures. Nonetheless, this book has several recommendations aimed at further improving the price indices and the data needed to understand the inputs and outputs of health care and the nation's health.

>***Conducting Biosocial Surveys: Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Biospecimens and Biodata***, the final report of the joint CNSTAT and Committee on Population Panel on Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Biological Specimens and Biodata in Social Surveys, chaired by Robert Hauser for the National Institute on Aging, was released in prepublication format on June 25, 2010. Free PDFs of the report may be downloaded at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12942; printed copies will be available shortly.

The Report in Brief—

Recent years have seen a growing tendency for social scientists to collect biological specimens such as blood, urine, and saliva as part of large-scale household surveys. By combining biological and social data, scientists are opening up new fields of inquiry and are able

for the first time to address many new questions and connections. But including biospecimens in social surveys also adds a great deal of complexity and cost to the investigator's task. Along with the usual concerns about informed consent, privacy issues, and the best ways to collect, store, and share data, researchers now face a variety of issues that are much less familiar or that appear in a new light. For example, acquiring biological data and linking them to social science databases requires a more complex informed consent process, the development of a biorepository, the establishment of data sharing policies, and the creation of a process for deciding how the data are going to be shared and used for secondary analysis—all of which add cost to a survey and require additional time and attention from the investigators. These issues also are likely to be unfamiliar to social scientists who have not worked with biological specimens in the past.

Conducting Biosocial Surveys offers findings and recommendations concerning the best approaches to the collection, storage, use, and sharing of biospecimens gathered in social science surveys and the digital representations of biological data derived therefrom. It is aimed at researchers interested in carrying out such surveys, their institutions, and their funding agencies.

>Printed copies of *Envisioning the 2020 Census*, the final report of the Panel on the Design of the 2010 Census Program of Evaluations and Experiments, chaired by Lawrence Brown for the U.S. Census Bureau, are now available from the National Academies Press (free PDFs may be downloaded at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12865).

The Report in Brief—

Planning for the 2020 census is already beginning. This report examines several aspects of census planning, including questionnaire design, address updating, nonresponse follow-up, coverage follow-up, de-duplication of housing units and residents, editing and imputation procedures, and several other census operations. It recommends that the Census Bureau overhaul its approach to research and development. The report urges the Bureau to set cost and quality goals for the 2020 and future censuses, improving efficiency by taking advantage of new technologies.

>**Letter Report** of the Panel on Redesigning the Commercial Building and Residential Energy Consumption Surveys [CBECS/RECS], chaired by William Eddy for the Energy Information Administration, was publicly released on June 1, 2010. Free PDFs may be downloaded at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12922. The letter comments on the 2011 round of CBECS and urges that experiments be built into the design in such areas as sample frame development and interview mode.

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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; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Allen Schirm (Mathematica Policy Research)

Reports planned: Phase 1 report, *Developing and Evaluating Methods for Using American Community Survey Data to Support the School Meals Program: Interim Report*, released in prepublication format on May 18, 2010 (free PDFs of the Phase 1 report may be downloaded at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12917); Phase 2 report; addendum with ACS 5-year estimates

Upcoming meetings: Sixth meeting scheduled for September 21-22, 2010, in Washington, DC

Department of Commerce

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

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2006 – May 2010

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 released: *Envisioning the 2020 Census*, the panel's final report, was publicly released in prepublication format on February 22, 2010; the report includes the panel's previously released interim and letter reports; printed copies are now available; free PDFs may be downloaded at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12865; highlights appeared in the May 2010 *AMSTAT NEWS* (p.29) (http://magazine.amstat.org/2010/05/sciencepolicy5_1/)

Upcoming meetings: 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: Krisztina Marton; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Paul Voss, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill and University of Wisconsin–Madison

Reports planned: interim report and final report

Upcoming meetings: Third and fourth meetings scheduled for August 16-17 and October 14-15, 2010, in Washington, DC; data user workshop scheduled for December 13-14, 2010, in Washington, DC

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: Anthony Mann

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

Reports planned: Two interim reports; final report

Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting scheduled for November 16-17, 2010, in Washington, DC

Department of Defense

Committee to Review the Testing of Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S. Army (joint with the Board on Army Science and Technology, National Laboratory Assessments Board, and National Materials Advisory Board)

Sponsor: Office of the Secretary of Defense, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation

Duration: November 2009 – January 2011

Study director: Robert Love (BAST); project assistant: Alice Williams

Chair: Larry Lehowicz (Major General, U.S. Army retired; Quantum International)

Reports planned: *Phase I Report on Review of the Testing of Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S.*

Army: Letter Report was released January 4, 2010 (free PDFs are available at

http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12837); *Phase II Report on Review of the Testing of*

Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S. Army was released publicly on May 3, 2010 (free PDFs are available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12885); final report

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting to be held in early August 2010 in Aberdeen, MD

Panel 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 2011

Study director: Michael Cohen; research associate: Julie Schuck; project assistant: Michael Siri

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

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

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held January 15-16, 2010, in Washington, DC; fourth meeting held June 18-19 in Woods Hole, MA; no more meetings are planned

Panel on Reliability Growth Modeling

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

Duration: September 2009 – May 2011

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: TBD
Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)
Upcoming meetings: TBD

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 – December 2010
Study director: Thomas Plewes; senior program officer: Judith Koenig (BOTA); associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard U.)
Report planned: Final report is being drafted
Upcoming meetings: Fourth meeting (closed) held June 7-8, 2010, in Berkeley, CA

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: Krisztina Marton; senior program officer: Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin
Chair: William Eddy (Carnegie Mellon)
Reports planned: Letter report released June 1, 2010 (free PDFs available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12922); final report
Upcoming meetings: Third and fourth meetings scheduled for July 19-20 and October 5-6, 2010, in Washington, DC

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 2010
Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)
Report planned: Final report released in prepublication format, June 21, 2010 (PDFs may be purchased at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12938); printed copies will be available in 2-3 months
Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

Panel on Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Biological Specimens and Biodata in Social Surveys (joint with the Committee on Population)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging
Duration: October 2007 – December 2010
Study director: Barney Cohen (CPOP); project assistant: Jacqueline Sovde
Chair: Robert Hauser (U. Wisconsin-Madison)

Report planned: Final report released in prepublication format, June 25, 2010 (free PDFs available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12942); printed copies will be available in 2-3 months

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

Panel on Missing Data in Clinical Trials

Sponsor: Food and Drug Administration

Duration: October 2008 – May 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) is in response to review

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are scheduled

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 – December 2010

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Dana Goldman (RAND)

Report planned: Workshop summary is in review

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held January 13, 2010, in Washington, DC

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: Anthony Mann

Chair: V. Joseph Hotz (Duke University)

Report planned: Workshop summary is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held June 17-18, 2010, in Washington, DC

Department of Transportation

Panel on Strategies for Improved Passenger and Freight Travel Data (joint with the Transportation Research Board's Studies and Special Programs Division)

Sponsor: Federal Highway Administration (DOT), Research and Innovative Technology Administration (DOT), American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Transportation Research Board

Duration: October 2009 – March 2011

Study director: Nancy Humphrey (TRB)

Chair: Joseph Schofer (Northwestern U.); panel member: Hermann Habermann

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Fourth (final) meeting scheduled for August 16-17, 2010, in Washington, DC

National Science Foundation

Panel on Communicating National Science Foundation Science and Engineering Information to

Data Users (joint with the Computer Science and Telecommunications Board)

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2009 – March 2011

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: TBD (panel is being formed)

Report planned: Workshop summary as an interim report; final report with recommendations.

Upcoming meetings: TBD

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 – September 2010

Study director: Hermann Habermann; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Thomas Louis (Johns Hopkins); members: Lawrence Brown (U. Pennsylvania), Emerson Elliott (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education), Ivan Fellegi (Statistics Canada emeritus), Sally Morton (RTI International), Robert Groves (U.S. Census Bureau), Edward Sondik (NCHS)

Report planned: Workshop summary

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held June 29, 2010, in Washington, DC

Workshop on the Future of Federal Household Surveys

Sponsor: The U.S. Census Bureau and other statistical agencies through the core grant to CNSTAT from the National Science Foundation Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics Program

Duration: April 2010 – May 2011

Study director: Krisztina Marton; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin; on loan from the Census Bureau, Jennifer Karberg

Chair: Hal Stern (UC, Irvine); members: Katharine Abraham (JPSM, U. Maryland), Chet Bowie (NORC); Cynthia Clark (NASS), Graham Kalton (Westat), Jennifer Madans (NCHS), Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard Medical School)

Report planned: Workshop summary

Upcoming meetings: Workshop scheduled for November 4-5, 2010, in Washington, DC

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 2011

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: Fourth meeting scheduled for July 22-23, 2010, in Washington, DC

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News from the Committee on National Statistics

PEOPLE NEWS

>We extend best wishes to **Michael Feuer**, executive director since 2002 of the National Academies Division of Behavioral and Social Science and Education, on his appointment, effective September 1, 2010, as dean of the Graduate School of Education and Human Development at the George Washington University. [CNSTAT is one of 11 standing units in DBASSE that have been under Michael's leadership. A national search is under way for a new executive director.] Previously, Michael served as director of the Board on Testing and Assessment and the Center for Education. Before joining the National Academies, he served as a senior analyst at the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, where he specialized in educational technology and measurement. He has held faculty positions at Drexel and Georgetown universities and has been a senior adviser to a number of foundations and educational institutions in the U.S., Europe, and Israel. He is a member of the National Academy of Education and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Educational Research Association. He holds a B.A. in English from Queens College (CUNY), an M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, and a Ph.D. in public policy from the University of Pennsylvania.

>We congratulate former CNSTAT member **Roderick J.A. Little** on his appointment, effective in September 2010, as the new associate director for statistical methodology and standards at the U.S. Census Bureau. He will lead a new directorate that will focus on enhancing the Census Bureau's research and innovation capacity (the directorate existed prior to 2005 but not since then). Rod is the Richard D. Remington Collegiate professor of biostatistics at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health and chaired the Biostatistics Department from 1993 to 2001 and 2006 to 2009. He is also professor of statistics and research professor at the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research. He received his B.A. degree in mathematics from Cambridge University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in statistics from Imperial College London. He previously held faculty appointments at the University of California, Los Angeles, and the University of Chicago, and was an American Statistical Association/National Science Foundation research fellow at the Census Bureau. He is an elected member of the International Statistical Institute, a fellow of the American Statistical Association and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and a vice president of ASA. Rod served on CNSTAT from 1996-2002, chaired the CNSTAT Panel on Handling Missing Data in Clinical Trials (see below), and served on its Panel on Correlation Bias and Coverage Measurement in the 2010 Census and Panel to Review the 2000 Census in addition to panels in other NAS units.

>We congratulate **Nathaniel Schenker**, on his appointment, effective July 12, to the position of associate director for research and methodology at the National Center for Health Statistics. Nat joined NCHS in 1999 from UCLA, where he had appointments in the Departments of Biostatistics and Biomathematics. He received his A.B. from Princeton and his S.M. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, all in statistics. Earlier in his career he served on the staff of the Statistical Research Division at the U.S. Census Bureau. He is a fellow and vice president of the American Statistical Association, an elected member of the International Statistical Institute and the Delta Omega honorary public health society, and a recipient of the ASA's Roger Herriot award for innovation in federal statistics. He serves on the Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology and is an adjunct professor in the Joint Program in Survey Methodology of the Universities of Maryland and Michigan and Westat. He currently is serving on the

CNSTAT Panel to Review the 2010 Census. The position he now occupies at NCHS was held for many years by Monroe Sirken and then by Lawrence Cox.

>We congratulate CNSTAT member **Hal Stern** on his appointment, effective July 1, 2010, as dean of the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). Founding and current chair of the Department of Statistics at UCI since 2002, he received Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in statistics from Stanford University and a B.S. degree in mathematics from MIT. He previously served on the faculty at Harvard University and Iowa State University; he was named the first Laurence H. Baker endowed chair in biological statistics at Iowa State in 2001. He is a fellow of the American Statistical Association and former editor of CHANCE magazine. He is currently a member of CNSTAT and is chairing its Steering Committee for a Workshop on the Future of Federal Household Surveys. He previously chaired the CNSTAT Panel to Assess the Benefits of the American Community Survey for the NSF Science Resources Statistics Division and served on its Panel on Handling Missing Data in Clinical Trials, Panel on the Functionality and Usability of Data from the American Community Survey, and Panel on Operational Test Design and Evaluation of the Interim Armored Vehicle.

>We note with sorrow the death of former CNSTAT member **David Blackwell**, age 91. Dr. Blackwell was the first African American to be elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1965 and the first black tenured professor at the University of California, Berkeley, where he chaired the statistics department. He previously chaired the mathematics department at Howard University. He served on CNSTAT from 1987-1990 and received the R.A. Fisher Award in 1986 from the Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies, among numerous other awards and honors. He carried out groundbreaking work on the mathematics of multistage decision-making, which has been applied in defense and finance, wrote a textbook on Bayesian statistics, and was an expert in game theory, including work on poker and dueling.

>We note with sorrow the death of former CNSTAT member **F. Thomas Juster**, age 83. Dr. Juster was a former director of the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research (ISR) and the founding director of the landmark Health and Retirement Study funded by the National Institute on Aging. He made major contributions to the assessment of household savings and wealth and to the measurement of time use in American families. He showed it was possible to measure wealth with reasonable accuracy by using unfolding brackets and that people could be motivated to respond to lengthy questionnaires. His contribution to the measurement of time use in U.S. households resulted in the still widely cited 1985 book co-edited with Frank Stafford, *Time, Goods, and Well-Being*. He received a B.S. degree in education from Rutgers University and a Ph.D. in economics from Columbia University. He was an assistant professor at Amherst College and on the research staff of the National Bureau of Economic Research from 1959-1973. In that year, he joined the University of Michigan as a research scientist and professor of economics and directed ISR from 1976-1986. He was a fellow of the American Statistical Association and the National Association of Business Economists. He was a member of CNSTAT from 1983-1989, chaired its Panel on Statistics on Supply and Demand for Precollege Science and Mathematics Teachers, and served on its Panel on Confidentiality and Data Access and Panel to Evaluate the National Center for Education Statistics and on the DBASSE Committee on Population.

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Missing data can arise for a variety of reasons, including the inability or unwillingness of participants to meet appointments for evaluation. And in some studies, some or all of data collection ceases when participants discontinue study treatment. Existing guidelines for the design and conduct of clinical trials, and the analysis of the resulting data, provide only limited advice on how to handle missing data. Thus, approaches to the analysis of data with an appreciable amount of missing values tend to be ad hoc and variable.

The Prevention and Treatment of Missing Data in Clinical Trials concludes that a more principled approach to design and analysis in the presence of missing data is both needed and possible. Such an approach needs to focus on two critical elements: (1) careful design and conduct to limit the amount and impact of missing data and (2) analysis that makes full use of information on all randomized participants and is based on careful attention to the assumptions about the nature of the missing data underlying estimates of treatment effects. In addition to the highest priority recommendations, the book offers more detailed recommendations on the conduct of clinical trials and techniques for analysis of trial data.

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Upcoming meetings: Sixth meeting scheduled for September 21-22, 2010, in Washington, DC

Department of Commerce

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

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2009 – September 2011

Study director: Krisztina Marton; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Paul Voss, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill and University of Wisconsin–Madison

Reports planned: interim report and final report

Upcoming meetings: Third and fourth meetings scheduled for August 16-17 and October 14-15, 2010, in Washington, DC; data user workshop scheduled for December 13-14, 2010, in Washington, DC

Panel to Review the 2010 Census

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: May 2009 – July 2014

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

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

Reports planned: Two interim reports; final report

Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting scheduled for November 16-17, 2010, in Washington, DC

Department of Defense

Committee to Review the Testing of Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S. Army (joint with the Board on Army Science and Technology, National Laboratory Assessments Board, and National Materials Advisory Board)

Sponsor: Office of the Secretary of Defense, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation

Duration: November 2009 – January 2011

Study director: Robert Love (BAST); project assistant: Alice Williams

Chair: Larry Lehowicz (Major General, U.S. Army retired; Quantum International)

Reports planned: *Phase I Report on Review of the Testing of Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S. Army: Letter Report* was released January 4, 2010 (free PDFs are available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12837); *Phase II Report on Review of the Testing of Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S. Army* was released publicly on May 3, 2010 (free PDFs are available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12885); final report
Upcoming meetings: Third meeting scheduled for August 9-11, 2010, in Aberdeen, MD

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Duration: September 2007 – May 2011
Study director: Michael Cohen; research associate: Julie Schuck; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan); panel member: John Rolph (U. Southern California)
Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary) is being drafted
Upcoming meetings: Workshop held January 15-16, 2010, in Washington, DC; fourth meeting held June 18-19 in Woods Hole, MA; no more meetings are planned

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Chair: TBD
Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)
Upcoming meetings: TBD

Department of Education

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Chair: William Eddy (Carnegie Mellon)

Reports planned: Letter report released June 1, 2010 (free PDFs available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12922); final report

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Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

Panel on Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Biological Specimens and Biodata in Social Surveys (joint with the Committee on Population)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2007 – December 2010

Study director: Barney Cohen (CPOP); project assistant: Jacqueline Sovde

Chair: Robert Hauser (U. Wisconsin-Madison)

Report planned: Final report, *Conducting Biosocial Surveys: Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Biospecimens and Biodata*, released in prepublication format, June 25, 2010 (free PDFs available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12942); printed copies will be available shortly

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

Panel on Missing Data in Clinical Trials

Sponsor: Food and Drug Administration

Duration: October 2008 – September 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 released in prepublication format, July 19, 2010 (see above) (free PDFs available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12955); printed copies will be available shortly

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are scheduled

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—will be held in conjunction with the United Kingdom Economic and Social Research Council in fall 2010

Workshop on Improving Healthcare Cost Projections for the Medicare Population

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging
Duration: October 2008 – December 2010
Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds
Chair: Dana Goldman (RAND)
Report planned: Workshop summary is in response to review
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Duration: October 2009 – March 2011
Study director: Nancy Humphrey (TRB)
Chair: Joseph Schofer (Northwestern U.); panel member: Hermann Habermann
Report planned: Final report is being drafted
Upcoming meetings: Fourth (final) meeting scheduled for August 16-17, 2010, in Washington, DC

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Panel on Communicating National Science Foundation Science and Engineering Information to Data Users (joint with the Computer Science and Telecommunications Board)

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation
Duration: October 2009 – March 2011
Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: Kevin Novak (American Institute of Architects)
Report planned: Workshop summary as an interim report; final report with recommendations.
Upcoming meetings: TBD

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Duration: September 2009 – September 2010
Study director: Hermann Habermann; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Thomas Louis (Johns Hopkins); members: Lawrence Brown (U. Pennsylvania), Emerson Elliott (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education), Ivan Fellegi (Statistics Canada emeritus), Sally Morton (RTI International), Robert Groves (U.S. Census Bureau), Edward Sondik (NCHS)
Report planned: Workshop summary is being drafted
Upcoming meetings: Workshop held June 29, 2010, in Washington, DC

Workshop on the Future of Federal Household Surveys

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Duration: April 2010 – May 2011
Study director: Krisztina Marton; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin; on loan from the Census Bureau, Jennifer Karberg
Chair: Hal Stern (UC, Irvine); members: Katharine Abraham (JPSM, U. Maryland), Chet Bowie (NORC); Cynthia Clark (NASS), Graham Kalton (Westat), Jennifer Madans (NCHS), Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard Medical School)
Report planned: Workshop summary
Upcoming meetings: Workshop scheduled for November 4-5, 2010, in Washington, DC

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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 2011
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Chair: Teresa Sullivan (U. Michigan)
Reports planned: Final report is being drafted
Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting TBD

Russell Sage Foundation

Panel on a Research Agenda for the Future of Social Science Data Collection

Sponsor: Russell Sage Foundation:
Duration: July 2010 – December 2011
Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: TBD
Report planned: Final report
Upcoming meetings: TBD

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Note: Recent issues of *News from CNSTAT* are available on the CNSTAT web site (“What’s New”).

September 7, 2010

News from the Committee on National Statistics

PEOPLE NEWS

>We congratulate **Katharine Abraham** on receiving the 2010 Roger Herriot Award for Innovation in Federal Statistics. Katharine is on the faculty of the Joint Program in Survey Methodology at the University of Maryland and previously served two terms as the commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. She served on CNSTAT from July 2004–June 2010 and chaired its panel on nonmarket accounts. Her recent research has focused principally on time use measurement and analysis, including a paper with Aaron Maitland and Suzanne Bianchi, which documents significant and systematic non-response to the ATUS but finds no evidence of resulting bias in estimates of time devoted to major categories of activity. However, in work with Sara Helms and Stanley Presser, she finds that ATUS respondents are much more likely to volunteer than sample members who did not respond, leading to a significant upward bias in ATUS estimates of volunteer activity.

>We offer best wishes to **Steven Dillingham**, director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, as he takes up his new position as director of the Transportation Safety Institute, beginning September 27, 2010. As announced by the Research and Innovative Technology Administration of USDOT, “In addition to his advanced education in law, public administration, political science and business administration, Steve brings decades of experience in academia, training, public safety and security to this new role where we know that he will lead TSI to new levels of success and partnerships in its transportation safety and security education mission.” We will miss Steve at CNSTAT functions.

BTS deputy director **Steven Smith** will serve as acting director of BTS. **Rolf Schmitt**, one of the first employees of BTS and currently the acting director of the Federal Highway Administration Office of Freight Management and Operations, will be detailed to BTS as senior strategic advisor beginning in October 2010.

>We welcome **Robert Hauser** as interim executive director of the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, the parent unit of CNSTAT within the National Academies. Bob has just retired as Vilas Research Professor of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he directed the Center for Demography of Health and Aging. He has been leader of the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study (WLS) since 1980, which has followed the lives of more than 10,000 Wisconsin high school graduates of 1957 for more than half a century. His current research interests include trends in educational progression and achievement among American racial and ethnic groups, the uses of educational assessment as a policy tool, and changes in socioeconomic standing, cognition, health, and well-being across the life course. Recent publications include reports of the National Research Council, *Measuring Literacy: Performance Levels for Adults* (2005) and *Conducting Biosocial Surveys: Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Biospecimens and Biodata* (2010), and publications about grade retention, social mobility, obesity, cognitive functioning, and end-of-life planning. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National Academy of Education, and the American Philosophical Society. He served on CNSTAT from 1989–1995 and on its panels on the future of the Survey of Income and Program Participation, measuring poverty, institutional review boards and social science research, and the review of the 2000 census. CNSTAT director **Connie Citro** is serving as the interim deputy director of DBASSE on a half-time basis. If you know of candidates for the DBASSE executive director position, please let her know.

REPORTS RELEASED

>*Improving Health Care Cost Projections for the Medicare Population: Summary of a Workshop*
Free PDFs are available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12985; printed copies will be available shortly.

The Report in Brief—

Developing credible short-term and long-term projections of Medicare health care costs is critical for public- and private-sector policy planning, but faces challenges and uncertainties. There is uncertainty not only in the underlying economic and demographic assumptions used in projection models, but also in what a policy modeler assumes about future changes in the health status of the population and the factors affecting health status, the extent and pace of scientific and technological breakthroughs in medical care, the preferences of the population for particular kinds of care, the likelihood that policy makers will alter current law and regulations, and how each of these factors relates to health care costs for the elderly population.

The National Research Council conducted a public workshop in January 2010 focusing on areas of research needed to improve health care cost projections for the Medicare population, and on the strengths and weaknesses of competing frameworks for projecting health care expenditures for the elderly. The workshop considered major classes of projection and simulation models that are currently used and the underlying data sources and research inputs for these models. It also explored areas in which additional research and data are needed to inform model development and health care policy analysis more broadly. The workshop, summarized in this volume, drew people from a wide variety of disciplines and perspectives, including federal agencies, academia, and nongovernmental organizations.

OTHER NEWS

>*The U.S. Department of Commerce International Trade Administration (ITA)*, in conjunction with the Census Bureau, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, and private sector innovators, is sponsoring a conference on Measuring and Enhancing Services Trade Data and Information on September 14, 2010, at the Department of Commerce building in Washington, D.C. The goal for the conference is to formulate an action plan to tackle such important issues as narrowing the gap between the rich and timely information available for the manufacturing sector with the far less specific and timely information available for the services sector and ultimately help ITA improve the competitiveness of U.S. services industries. See this site, http://www.export.gov/articles/eg_main_022188.asp, which will take you to a link for information about registration (there is a \$75 fee), the agenda, etc.

>*The 20th annual Morris Hansen lecture* (which coincides with the 100th anniversary of his birthday) will take place Tuesday, October 12, 2010, 3:30-5:30 pm, in the Jefferson Auditorium, U.S. Department of Agriculture South Building, Independence Ave. SW (between 12th and 14th Streets), followed immediately by a reception in the Patio of the Department of Agriculture Jamie L. Whitten Building across the street. The speaker is *Carl-Erik Särndal* of Statistics Sweden, who received his Ph.D. in statistics from the University of Lund, Sweden, in 1962. He spent most of his academic career in Canada, as professor at the University of British Columbia (1970-80), then as professeur titulaire at Université de Montréal (1980-97). He is the author of three books on survey sampling, including *Model Assisted Survey Sampling* with co-authors B. Swensson and J. Wretman. Among his many honors are honorary member of the Statistical Societies of Canada and Finland, fellow of the American Statistical Association, and recipient of the 2007 Waksberg Award from the American Statistical Association and Statistics Canada. His topic is: “Dealing with Survey Nonresponse in Data Collection, in Estimation.” Discussants are **J.**

Michael Brick of Westat and CNSTAT member **Roger Tourangeau** of the University of Michigan and the Joint Program in Survey Methodology at the University of Maryland.

>Emerald Books recently published the *Handbook of Survey Research, Second Edition* (2010), co-edited by **Peter V. Marsden**, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, and **James D. Wright**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Weighing in at 903 pages, the Handbook significantly updates the first edition published in 1983. Contributors to the 28 chapters include many people familiar to the federal statistical system, many of whom have participated in CNSTAT activities. To order a copy, visit the publisher's website at <http://books.emeraldinsight.com>.

CNSTAT MEETINGS

>We have had several inquiries about CNSTAT's regular meeting schedule and so provide our meeting dates from October 2010 through October 2011. Note that our **May** meetings are always the Thursday-Friday before Mother's Day; our **October** meetings are always the second-to-last Thursday-Friday. Note also that the **venue** for our public events will be the Keck Center or a near-by location because the main NAS building at 2100 Constitution Avenue is closed for a 2-year renovation project.

- **CNSTAT's 113th meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, October 21-22, 2010**, in Washington, DC. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 22nd on attracting and retaining technical staff in the federal statistical system**. Please see attached announcement.
- **CNSTAT's 114th 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 115th meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, May 5-6, 2011**, in Washington, DC. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 6th**.
- **CNSTAT's 116th meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, October 20-21, 2011**, in Washington, DC. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 21st**.

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; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

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Sponsor: Russell Sage Foundation:

Duration: July 2010 – December 2011

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Roger Tourangeau (U. Maryland)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: TBD

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**THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES
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PUBLIC SEMINAR – Preliminary Program

Friday, October 22, 2010

Terrell Conference Center, 575 7th St, NW, Washington, DC – The Capitol Room

- 1:30 pm *Light refreshments for seminar guests*
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News from the Committee on National Statistics

REPORTS RELEASED

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The Report in Brief—

The National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program, administered by the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), are key components of the nation's food security safety net, providing free or low-cost meals to millions of school-age children each day. Most school districts take applications each year from parents. Some districts adopt a special provision for one or more schools under which USDA reimburses them for meals served on the basis of applications collected in a "base year." In return for reduction of burden, the school district provides free meals to all enrolled students. After 3 or 4 years, however, applications must be taken again to establish new base-year data, unless the district provides evidence that local conditions have not changed.

A special provision that does not require applications to be taken every few years would reduce burden, be more attractive to school districts, and potentially increase student participation by expanding access to free meals. To support the development of such a provision, the Food and Nutrition Service asked the National Academies to study the technical and operational issues that arise in using data from the American Community Survey (ACS)—a new continuous survey replacing the long-form survey of the decennial census—to obtain estimates of students who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals for schools and school districts. Such estimates would be used to develop "claiming percentages" that, if sufficiently accurate, would determine federal reimbursements to districts for the schools that provide free meals to all students under a new special provision that eliminates the base-year requirements of current provisions. This interim report outlines the issues and technical approaches that the panel is pursuing in its study.

>Printed copies of *Conducting Biosocial Surveys: Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Biospecimens and Biodata*, the final report of the Panel on Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Biological Specimens and Biodata in Social Surveys, chaired by Robert Hauser, University of Wisconsin and DBASSE, are now available. (The report was released in prepublication format, June 25, 2010; free PDFs are available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12942.)

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Recent years have seen a growing tendency for social scientists to collect such biological specimens as blood, urine, and saliva as part of large-scale household surveys. By combining biological and social data, scientists are opening up new fields of inquiry and are able for the first time to address many new questions and connections. But including biospecimens in social surveys also adds a great deal of complexity and cost to the investigator's task. Along with the usual concerns about informed consent, privacy issues, and the best ways to collect, store, and share data, researchers now face a variety of issues that are much less familiar or that appear in a new light.

In particular, collecting and storing human biological materials for use in social science research

raises additional legal, ethical, and social issues, as well as practical issues related to the storage, retrieval, and sharing of data. For example, acquiring biological data and linking them to social science databases requires a more complex informed consent process, the development of a biorepository, the establishment of data sharing policies, and the creation of a process for deciding how the data are going to be shared and used for secondary analysis—all of which add cost to a survey and require additional time and attention from the investigators. These issues also are likely to be unfamiliar to social scientists who have not worked with biological specimens in the past. Adding to the attraction of collecting biospecimens but also to the complexity of sharing and protecting the data is the fact that this is an era of incredibly rapid gains in our understanding of complex biological and physiological phenomena. Thus the tradeoffs between the risks and opportunities of expanding access to research data are constantly changing.

Conducting Biosocial Surveys offers findings and recommendations concerning the best approaches to the collection, storage, use, and sharing of biospecimens gathered in social science surveys and the digital representations of biological data derived therefrom. It is aimed at researchers interested in carrying out such surveys, their institutions, and their funding agencies.

OTHER NEWS

>**The 20th annual Morris Hansen lecture** (which coincides with the 100th anniversary of his birthday) will take place Tuesday, October 12, 2010, 3:30-5:30 pm, in the Jefferson Auditorium, U.S. Department of Agriculture South Building, Independence Ave. SW (between 12th and 14th Streets), followed immediately by a reception in the Patio of the Department of Agriculture Jamie L. Whitten Building across the street. The speaker is **Carl-Erik Särndal** of Statistics Sweden, who received his Ph.D. in statistics from the University of Lund, Sweden, in 1962. He spent most of his academic career in Canada, as professor at the University of British Columbia (1970-80), then as professeur titulaire at Université de Montréal (1980-97). He is the author of three books on survey sampling, including *Model Assisted Survey Sampling* with co-authors B. Swensson and J. Wretman. Among his many honors are honorary member of the Statistical Societies of Canada and Finland, fellow of the American Statistical Association, and recipient of the 2007 Waksberg Award from the American Statistical Association and Statistics Canada. His topic is: “Dealing with Survey Nonresponse in Data Collection, in Estimation.” Discussants are **J. Michael Brick** of Westat and CNSTAT member **Roger Tourangeau** of the University of Michigan and the Joint Program in Survey Methodology at the University of Maryland.

>**World Statistics Day** is October 20, 2010. Please see the attached flyer for program and registration information.

>**A CNSTAT Public Seminar: “The Survey Methodology Pipeline—Providing Needed Expertise for the Federal Statistical System,”** will be held October 22, 2010. Please see the attached announcement.

>**A CNSTAT Public Workshop on the Future of Federal Household Surveys** will be held November 4-5, 2010. Please see the attached announcement.

CNSTAT MEETINGS

>We have had several inquiries about CNSTAT’s regular meeting schedule and so provide our meeting dates from October 2010 through October 2011. Note that our **May** meetings are always the Thursday-Friday before Mother’s Day; our **October** meetings are always the second-to-last Thursday-Friday. Note also that the **venue** for our public events will be the Keck Center or a near-by location because the main NAS building at 2100 Constitution Avenue is closed for a 2-year renovation project.

- **CNSTAT's 113th meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, October 21-22, 2010**, in Washington, DC. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 22nd on attracting and retaining technical staff in the federal statistical system. Please see attached announcement.**
- **CNSTAT's 114th 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 115th meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, May 5-6, 2011**, in Washington, DC. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 6th.**
- **CNSTAT's 116th meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, October 20-21, 2011**, in Washington, DC. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 21st.**

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; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Allen Schirm (Mathematica Policy Research)

Reports planned: Phase 1 report, *Developing and Evaluating Methods for Using American Community Survey Data to Support the School Meals Program: Interim Report*, released in prepublication format on May 18, 2010, is now available in printed form (free PDFs may be downloaded at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12917); Phase 2 report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Seventh meeting (closed) scheduled for January 11-12, 2011, in Irvine, CA.

Department of Commerce

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

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2009 – September 2011

Study director: Krisztina Marton; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Paul Voss, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill and University of Wisconsin–Madison

Reports planned: interim report is being drafted; final report

Upcoming meetings: Fourth meeting scheduled for October 14-15, 2010, in Washington, DC; data user workshop scheduled for December 13, 2010, in Washington, DC

Panel to Review the 2010 Census

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: May 2009 – July 2014

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

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

Reports planned: First interim report is being drafted; second interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting scheduled for November 18-19, 2010, in Washington, DC

Department of Defense

Committee to Review the Testing of Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S. Army (joint with the Board on Army Science and Technology, National Laboratory Assessments Board, and National Materials Advisory Board)

Sponsor: Office of the Secretary of Defense, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation

Duration: November 2009 – January 2011

Study director: Robert Love (BAST); project assistant: Alice Williams

Chair: Larry Lehowicz (Major General, U.S. Army retired; Quantum International)

Reports planned: *Phase I Report on Review of the Testing of Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S. Army: Letter Report* was released January 4, 2010 (free PDFs are available at

http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12837); *Phase II Report on Review of the Testing of Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S. Army* was released publicly on May 3, 2010 (free PDFs are available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12885); final report

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting held August 9-11, 2010, in Aberdeen, MD; fourth meeting scheduled for October 12-15, 2010, in Washington, DC

Panel 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 2011

Study director: Michael Cohen; research associate: Julie Schuck; project assistant: Michael Siri

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

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

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held January 15-16, 2010, in Washington, DC; fourth meeting held June 18-19 in Woods Hole, MA; no more meetings are planned

Panel on Reliability Growth Modeling

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

Duration: September 2009 – May 2012

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

Upcoming meetings: TBD

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 – December 2010

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

Chair: Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard U.)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Fourth meeting (closed) held June 7-8, 2010, in Berkeley, CA; no more meetings are planned

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: Krisztina Marton; senior program officer: Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: William Eddy (Carnegie Mellon)

Reports planned: Letter report released June 1, 2010 (free PDFs are available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12922); final report

Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting scheduled for January 31 – February 1, 2011, in Irvine CA

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 2010

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)

Report planned: Final report, *Accounting for Health and Health Care: Approaches to Measuring the Sources and Costs of Their Improvement*, released in prepublication format, June 21, 2010 (PDFs may be purchased at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12938); printed copies will be available shortly

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

Panel on Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Biological Specimens and Biodata in Social Surveys (joint with the Committee on Population)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2007 – December 2010

Study director: Barney Cohen (CPOP); project assistant: Jacqueline Sovde

Chair: Robert Hauser (U. Wisconsin-Madison)

Report planned: Final report, *Conducting Biosocial Surveys: Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Biospecimens and Biodata*, released in prepublication format, June 25, 2010, is now available in printed form (free PDFs available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12942)

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

Panel on Measuring Medical Care Risk in Conjunction with the New Supplemental Poverty Measure (joint with IOM Board on Health Care Services)

Sponsor: Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

Duration: October 2010 – June 2012

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; senior program officer: Jill Eden (IOM); project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report including workshop summary

Upcoming meetings: TBD

Panel on Missing Data in Clinical Trials

Sponsor: Food and Drug Administration

Duration: October 2008 – September 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, *The Prevention and Treatment of Missing Data in Clinical Trials*, released in prepublication format, July 19, 2010 (free PDFs are available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12955); printed copies will be available shortly

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

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 2011

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: TBD

Report planned: no report; prospectus for a possible study

Upcoming meeting: TBD—will be held following an invitational meeting in conjunction with the United Kingdom Economic and Social Research Council, scheduled for November 8-9, 2010, in Washington, DC

Workshop on Improving Healthcare Cost Projections for the Medicare Population

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2008 – December 2010

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Dana Goldman (UCLA and RAND)

Report planned: *Improving Health Care Cost Projections for the Medicare Population: Summary of a Workshop*, released in prepublication format on August 25, 2010 (see above) (free PDFs are available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12985); printed copies will be available shortly.

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held January 13, 2010, in Washington, DC

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: Anthony Mann

Chair: V. Joseph Hotz (Duke University)

Report planned: Prepublication version of the workshop summary will be released on October 15, 2010

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held June 17-18, 2010, in Washington, DC

Workshops on Evaluation of Measures of Subjective Well-Being and Development of an OECD Handbook for National Statistical Agencies on the Measurement of Well-Being

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging
Duration: October 2010 – September 2012
Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann
Chair: TBD
Reports planned: Workshop transcripts; OECD handbook

Department of Labor

Panel on Redesigning the BLS Consumer Expenditure Surveys

Sponsor: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Duration: October 2010 – September 2012
Study director: TBD; project assistant: Anthony Mann
Chair: TBD
Report planned: Workshop transcripts; final report
Upcoming meetings: TBD

Department of Transportation

Panel on Strategies for Improved Passenger and Freight Travel Data (joint with the Transportation Research Board's Studies and Special Programs Division)

Sponsor: Federal Highway Administration (DOT), Research and Innovative Technology Administration (DOT), American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Transportation Research Board
Duration: October 2009 – March 2011
Study director: Nancy Humphrey (TRB)
Chair: Joseph Schofer (Northwestern U.); panel member: Hermann Habermann
Report planned: Final report is being drafted
Upcoming meetings: Fourth (final) meeting held August 16-17, 2010, in Washington, DC

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Panel on Measuring and Collecting Pay Information from U.S. Employers by Gender, Race, and National Origin

Sponsor: EEOC
Duration: October 2010 – March 2012
Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: TBD
Report planned: Final report
Upcoming meetings: TBD

National Science Foundation

Panel on Communicating National Science Foundation Science and Engineering Information to Data Users (joint with the Computer Science and Telecommunications Board)

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation
Duration: October 2009 – March 2011
Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: Kevin Novak (American Institute of Architects)

Report planned: Workshop summary as an interim report; final report with recommendations.

Upcoming meetings: Workshop scheduled for October 27-28, 2010, in Washington, DC

Panel to Review the National Science Foundation's Science and Technology Indicators (joint with Science, Technology, and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2010 – September 2012

Study director: Kaye Husbands Fealing; STEP director: Steven Merrill; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: TBD

Reports planned: Interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: first meeting will be in January 2011

Workshop on Future Directions for the NSF National Patterns of Research and Development Program

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2010 – September 2021

Chair: TBD

Reports planned: Workshop summary by rapporteur

Upcoming meetings: TBD

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 – September 2010

Study director: Hermann Habermann; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Thomas Louis (Johns Hopkins); members: Lawrence Brown (U. Pennsylvania), Emerson Elliott (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education), Ivan Fellegi (Statistics Canada emeritus), Sally Morton (RTI International), Robert Groves (U.S. Census Bureau), Edward Sondik (NCHS)

Report planned: Workshop summary is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held June 29, 2010, in Washington, DC

Workshop on the Future of Federal Household Surveys

Sponsor: The U.S. Census Bureau and other statistical agencies through the core grant to CNSTAT from the National Science Foundation Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics Program

Duration: April 2010 – May 2011

Study director: Krisztina Marton; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin; on loan from the Census Bureau, Jennifer Karberg

Chair: Hal Stern (UC, Irvine); members: Katharine Abraham (JPSM, U. Maryland), Chet Bowie (NORC); Cynthia Clark (NASS), Graham Kalton (Westat), Jennifer Madans (NCHS), Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard Medical School)

Report planned: Workshop summary

Upcoming meetings: Workshop scheduled for November 4-5, 2010, in Washington, DC (see attached announcement for program and registration information)

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 2011

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

Chair: Teresa Sullivan (U. Virginia)

Reports planned: Final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting November 11, 2010, in Washington, DC

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The American Academy of Political and Social Science and the U.S. organizing committee cordially invite you to
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Wednesday, October 20, 2010 (20-10-2010)

8:30 am - 10:30 am (9:00-9:45 am Program)

Rayburn Gold Room - 2168 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC

Speakers

Katherine Wallman - Moderator

Chief Statistician of the U.S., Office of Management and Budget

Robert Groves

Director, U.S. Census Bureau

Kenneth Prewitt

Former Director, U.S. Census Bureau

J. Steven Landefeld

Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis

Continental Breakfast will be available.

To attend, please RSVP by October 13 to: wsd2010@niss.org

Senior leaders of the following official statistics agencies will be available to discuss their activities with attendees.

Interagency Council on Statistical Policy

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Bureau of Justice Statistics

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

U.S. Census Bureau

Economic Research Service

Energy Information Administration

Environmental Protection Agency

National Agricultural Statistics Service

National Center for Education Statistics

National Center for Health Statistics

Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics, U.S. Social Security Administration

Science Resources Statistics Division, National Science Foundation

Statistics of Income Division, Internal Revenue Service

The latest issue of *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, "The Federal Statistical System: Its Vulnerability Matters More than You Think," will be distributed at the event.

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The Capitol Room

November 4, Thursday

8:30-8:50 Welcome by the Workshop Steering Committee Chair

Hal Stern, University of California at Irvine
(Continental breakfast available in the meeting room)

8:50-10:10 Federal Household Survey System at a Crossroads

Chair: Hal Stern, University of California at Irvine

The State of Federal Household Data Collections in the U.S.

Katharine Abraham, Joint Program in Survey Methodology, University of Maryland

The UK Integrated Household Survey

Cynthia Clark, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

10:10-10:25 Break

10:25-12:00 Federal Household Survey System at a Crossroads (continued)

Data Collections in the Netherlands

Jelke Bethlehem, Statistics Netherlands

Statistics Canada's Household Survey Strategy

Jean-Louis Tambay, Statistics Canada

Discussant

Chester Bowie, National Opinion Research Center

12:00-1:00 Lunch to Continue Morning Discussion of the U.S. and International Models

1:00-2:45 Sampling Frames
Chair: Graham Kalton, Westat

Using Large Surveys to Assist in Frame Development for Smaller Surveys
James Lepkowski, University of Michigan

The Role of the American Community Survey in Sampling Rare Populations
Keith Rust, Westat

Sampling Frames for Federal Household Surveys: A Vision for the Future
Frederick Scheuren, National Opinion Research Center

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00-4:40 Methods - Collection of Household Data
Chair: Katharine Abraham, Joint Program in Survey Methodology, University of Maryland

New Data Collection Modes and the Challenge of Making Them Effective
Don Dillman, Washington State University

Integrating Administrative Records into the U.S. Federal Statistical System 2.0.
Rochelle Martinez, Office of Management and Budget

Role of Administrative Records in Household Surveys: The Canadian Perspective
Julie Trepanier, Statistics Canada

4:40-4:50 Discussion of the Day's Presentations
Alan Zaslavsky, Harvard Medical School

4:50-5:30 Floor Discussion

November 5, Friday

8:30-10:15 Methods - Small Area Estimation
Chair: Alan Zaslavsky, Harvard Medical School
(Continental breakfast available in the meeting room)

Finding the Boundaries: When Do Direct Survey Estimates Meet Small Area Needs?
Robert Fay, Westat

Using Survey, Census, and Administrative Records Data in Small Area Estimation

William Bell, Census Bureau

Role of Statistical Models in Federal Surveys: Small Area Estimation

T. E. Raghunathan, University of Michigan

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-12:00 Survey Content

Chair: Chester Bowie, National Opinion Research Center

Promoting Consistency: The Case of Disability Measures

Margo Schwab, Office of Management and Budget

Different Measures for Different Purposes: The Cases of Income and Poverty Measures

Charles Nelson, Census Bureau

Thinking Outside the Current American Community Survey Content Box: What if...?

Jennifer Madans, National Center for Health Statistics and Chester Bowie, National Opinion Research Center

Competing Federal Statistics and the Role of the Office of Management and Budget: Do We Need Official Measures?

Hermann Habermann, Committee on National Statistics

12:00-1:00 Lunch to Continue Morning Discussion of Issues Related to Survey Content

1:00-1:30 Discussion of the Workshop and Next Steps

Hal Stern, University of California at Irvine

Katharine Abraham, Joint Program in Survey Methodology, University of Maryland

Cynthia Clark, National Agricultural Statistics Service

Graham Kalton, Westat

1:30-2:30 Floor discussion

Space is limited. To register, please contact Agnes Gaskin at agaskin@nas.edu.

November 16, 2010

News from the Committee on National Statistics

PEOPLE NEWS

>We congratulate **Norman Bradburn**, NORC senior fellow and former CNSTAT chair, who along with **Norbert Schwarz** and the late **Seymour Sudman** received the 2010 Book Award of the American Association for Public Opinion Research for *Thinking About Answers: The Application of Cognitive Processes to Survey Methodology*, published in 1996.

>We congratulate **Michael Cohen**, CNSTAT senior program officer; **Krisztina Marton**, CNSTAT senior program officer; and **Michael Siri**, CNSTAT program associate, for receiving 2010 individual staff awards from the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education at the National Research Council.

>We extend our best wishes to **Marshall DeBerry** on his retirement from federal service November 3, 2010. Marshall had many years of service in the federal statistical system with the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Bureau of Transportation Statistics and played a prominent role in the development of FedStats.

>We welcome **Kaye Husbands Fealing** to the CNSTAT staff as a senior program officer. Kaye has had a distinguished career in academia and at the National Science Foundation. Through December 2010, she is professor in the Center for Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota. From 2006-2008, she held positions at the National Science Foundation, where she developed and implemented the Science of Science and Innovation Policy Program in the Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences. For most of her career, she held faculty positions at Williams College, where she most recently was the Williams Brough professor of economics. She has a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard and a B.A. in economics and mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania. She joined CNSTAT in late September on a 20 percent basis and will be on staff on an 80 percent basis beginning in January 2011. She is directing our Panel to Review the NSF/SRS Science and Technology Indicators Program.

>We congratulate **John Gawalt** on his appointment as deputy division director of the National Science Foundation's Division of Science Resources Statistics. John most recently directed the NSF/SRS Information and Technology Services Program. John succeeds **Mary Frase**, who had planned to retire from federal service after a distinguished career with the National Center for Education Statistics and NSF/SRS, but will be continuing at NSF as interim deputy assistant director of the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Directorate (SBE). A recruitment announcement for the SBE deputy assistant director position will be forthcoming. Also at SRS, we note with sadness the death on August 29, 2010, of economist **Michael Crowley**, who worked for many years on surveys of scientific and technical personnel and small business programs and previously held appointments with the Federal Energy Administration and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. He retired from SRS in 2002.

>We welcome **Carol House** to the CNSTAT staff as a half-time senior program officer. She recently retired from the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), USDA, where she was deputy administrator for programs and products and chair of the Agricultural Statistics Board. Her previous positions at NASS included associate administrator, director of research and development, and director of survey management. She led the introduction of computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) at NASS and served as

executive secretary of the Secretary of Agriculture's Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics. She is a fellow of the American Statistical Association and has provided statistical consulting on sample surveys for China, Poland, the World Bank, and the Dominican Republic. Her graduate training was in mathematics at the University of Maryland, College Park. We are fortunate to have lured her from retirement to direct our Panel on Redesigning the Consumer Expenditure Survey for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This survey is used as input for the Consumer Price Index and the new Supplemental Poverty Measure and supports important research on consumption patterns.

>We congratulate **Sallie Keller**, CNSTAT member, fellow and past president of the American Statistical Association, and director of the Science and Technology Policy Institute in Washington, DC, who received the 2010 Jerome Sacks Award for Cross-Disciplinary Research of the National Institute of Statistical Sciences. The Awards Committee of the NISS Board of Trustees, which selected Keller for the award, cited "her pioneering work in cross-disciplinary research in reliability and computational technology for complex systems of critical national security and for her leadership in forging research relationships in new areas for statisticians in government and academia."

>We congratulate **Brian Moyer** on his appointment as deputy director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis, with responsibility to oversee the administrative and communications functions of the bureau and to provide leadership for improving and expanding BEA's core statistical programs. Prior to becoming deputy director, he served in several key positions at BEA, including associate director for industry accounts. He is the author of numerous articles on measuring the economic performance of U.S. industries and is an active participant in national and international efforts to improve economic statistics. He received a number of awards for his management and leadership, including the Commerce Department's Gold Medal Award for his contributions to international statistical standards and the Silver Medal Award for his work on integrating industry statistics. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from American University.

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OTHER NEWS

>A public symposium on *The Value of Shared Access and Reuse of Publicly Funded Scientific Data*, organized by the Board on Research Data and Information of the Policy and Global Affairs Division of the National Research Council, will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2010, 2:00 – 4:15 pm, at the 20

F Street NW Conference Center, Conference Room B, Washington, DC. For more information and an agenda, see http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/brdi/PGA_059258. The symposium will be webcast.

>**Dale Jorgensen**, professor of economics at Harvard University, member of the National Academy of Sciences, and recipient of the **2010 Julius Shiskin Award for Economic Statistics**, will give a lecture on “Information Technology and U.S. Economic Growth: Evidence from a Prototype Industry Production Account,” December 8, 2010, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm, at BEA. He will present a new data set on U.S. productivity growth by industry, which covers 70 industries for the period 1960-2007 and uses the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). An important advantage of NAICS over the SIC is the greater detail available on service industries and on industries that produce information technology hardware, software, and services. Dr. Jorgenson observes that the production of information technology equipment and software has proved to be highly volatile. The great IT investment boom of 1995-2000 was followed by the dot-com crash and the slow and painful recovery of 2000-2007. The boom of 1995-2000 was generated by an unsustainable deluge of innovation in the production of semiconductors and semiconductor-intensive computers. By contrast, the wave of innovation that followed in 2000-2007 has spread across a broader spectrum of IT-using industries, which has created a diversified advance in the applications of information technology.

SPECIAL NOTE: To be placed on the seminar attendance list at BEA, e-mail your name and affiliation to <mailto:Vicki.Bingham@bea.gov> by Friday, Dec. 3rd. Bring a photo ID to the seminar. BEA is located at 1441 L Street, NW; the seminar is in Conference Rooms A&B, second floor.

>Nominees are sought for the **2011 Julius Shiskin Award for Economic Statistics**. The Award is given in recognition of unusually original and important contributions in the development of economic statistics or in the use of statistics in interpreting the economy. Contributions are recognized for statistical research, development of statistical tools, application of information technology techniques, use of economic statistical programs, management of statistical programs, or developing public understanding of measurement issues. The Award is cosponsored by the Washington Statistical Society, the National Association for Business Economics, and the Business and Economics Statistics Section of the American Statistical Association. The award will be presented with an honorarium of \$1000 plus additional recognition from the sponsors. A nomination form is available at www.amstat.org/sections/bus_econ/shiskin.html. Completed nominations must be received by March 15, 2011. For more information please contact Steven Paben, paben.steven@bls.gov.

CNSTAT MEETINGS

>We have had several inquiries about CNSTAT’s regular meeting schedule and so provide our meeting dates from October 2010 through October 2011. Note that our **May** meetings are always the Thursday-Friday before Mother’s Day; our **October** meetings are always the second-to-last Thursday-Friday. Note also that the **venue** for our public events will be the Keck Center or a near-by location because the main NAS building at 2100 Constitution Avenue is closed for a 2-year renovation project.

- **CNSTAT’s 114th meeting** will be held Friday and Saturday, February 11-12, 2011, at the NAS Beckman Center in Irvine, CA. There are no public events at this meeting.
- **CNSTAT’s 115th meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, May 5-6, 2011**, in Washington, DC. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 6th**.

- **CNSTAT's 116th meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, October 20-21, 2011**, in Washington, DC. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 21st**.

>Please note that CNSTAT has added a **“Presentations”** page to post slides from meetings, workshops, and seminars. Currently posted are the following:

CNSTAT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

October 22, 2010: [Eavey Slides](#), [Eltinge Slides](#), [Kalton Slides](#), [Little Slides](#), [Morton Slides](#), [Tourangeau Slides](#)

May 6-7, 2010: [Public Agenda](#), [Davern Slides](#), [Sondik Slides](#), [Wallman/Martinez Slides](#)

October 29-30, 2009: [Public Agenda](#), [Romer Slides](#), [Rudd Slides](#)

May 7-8, 2009: [Public Agenda](#), [Abraham Slides](#), [Anderson Slides](#), [Eddy Slides](#), [Haver Slides](#), [Jorgenson Slides](#), [Kingsbury Slides](#), [O'Malley Slides](#), [Orszag Slides](#), [Overberg Slides](#), [Preston Slides](#), [Salvo Slides](#)

WORKSHOPS

[Evaluating Databases for Use in Uninsured Estimates for Children](#) (June 17-18, 2010): [Baugh](#), [Blewett](#), [Davern](#), [Rousseau](#)

[The Future of Federal Household Surveys](#) (November 4-5, 2010)

Session 1: [Abraham](#), [Bethlehem](#), [Clark and Smith](#), [Stern](#), [Tambay](#)

Session 2: [Lepkowski](#), [Rust](#), [Scheuren](#)

Session 3: [Dillman](#), [Martinez](#), [Trepanier](#), [Zaslavsky](#)

Session 4: [Bell](#), [Fay](#), [Raghunathan](#)

Session 5: [Madans & Bowie](#), [Nelson](#)

Slides from our Workshop on Improving Healthcare Cost Projections for the Medicare Population, held January 13, 2010, will be posted shortly.

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; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Allen Schirm (Mathematica Policy Research)

Reports planned: Phase 1 report, *Developing and Evaluating Methods for Using American Community Survey Data to Support the School Meals Program: Interim Report*, released in prepublication

format on May 18, 2010, is now available in printed form (free PDFs may be downloaded at

http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12917); Phase 2 report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Seventh meeting (closed) scheduled for January 11-12, 2011, in Irvine, CA.

Department of Commerce

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

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2009 – September 2011

Study director: Krisztina Marton; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Paul Voss, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill and University of Wisconsin–Madison

Reports planned: interim report is in review; final report

Upcoming meetings: Fourth meeting held October 14-15, 2010, in Washington, DC; data user workshop scheduled for December 13, 2010, in Washington, DC

Panel to Review the 2010 Census

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: May 2009 – July 2014

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

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

Reports planned: First interim report is being drafted; second interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting scheduled for November 18-19, 2010, in Washington, DC

Department of Defense

Committee to Review the Testing of Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S. Army (joint with the Board on Army Science and Technology, National Laboratory Assessments Board, and National Materials Advisory Board)

Sponsor: Office of the Secretary of Defense, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation

Duration: November 2009 – January 2011

Study director: Robert Love (BAST); project assistant: Alice Williams

Chair: Larry Lehowicz (Major General, U.S. Army retired; Quantum International)

Reports planned: *Phase I Report on Review of the Testing of Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S. Army: Letter Report* was released January 4, 2010 (free PDFs are available at

http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12837); *Phase II Report on Review of the Testing of Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S. Army* was released publicly on May 3, 2010 (free PDFs are available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12885); final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Fourth meeting held October 12-15, 2010, in Washington, DC

Panel 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 2011

Study director: Michael Cohen; research associate: Julie Schuck; project assistant: Michael Siri

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

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

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held January 15-16, 2010, in Washington, DC; fourth meeting held June 18-19 in Woods Hole, MA; no more meetings are planned

Panel on Reliability Growth Modeling

Sponsor: Office of the Secretary of Defense, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, and Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics
Duration: September 2009 – May 2012
Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: TBD
Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)
Upcoming meetings: First meeting will be in January or February 2011

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 – December 2010
Study director: Thomas Plewes; senior program officer: Judith Koenig (BOTA); associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard U.)
Report planned: Final report is in review
Upcoming meetings: Fourth meeting (closed) held June 7-8, 2010, in Berkeley, CA; no more meetings are planned

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: Krisztina Marton; senior program officer: Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin
Chair: William Eddy (Carnegie Mellon)
Reports planned: Letter report released June 1, 2010 (free PDFs are available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12922); final report
Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting scheduled for January 31 – February 1, 2011, in Irvine CA

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 2010
Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)
Report: Final report, *Accounting for Health and Health Care: Approaches to Measuring the Sources and Costs of Their Improvement*, released in prepublication format, June 21, 2010 (PDFs may be purchased at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12938); printed copies will be available shortly
Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

Panel on Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Biological Specimens and Biodata in Social Surveys (joint with the Committee on Population)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2007 – December 2010

Study director: Barney Cohen (CPOP); project assistant: Jacqueline Sovde

Chair: Robert Hauser (U. Wisconsin-Madison)

Report: Final report, *Conducting Biosocial Surveys: Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Biospecimens and Biodata*, released in prepublication format, June 25, 2010, is now available in printed form (free PDFs available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12942)

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

Panel on Measuring Medical Care Risk in Conjunction with the New Supplemental Poverty Measure (joint with IOM Board on Health Care Services)

Sponsor: Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

Duration: October 2010 – June 2012

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; senior program officer: Jill Eden (IOM); project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report including workshop summary

Upcoming meetings: TBD

Panel on Missing Data in Clinical Trials

Sponsor: Food and Drug Administration

Duration: October 2008 – September 2010

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

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

Report: Final report, *The Prevention and Treatment of Missing Data in Clinical Trials*, released in prepublication format, July 19, 2010 (free PDFs are available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12955); printed copies will be available shortly

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

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 2011

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Report planned: no report; prospectus for a possible study

Upcoming meeting: Is now being scheduled on the basis of information from the invitational meeting in conjunction with the United Kingdom Economic and Social Research Council that was held November 8-9, 2010, in Washington, DC

Workshop on Improving Healthcare Cost Projections for the Medicare Population

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2008 – December 2010

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Dana Goldman (UCLA and RAND)

Report: *Improving Health Care Cost Projections for the Medicare Population: Summary of a Workshop*, released in prepublication format on August 25, 2010 (see above) (free PDFs are available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12985); printed copies will be available shortly.

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held January 13, 2010, in Washington, DC

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: Anthony Mann

Chair: V. Joseph Hotz (Duke University)

Report: *Databases for Estimating Health Insurance Coverage for Children: A Workshop Summary*, released in prepublication format October 15, 2010 (see above) (free PDFs are available at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13024); printed copies will be available shortly (slides are posted on CNSTAT web site, Presentations page)

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held June 17-18, 2010, in Washington, DC

Workshops on Evaluation of Measures of Subjective Well-Being and Development of OECD Guidance for National Statistical Agencies on the Measurement of Well-Being

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2010 – September 2012

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: TBD

Reports planned: Workshop transcripts; OECD guidance document

Department of Labor

Panel on Redesigning the BLS Consumer Expenditure Surveys

Sponsor: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Duration: October 2010 – September 2012

Study director: Carol House; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop transcripts; final report

Upcoming meetings: First meeting will be in January 2011

Department of Transportation

Panel on Strategies for Improved Passenger and Freight Travel Data (joint with the Transportation Research Board's Studies and Special Programs Division)

Sponsor: Federal Highway Administration (DOT), Research and Innovative Technology Administration (DOT), American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Transportation Research Board

Duration: October 2009 – March 2011

Study director: Nancy Humphrey (TRB)

Chair: Joseph Schofer (Northwestern U.); panel member: Hermann Habermann

Report planned: Final report is in review

Upcoming meetings: Fourth (final) meeting held August 16-17, 2010, in Washington, DC

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Panel on Measuring and Collecting Pay Information from U.S. Employers by Gender, Race, and National Origin

Sponsor: EEOC

Duration: October 2010 – March 2012

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: TBD
Report planned: Final report
Upcoming meetings: TBD

National Science Foundation

Panel on Communicating National Science Foundation Science and Engineering Information to Data Users (joint with the Computer Science and Telecommunications Board)

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation
Duration: October 2009 – March 2011
Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: Kevin Novak (American Institute of Architects)
Report planned: Workshop summary as an interim report is being drafted; final report with recommendations.
Upcoming meetings: Workshop held October 27-28, 2010, in Washington, DC

Panel to Review the National Science Foundation's Science and Technology Indicators (joint with Science, Technology, and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation
Duration: October 2010 – September 2012
Study director: Kaye Husbands Fealing; STEP director: Steven Merrill; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds
Chair: TBD
Reports planned: Interim report; final report
Upcoming meetings: First meeting will be in January 2011

Workshop on Future Directions for the NSF National Patterns of Research and Development Program

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation
Duration: October 2010 – September 2011
Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin
Chair: TBD
Reports planned: Workshop summary by rapporteur
Upcoming meetings: TBD

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 – September 2010
Study director: Hermann Habermann; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds
Chair: Thomas Louis (Johns Hopkins); members: Lawrence Brown (U. Pennsylvania), Emerson Elliott (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education), Ivan Fellegi (Statistics Canada emeritus), Sally Morton (RTI International), Robert Groves (U.S. Census Bureau), Edward Sondik (NCHS)
Report planned: Workshop summary is being drafted
Upcoming meetings: Workshop held June 29, 2010, in Washington, DC

Workshop on the Future of Federal Household Surveys

Sponsor: The U.S. Census Bureau and other statistical agencies through the core grant to CNSTAT from the National Science Foundation Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics Program

Duration: April 2010 – May 2011

Study director: Krisztina Marton; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin; on loan from the Census Bureau, Jennifer Karberg

Chair: Hal Stern (UC, Irvine); members: Katharine Abraham (JPSM, U. Maryland), Chet Bowie (NORC); Cynthia Clark (NASS), Graham Kalton (Westat), Jennifer Madans (NCHS), Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard Medical School)

Report planned: Workshop summary is being drafted (slides are posted on CNSTAT web site, Presentations page)

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held November 4-5, 2010, in Washington, DC

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 2011

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

Chair: Teresa Sullivan (U. Virginia)

Reports planned: Final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting held November 11, 2010, in Washington, DC; one more meeting TBD

Russell Sage Foundation

Panel on a Research Agenda for the Future of Social Science Data Collection

Sponsor: Russell Sage Foundation:

Duration: July 2010 – December 2011

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Roger Tourangeau (U. Maryland); member: Nora Cate Schaeffer (U. Wisconsin)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: TBD

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News from the Committee on National Statistics

AGENCY NEWS

>Congratulations are in order to the Division of Science Resources Statistics at the National Science Foundation. On Friday, December 17, 2010, the Senate unanimously passed the reauthorization of the America COMPETES Act, aimed at promoting greater U.S. innovation and improved competitiveness. Among many things, the bill creates at NSF a *National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics*. Accompanying report text explicitly indicates that the SRS Division is to become the National Center. The bill now goes to the House, which passed an earlier version this spring. The bill is expected to pass and be signed by the President.

PEOPLE NEWS

>The University of Pennsylvania Department of Statistics celebrated the 70th birthday of CNSTAT chair **Larry Brown** with a three-day conference Wednesday through Friday, December 15th-17th. The speakers included the following distinguished guests from all over: Jim Berger (Duke), John Hartigan (Yale), Bill Strawderman (Rutgers), Peter Hall (University of Melbourne), Ed George (University of Pennsylvania), Christian Robert (Universite Paris-Dauphine), Ester Samuel-Cahn (Hebrew University), Robert Adler (Technion), Brenda MacGibbon (University of Quebec), Larry Wasserman (Carnegie Mellon), Morris Eaton (University of Minnesota), Jianqing Fan (Princeton), Steve Fienberg (Carnegie Mellon—on sabbatical in Paris), Xiao-li Meng (Harvard), Bernard Silverman (Chief Scientific Advisor, Home Office, London), and Tony Cai (University of Pennsylvania). The topics included a number of research areas that have greatly benefitted from Larry Brown's seminal contributions, including statistical decision theory, asymptotic theory for high-dimensional inference, Bayes and empirical Bayes analysis, functional data analysis, and high-dimensional covariance matrix estimation and random matrices.

>Please see the attached letter from **Bob Hauser**, interim executive director of DBASSE (the parent division for CNSTAT in the National Academies), requesting suggestions of people to consider to head the division (a position description follows the letter).

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The Report in Brief—

Developing credible short-term and long-term projections of Medicare health care costs is critical for public- and private-sector policy planning, but faces challenges and uncertainties. There is uncertainty not only in the underlying economic and demographic assumptions used in projection models, but also in what a policy modeler assumes about future changes in the health status of the population and the factors affecting health status, the extent and pace of scientific and technological breakthroughs in medical care, the preferences of the population for particular kinds of care, the likelihood that policy makers will alter current law and regulations, and how each of these factors relates to health care costs for the elderly population.

The National Research Council conducted a public workshop in January 2010 focusing on areas of research needed to improve health care cost projections for the Medicare population, and on the strengths and weaknesses of competing frameworks for projecting health care expenditures for the elderly. The workshop considered major classes of projection and simulation models that are currently used and the underlying data sources and research inputs for these models. It also explored areas in which additional research and data are needed to inform model development and health care policy analysis more broadly. The workshop, summarized in this volume, drew people from a wide variety of disciplines and perspectives, including federal agencies, academia, and nongovernmental organizations.

>Printed copies of *The Prevention and Treatment of Missing Data in Clinical Trials*, the final report of the Panel on Handling Missing Data in Clinical Trials, chaired by Roderick J.A. Little for the Food and Drug Administration, are now available. (The report was released in prepublication format on July 19, 2010; free PDFs may be downloaded from the National Academies Press at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12955.)

The Report in Brief—

Randomized clinical trials are the primary tool for evaluating new medical interventions. Randomization provides for a fair comparison between treatment and control groups, balancing out, on average, distributions of known and unknown factors among the participants. Unfortunately, these studies often lack a substantial percentage of data, which reduces the benefit provided by the randomization and introduces potential biases in the comparison of the treatment groups.

Missing data can arise for a variety of reasons, including the inability or unwillingness of participants to meet appointments for evaluation. And in some studies, some or all of data collection ceases when participants discontinue study treatment. Existing guidelines for the design and conduct of clinical trials, and the analysis of the resulting data, provide only limited advice on how to handle missing data. Thus, approaches to the analysis of data with an appreciable amount of missing values tend to be ad hoc and variable.

The Prevention and Treatment of Missing Data in Clinical Trials concludes that a more principled approach to design and analysis in the presence of missing data is both needed and possible. Such an approach needs to focus on two critical elements: (1) careful design and conduct to limit the amount and impact of missing data and (2) analysis that makes full use of information on all randomized participants and is based on careful attention to the assumptions about the nature of the missing data underlying estimates of treatment effects. In addition to the highest priority recommendations, the book offers more detailed recommendations on the conduct of clinical trials and techniques for analysis of trial data.

CNSTAT MEETINGS

>We have had several inquiries about CNSTAT's regular meeting schedule and so provide our meeting dates from October 2010 through October 2011. Note that our **May** meetings are always the Thursday-Friday before Mother's Day; our **October** meetings are always the second-to-last Thursday-Friday. Note also that the **venue** for our public events will be the Keck Center or a near-by location because the main NAS building at 2100 Constitution Avenue is closed for a 2-year renovation project.

- *CNSTAT's 114th meeting* will be held Friday and Saturday, February 11-12, 2011, at the NAS Beckman Center in Irvine, CA. There are no public events at this meeting.
- *CNSTAT's 115th meeting* will be held **Thursday and Friday, May 5-6, 2011**, in Washington, DC. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 6th**.
- *CNSTAT's 116th meeting* will be held **Thursday and Friday, October 20-21, 2011**, in Washington, DC. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 21st**.

>Please note that CNSTAT has added a "**Presentations**" page to its web site to post slides from meetings, workshops, and seminars. Currently posted at www.nationalacademies.org/cnstat/ are the following:

CNSTAT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

October 22, 2010: [Eavey Slides](#), [Eltinge Slides](#), [Kalton Slides](#), [Little Slides](#), [Morton Slides](#), [Tourangeau Slides](#)

May 6-7, 2010: [Public Agenda](#), [Davern Slides](#), [Sondik Slides](#), [Wallman/Martinez Slides](#)

October 29-30, 2009: [Public Agenda](#), [Romer Slides](#), [Rudd Slides](#)

May 7-8, 2009: [Public Agenda](#), [Abraham Slides](#), [Anderson Slides](#), [Eddy Slides](#), [Haver Slides](#), [Jorgenson Slides](#), [Kingsbury Slides](#), [O'Malley Slides](#), [Orszag Slides](#), [Overberg Slides](#), [Preston Slides](#), [Salvo Slides](#)

WORKSHOPS

[Improving Health Care Cost Projections for the Medicare Population](#) (January 13, 2010): [Battacharya](#), [Chernew](#), [Cohen](#), [Crimmins](#), [Foster](#), [Friedman](#), [Lakdawalla](#), [Manchester](#), [Thorpe](#), [Trogdon](#)

[Evaluating Databases for Use in Uninsured Estimates for Children](#) (June 17-18, 2010): [Baugh](#), [Blewett](#), [Davern](#), [Rousseau](#)

[The Future of Federal Household Surveys](#) (November 4-5, 2010)

Session 1: [Abraham](#), [Bethlehem](#), [Clark and Smith](#), [Stern](#), [Tambay](#)

Session 2: [Lepkowski](#), [Rust](#), [Scheuren](#)

Session 3: [Dillman](#), [Martinez](#), [Trepanier](#), [Zaslavsky](#)

Session 4: [Bell](#), [Fay](#), [Raghunathan](#)

Session 5: [Madans & Bowie](#), [Nelson](#)

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, for consensus studies, 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; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Allen Schirm (Mathematica Policy Research)

Reports planned: Phase 1 report, *Developing and Evaluating Methods for Using American Community Survey Data to Support the School Meals Program: Interim Report*, released in prepublication format on May 18, 2010, is now available in printed form (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12917); Phase 2 report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Seventh meeting (closed) scheduled for January 11-12, 2011, in Irvine, CA; workshop with school nutrition program directors scheduled for March 3-4, 2011.

Department of Commerce

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

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2009 – September 2011

Study director: Krisztina Marton; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Paul Voss, University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill and University of Wisconsin–Madison

Reports planned: interim report is being prepared for release; final report

Upcoming meetings: Data user workshop held December 13, 2010, in Washington, DC; 5th Panel meeting held December 14, 2010, in Washington, DC; 6th panel meeting scheduled for February 17-18, 2011, in Washington, DC; 7th panel meeting scheduled for May 12-13, 2011, in Washington, DC

Panel to Review the 2010 Census

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: May 2009 – July 2014

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

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

Reports planned: First interim report is being drafted; second interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting held November 18-19, 2010, in Washington, DC; sixth meeting to be scheduled in spring 2011

Department of Defense

Committee to Review the Testing of Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S. Army (joint with the Board on Army Science and Technology, National Laboratory Assessments Board, and National Materials Advisory Board)

Sponsor: Office of the Secretary of Defense, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation

Duration: November 2009 – January 2011

Study director: Robert Love (BAST); project assistant: Alice Williams

Chair: Larry Lehowicz (Major General, U.S. Army retired; Quantum International)

Reports planned: *Phase I Report on Review of the Testing of Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S. Army: Letter Report* released January 4, 2010 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12837); *Phase II Report on Review of the Testing of*

Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S. Army released publicly on May 3, 2010 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12885); final report is being drafted
Upcoming meetings: Fourth meeting held October 12-15, 2010, in Washington, DC, with follow-up meeting October 18-19, 2010

Panel 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 2011
Study director: Michael Cohen; research associate: Julie Schuck; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan); panel member: John Rolph (U. Southern California)
Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary) is being drafted
Upcoming meetings: Workshop held January 15-16, 2010, in Washington, DC; fourth meeting held June 18-19 in Woods Hole, MA; no more meetings are planned

Panel on Reliability Growth Modeling

Sponsor: Office of the Secretary of Defense, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, and Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics
Duration: September 2009 – May 2012
Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: TBD (panel nomination package is going through approvals)
Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)
Upcoming meetings: First meeting will be held in February 2011

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 – December 2010
Study director: Thomas Plewes; senior program officer: Judith Koenig (BOTA); associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard U.)
Report planned: Final report is in response to review
Upcoming meetings: Fourth meeting (closed) held June 7-8, 2010, in Berkeley, CA; no more meetings are planned

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: Krisztina Marton; senior program officer: Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin
Chair: William Eddy (Carnegie Mellon)
Reports planned: Letter report released June 1, 2010 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12922); final report

Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting scheduled for January 31–February 1, 2011, in Irvine CA; sixth meeting scheduled for April 18-19, 2011, in Washington, DC

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 2010

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Joseph Newhouse (Harvard)

Report: Final report, *Accounting for Health and Health Care: Approaches to Measuring the Sources and Costs of Their Improvement*, released in prepublication format, June 21, 2010 (PDFs may be purchased at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12938); printed copies will be available shortly

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

Panel on Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Biological Specimens and Biodata in Social Surveys (joint with the Committee on Population)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2007 – December 2010

Study director: Barney Cohen (CPOP); project assistant: Jacqueline Sovde

Chair: Robert Hauser (U. Wisconsin-Madison)

Report: Final report, *Conducting Biosocial Surveys: Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Biospecimens and Biodata*, released in prepublication format, June 25, 2010, is now available in printed form (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12942)

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

Panel on Measuring Medical Care Risk in Conjunction with the New Supplemental Poverty Measure (joint with IOM Board on Health Care Services)

Sponsor: Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

Duration: October 2010 – June 2012

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; senior program officer: Jill Eden (IOM); project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: TBD (panel nomination package is going through approvals)

Report planned: Final report including workshop summary

Upcoming meetings: First meeting will be in February 2011

Panel on Missing Data in Clinical Trials

Sponsor: Food and Drug Administration

Duration: October 2008 – September 2010

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

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

Report: Final report, *The Prevention and Treatment of Missing Data in Clinical Trials*, released in prepublication format, July 19, 2010, is now available in printed form (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12955)

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

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 2011

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Report planned: no report; prospectus for a possible study

Upcoming meeting: Is now being scheduled on the basis of information from the invitational meeting in conjunction with the United Kingdom Economic and Social Research Council that was held November 8-9, 2010, in Washington, DC

Workshop on Improving Healthcare Cost Projections for the Medicare Population

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2008 – December 2010

Study director: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Dana Goldman (UCLA and RAND)

Report: *Improving Health Care Cost Projections for the Medicare Population: Summary of a Workshop*, released in prepublication format on August 25, 2010, is now available in printed form (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12985) (slides are posted on CNSTAT web site, Presentations page)

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held January 13, 2010, in Washington, DC

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: Anthony Mann

Chair: V. Joseph Hotz (Duke University)

Report: *Databases for Estimating Health Insurance Coverage for Children: A Workshop Summary*, released in prepublication format October 15, 2010, is now available in printed form (free PDFs are available from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13024) (slides are posted on CNSTAT web site, Presentations page)

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held June 17-18, 2010, in Washington, DC

Workshops on Evaluation of Measures of Subjective Well-Being and Development of OECD Guidance for National Statistical Agencies on the Measurement of Well-Being

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2010 – September 2012

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: TBD (subcontract is being let with OECD)

Reports planned: Workshop transcripts; OECD guidance document

Department of Labor

Panel on Redesigning the BLS Consumer Expenditure Surveys

Sponsor: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Duration: October 2010 – September 2012

Study director: Carol House; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: TBD (panel nomination package is going through approvals)

Report planned: Workshop transcripts; final report

Upcoming meetings: First meeting is scheduled for February 8-9, 2011, in Washington, DC

Department of Transportation

Panel on Strategies for Improved Passenger and Freight Travel Data (joint with the Transportation Research Board's Studies and Special Programs Division)

Sponsor: Federal Highway Administration (DOT), Research and Innovative Technology Administration (DOT), American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Transportation Research Board

Duration: October 2009 – March 2011

Study director: Nancy Humphrey (TRB)

Chair: Joseph Schofer (Northwestern U.); panel member: Hermann Habermann

Report planned: Final report is in review

Upcoming meetings: Fourth (final) meeting held August 16-17, 2010, in Washington, DC

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Panel on Measuring and Collecting Pay Information from U.S. Employers by Gender, Race, and National Origin

Sponsor: EEOC

Duration: October 2010 – March 2012

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: TBD

National Science Foundation

Panel on Communicating National Science Foundation Science and Engineering Information to Data Users (joint with the Computer Science and Telecommunications Board)

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2009 – March 2011

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Kevin Novak (American Institute of Architects)

Report planned: Interim report, including workshop summary, is being drafted; final report

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held October 27-28, 2010, in Washington, DC

Panel to Review the National Science Foundation's Science and Technology Indicators (joint with Science, Technology, and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2010 – September 2012

Study director: Kaye Husbands Fealing; STEP director: Steven Merrill; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: TBD (panel is being assembled)

Reports planned: Interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: First meeting will be in February 2011

Workshop on Future Directions for the NSF National Patterns of Research and Development Program

Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2010 – September 2011

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: TBD
Reports planned: Workshop summary by rapporteur
Upcoming meetings: TBD

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 – May 2011

Study director: Hermann Habermann; project assistant: Bridget Edmonds

Chair: Thomas Louis (Johns Hopkins); members: Lawrence Brown (U. Pennsylvania), Emerson Elliott (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education), Ivan Fellegi (Statistics Canada emeritus), Sally Morton (RTI International), Robert Groves (U.S. Census Bureau), Edward Sondik (NCHS)

Report planned: Workshop summary is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held June 29, 2010, in Washington, DC

Workshop on the Future of Federal Household Surveys

Sponsor: The U.S. Census Bureau and other statistical agencies through the core grant to CNSTAT from the National Science Foundation Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics Program

Duration: April 2010 – May 2011

Study director: Krisztina Marton; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin; on loan from the Census Bureau, Jennifer Karberg

Chair: Hal Stern (UC, Irvine); members: Katharine Abraham (JPSM, U. Maryland), Chet Bowie (NORC); Cynthia Clark (NASS), Graham Kalton (Westat), Jennifer Madans (NCHS), Alan Zaslavsky (Harvard Medical School)

Report planned: Workshop summary is being drafted (slides are posted on CNSTAT web site, Presentations page)

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held November 4-5, 2010, in Washington, DC

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 2011

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

Chair: Teresa Sullivan (U. Virginia)

Reports planned: Final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Fifth meeting held November 11, 2010, in Washington, DC; sixth and last meeting (closed) scheduled for February 3, 2011

Russell Sage Foundation

Panel on a Research Agenda for the Future of Social Science Data Collection

Sponsor: Russell Sage Foundation:

Duration: July 2010 – December 2011

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Roger Tourangeau (U. Maryland); member: Nora Cate Schaeffer (U. Wisconsin)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: First meeting held November 23, 2011; second meeting scheduled for February 17-18, 2011

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Dear Colleague –

The National Academies is currently seeking an exceptional candidate for the position of executive director of its Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE). As the attached position description indicates, “This is a rare and challenging opportunity for an executive professional with experience drawn from a broad range of related disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences.”

I would very much appreciate your assistance in two ways. First, I invite you to nominate one or more individuals whom you think the National Academies should consider in its search for DBASSE executive director. I also invite you to post this announcement on list-serves or online newsletters where you think it would attract the attention of qualified candidates.

Please send names of people for the Academies to consider to me at the address noted below. I would also be very appreciative to learn of places where you have posted the announcement.

I thank you in advance for your serious consideration and assistance in recruiting for this important position for the social and behavioral sciences.

With regards,



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Announcement of Job Vacancy

Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education

Executive Director

The National Research Council (NRC) is actively seeking an Executive Director for the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE). DBASSE is one of five divisions of the NRC, the operating arm of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, and the Institute of Medicine. This is a rare and challenging opportunity for an executive professional with experience drawn from a broad range of related disciplines. The Executive Director is responsible for the intellectual, strategic, managerial, and financial leadership of DBASSE.

The Executive Director establishes current and long-range objectives for the division. Works with a division advisory committee for strategic planning. Manages all aspects of the division's portfolio and staff. Works with individuals and organizations to secure financial support for the division's programs and projects. With the other four divisions, supports the institution's leadership in management and policy making. Reports to the Executive Officer of the NRC.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES

1. Establishes a vision and working strategy for division activities. Plans, develops, and shapes the division's programs/projects and services.
2. Manages the division's program: \$16-18 million annually in program funds; 11 standing boards; 40-50 consensus studies, workshops, and other activities; and a staff of approximately 90, including scientific personnel and administrative, financial, and management staff.
3. Works with senior DBASSE staff, actively develops financial sponsorship for program and project activities.
4. Develops program budget estimates and maintains operations within budgetary constraints.
5. Represents the behavioral and social sciences and education through the National Research Council and its activities and at the highest level of government, academic organizations, businesses, and foundations.
6. Recruits and supports the expert volunteers who serve on the division's boards, consensus panels, and other activities.
7. Provides leadership and guidance to staff and cultivates a work environment that fosters teamwork.
8. Supports the NRC Executive Office in institutional management, policy making, and planning activities.

QUALIFICATIONS

The successful candidate will possess a Ph.D. in a related field or equivalent knowledge. At least six years of scholarship, research, and professional experience in a related field, at least three of which are in an executive, program development, and direction capacity.

Ability to inspire, lead, and manage the activities of division staff and volunteer advisers. Broad competence in diverse fields among the behavioral, social, economic, and educational sciences.

Productive experience in research and scholarship, preferably including interdisciplinary work. Experience in managing “soft money” activities. Excellent written, oral, interpersonal, and organizational skills with a proven ability to effectively interact with employees at all levels, expert volunteers, sponsors, and others.

Ability to effectively represent the division and the NRC to potential sponsors and stakeholders. Ability to solve problems of substantial complexity and to serve as a resource to others in the resolution of complex problems. Ability to work with substantial latitude for independent judgment and action. Ability to work successfully in a team environment and to form and maintain effective teams. Experience working in complex organizational environments. Understanding of the mission and culture of the NRC.

(Recruitment for this position will continue until an outstanding candidate is identified. It is expected that the candidate selected will begin employment as DBASSE Executive Director no later than September 2011.)

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