

January 20, 2010

News from the Committee on National Statistics

PEOPLE NEWS

>We note with great sadness the untimely death on December 17, 2010, from complications of cancer, of **Dr. Phyllis Kaniss**, executive director of the American Academy of Political and Social Science (AAPSS) and a longtime teaching faculty member at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania (see <http://www.asc.upenn.edu/News/NewsDetail.aspx?nid=816&ntype=faculty>). She was the author of *Making Local News* (University of Chicago Press, 1991) and *The Media and the Mayor's Race: The Failure of Urban Political Reporting* (Indiana University Press, 1995), which won the 1995 Bart Richards Award for media criticism. In 1999, she created the Student Voices Project, a youth civic engagement initiative of the Annenberg Public Policy Center that worked with school systems in cities throughout the country. Dr. Kaniss received a B.A. degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a Ph.D. in regional science from Cornell University.

Her connection with CNSTAT is that she worked tirelessly and enthusiastically with our staff and members to organize the very successful joint CNSTAT-AAPSS Symposium on the Federal Statistical System—Recognizing Its Contributions; Moving It Forward that was held at the National Academies on May 8, 2009, and resulted in a special volume of the *Annals* of the AAPSS, edited by **Ken Prewitt**, “The Federal Statistical System: Its Vulnerability Matters More than You Think” (<http://www.sagepub.com/books/Book235999>). We will miss Phyllis’s good cheer and extraordinary skills in furthering the use of social science to address important social problems.

>We congratulate and welcome **Sean P. “Jack” Buckley** who was confirmed last month as commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics for a term running through June 21, 2015. He was previously an associate professor of applied statistics at New York University. He also served as deputy commissioner of NCES from 2006 to 2008 under former NCES commissioner Mark Schneider. He is known for his research on school choice, particularly charter schools, and on statistical methods for public policy. His former positions include affiliated researcher with the National Center for the Study of the Privatization in Education at Teachers College, Columbia University; assistant professor at Boston College; and instructor at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He spent 5 years in the U.S. Navy as a surface warfare officer and nuclear reactor engineer and also worked as an analytic methodologist at the Central Intelligence Agency. He holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in political science from SUNY Stony Brook and a B.A. in government from Harvard.

>We congratulate and welcome **Patricia Hu** whose appointment as director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, effective in February, was announced on January 14, 2011, by Peter Appel, head of the Research and Innovation Technology Administration in USDOT. Pat spent over 20 years with the Center for Transportation Analysis at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 9 of them as its director. She led programs on transportation survey methods and data quality, transportation analysis and model development, and visualization-based transportation decision making tools. Under her leadership, the Center for Transportation Analysis developed products that leverage data from BTS’s Commodity Flow Survey to significantly advance understanding of freight flows in the U.S., created cloud-computing tools to analyze personal travel patterns based on DOT’s National Household Travel Survey, constructed the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) deployment tracking database, and developed data and modeling strategies to estimate regional origin-destination flows of passenger travel. She has also been an active member and leader on several Transportation Research Board (TRB) committees, expert panels, and advisory boards that cover transportation analysis, transportation safety,

and transportation information systems and data. Pat received her undergraduate degree in statistics from the National Chengchi University in Taiwan, her M.S. in statistics from the University of Guelph, Ontario, and did post-M.S. graduate work in biostatistics at the University of Iowa.

>We congratulate **Lynda Carlson**, director of the NSF Division of Science Resources Statistics (soon to be the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics), on her election in December 2010 as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Section on Social, Economic, and Political Science.

>We wish **Suzann Evinger**, long-time former staff member of the Statistics and Science Policy Office in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, the very best in her retirement, which occurred at the end of December 2010. Most notable in Suzann's decades of service at OMB was her work with international organizations—particularly with the United Nations and its regional commissions, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and others including the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. She was the focal point in the U.S. statistical system for coordinating the U.S. contributions of technical expertise and data to a wide array of working parties under these organizations. In addition, she had the lead at OMB for early work on standards for the collection of data on race and ethnicity and for continuing work on Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas.

>We wish **Dale Hitchcock**, former director of the Division of Data Policy, Office of Science and Data Policy, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation in DHHS, all the best in his retirement, which occurred at the end of 2010. Dale had 41 years of public service and did much to support the cause of improved data for health and human services policy analysis and research.

>We wish **Clyde Tucker**, former senior survey methodologist with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the best in his retirement, which we note will include service on a CNSTAT panel on redesigning the Consumer Expenditure Survey. Clyde worked at BLS for more than 25 years. He cochaired the Interagency Research Group, which was responsible for revising the methodology for collecting information on race and ethnicity in federal surveys and served on the committee overseeing the methodology of the Current Population Survey. He received both the Herriot Award for Innovation in Federal Statistics from the American Statistical Association and the Innovator Award from the American Association for Public Opinion Research. In 2004, 2006, 2008, and 2010, he headed the decision desk for CNN as part of its national election coverage.

>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).

REPORT NEWS

>Printed copies of ***Accounting for Health and Health Care: Approaches to Measuring the Sources and Costs of Their Improvement***, the final report of the Panel to Advance a Research Program on the Design of National Health Accounts, chaired by Joseph Newhouse for the National Institute on Aging, are now available. (The report was released in prepublication format on June 21, 2010. PDFs of the report may be purchased from the National Academies Press at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12938.)

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 report 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.

>***Allocating Federal Funds for State Programs for English Language Learners***, the final report of the Panel to Review Alternative Data Sources for the Limited-English Proficiency Allocation Formula under Title III, Part A, Elementary and Secondary Education Act, chaired by Alan Zaslavsky for the U.S. Department of Education, was released in prepublication format, January 10, 2011. (Free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13090; printed copies will be available shortly.)

The Report in Brief—

As the United States continues to be a nation of immigrants and their children, the nation's school systems face increased enrollments of students whose primary language is not English. With the 2001 reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) in the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), the allocation of federal funds for programs to assist these students to be proficient in English became formula-based: 80 percent on the basis of the population of children with limited English proficiency and 20 percent on the basis of the population of recently immigrated children and youth. Title III of NCLB directs the U.S. Department of Education to allocate funds on the basis of the more accurate of two allowable data sources: the number of students reported to the federal government by each state education agency or data from the American Community Survey (ACS). The department determined that the ACS estimates are more accurate, and since 2005, those data have been basis for the federal distribution of Title III funds. Subsequently, analyses of the two data sources have raised concerns about that decision, especially because the two allowable data sources would allocate quite different amounts to the states. In addition, while shortcomings were noted in the data provided by the states, the ACS estimates were shown to fluctuate between years, causing concern among the states about the unpredictability and unevenness of program funding. The panel's report addresses the accuracy of the estimates from the two data sources, the factors that influence the estimates, and means of increasing the accuracy of the data sources.

>***Measuring the Group Quarters Population in the American Community Survey: Interim Report***, by the Panel on Statistical Methods for Measuring the Group Quarters Population in the American Community Survey, chaired by Paul Voss for the U.S. Census Bureau, was released in prepublication form on December 27, 2010. (Free PDFs of the report may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13075; the report will not be printed.)

The Report in Brief—

After several years of testing and evaluation, the American Community Survey (ACS) was launched in 2005 as a replacement for the census "long form," used to collect detailed social, economic, and housing data from a sample of the U.S. population as part of the decennial census. During the first year of the ACS implementation, the Census Bureau collected data only from households. In 2006 a sample of group quarters (GQs)—such as correctional facilities, nursing homes, and college dorms—was added to more closely mirror the design of the census long-form sample.

The design of the ACS relies on monthly samples that are cumulated to produce multiyear estimates based on 1, 3, and 5 years of data. The multiyear averaging approach enables the Census Bureau to produce estimates that are intended to be robust enough to release for small areas, such as the smallest governmental units and census block groups. However, the sparseness of the GQ representation in the monthly samples affects the quality of the estimates in many small areas that have large GQ populations relative to the total population. This book presents recommendations

addressing improvements in the sample design, sample allocation, weighting, and estimation procedures to assist the Census Bureau's work in the very near term, while further research is conducted to address the underlying question of the relative importance and costs of the GQ data collection in the context of the overall ACS design.

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 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: Workshop with school nutrition program directors scheduled for March 3-4, 2011, in Washington, DC; final (closed) panel meeting scheduled for April 6-7, 2011, 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 released December 27, 2010 (see above); final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Sixth panel meeting scheduled for February 17-18, 2011, in Washington, DC; seventh (final, closed) 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 in review; second interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: 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 – March 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: Last meeting held October 18-19, 2010; no more meetings are planned

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: Arthur Fries (Institute for Defense Analyses); panel member: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan)
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 released in prepublication format, January 10, 2011 (see above); printed copies will be available shortly
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, now available in printed form (see above)

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: Michael O'Grady (NORC)

Report planned: Final report including workshop summary

Upcoming meetings: First meeting scheduled for February 16, 2011, in Washington, DC

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

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: Don Dillman (Washington State U.)
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 (panel is being formed)
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 is in review; final report
Upcoming meetings: Workshop held October 27-28, 2010, in Washington, DC; next meeting TBD

Panel on Developing Science, Technology, and Innovation Indicators for the Future (joint with Science, Technology, and Economic Policy Board)
Sponsor: Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Science Foundation
Duration: October 2010 – December 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 by teleconference

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: Sixth and last meeting (closed) scheduled for February 3, 2011, in Washington, DC

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: Second meeting scheduled for February 17-18, 2011, in Washington, DC

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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,



Robert M. Hauser
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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 expert volunteers. 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.)

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR RESUME FOR CONSIDERATION

For consideration, please forward your cover letter and resume using one of these options. You will not receive a confirmation of receipt unless you submit using the web.

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News from the Committee on National Statistics

PEOPLE NEWS

>We are delighted to note the appointment of **Bob Hauser** as permanent executive director of DBASSE (the parent division for CNSTAT in the National Academies), per the following memorandum from Dr. Ralph Cicerone, president of the National Academy of Sciences, to NAS staff on February 22:

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Robert "Bob" Hauser, a member of the NAS since 1983, has been appointed Executive Director of the National Research Council's Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE). This new appointment follows his six months of service as the Division's Interim Executive Director.

Bob's distinguished career over forty-one years at the University of Wisconsin-Madison includes serving as Professor of Sociology and founding Director of the Center for Demography of Health and Aging. He has been an investigator on the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study (WLS) since 1969 and has led the study since 1980. The WLS has followed the lives of more than 10,000 Wisconsin high school graduates in the class of 1957 for over half a century. His 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 between generations and across the life course. His recent activities include several National Research Council reports, *Measuring Literacy: Performance Levels for Adults*; *High School Dropout, Completion, and Graduation Rates: Better Data, Better Measures, Better Decisions*; *Conducting Biosocial Surveys: Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Biospecimens and Biodata*; and *A Plan for Evaluating the District of Columbia's Public Schools: From Impressions to Evidence*; along with journal publications about survey design, grade retention, social mobility, obesity, cognitive functioning, and end-of-life planning.

Dr. Connie Citro will continue to serve as Director of the DBASSE Committee on National Statistics and, while a search is underway for a permanent Deputy Director of DBASSE, as Interim Deputy Director. NAS member Dr. Richard Atkinson continues to chair the division committee for DBASSE.

>We are also delighted to welcome **Brian Harris-Kojetin** as a CNSTAT staff member from March 1 through June 30; he is on loan from the Statistical and Science Policy Office in OMB. Brian has been a senior statistician with OMB since 2001. Previously, he was senior project leader, Research Standards and Practices, The Arbitron Company, and research psychologist, Office of Survey Methods Research, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. He has a Ph.D. in social psychology with a minor in statistics from the University of Minnesota. He will be working with Tom Plewes and Carol House on several CNSTAT projects.

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

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

Reports planned: *Measuring the Group Quarters Population in the American Community Survey:*

Interim Report released in prepublication form on December 27, 2010 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13075; the report will not be printed); final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Seventh (final, closed) panel meeting scheduled for May 12-13, 2011, in Washington, DC

Panel to Review the 2010 Census

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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 in response to review; second interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: Sixth meeting scheduled for April 7-8, 2011, in Washington, DC.

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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 – March 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: Last meeting held October 18-19, 2010; no more meetings are planned

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: Arthur Fries (Institute for Defense Analyses); panel member: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

Upcoming meetings: First meeting scheduled for March 4, 2011, in Washington, DC

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, *Allocating Federal Funds for State Programs for English Language Learners*, released in prepublication format, January 10, 2011 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13090; printed copies will be available shortly)

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 is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: 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, and final version, December, 2010; also available as a PDF, which can be purchased from the National Academies Press at http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12938

Upcoming meetings: No more meetings are planned

Panel on Measuring Medical Care Risk in Conjunction with the New Supplemental Poverty

Measure (joint with the 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: Michael O'Grady (NORC)

Report planned: Final report including workshop summary

Upcoming meetings: First meeting held February 16, 2011, in Washington, DC; workshop scheduled for September 8-9, 2011, in Washington, DC

Planning Meeting on Measuring Subjective Well-Being in a Policy-Relevant National Accounting Framework (joint with the 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

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 (grant 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: Linda DePugh

Chair: Don Dillman (Washington State U.)

Report planned: Workshop transcripts; final report

Upcoming meetings: Second meeting and household survey producers workshop scheduled for June 1-3, 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 has been approved and is being prepared for release

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: John Abowd (Cornell)

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: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2009 – March 2011

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Kevin Novak (American Institute of Architects)

Report planned: Interim report has cleared review and is being prepared for release; final report

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held October 27-28, 2010, in Washington, DC; next meeting scheduled for March 10-11, in Washington, DC

Panel on Developing Science, Technology, and Innovation Indicators for the Future (joint with the Science, Technology, and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2010 – December 2012

Study director: Kaye Husbands Fealing; STEP director: Steven Merrill; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: TBD (panel is being assembled)

Reports planned: Interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: First meeting held February 8, 2011, by teleconference; second meeting scheduled for April 14-15, 2011, in Washington, DC

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

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

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 in review

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: Sixth meeting (closed) held February 3, 2011, in Washington, DC

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: Second meeting and workshop held February 17-18, 2011, in Washington, DC;
third meeting TBD

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March 30, 2011

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>We congratulate **Katherine Wallman**, chief statistician of the U.S., for receiving a 2011 Excellence in Public Service Award from the Population Association of America's Government and Public Affairs Committee. The award will be presented at the Applied Demography Reception at the annual PAA meeting, Thursday, March 31, 2011, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, at the Marriott Wardman Park hotel in Washington, DC. Other recipients are the Honorable **Carolyn Maloney** (D-NY) and congressional staff member **Bettilou Taylor**.

>We congratulate the editors of the recently published *Science of Science Policy: A Handbook* (Stanford University Press, 2011), who are **Kaye Husbands Fealing**, CNSTAT senior program officer and the organizer of the Science of Science and Innovation Policy (SciSIP) program at the National Science Foundation; **Julia Lane**, director of the SciSIP program at NSF, formerly at NORC and American University, and a prime mover of the Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) program at the Census Bureau; **Jack Marburger**, science advisor to President George W. Bush and president of the State University of New York at Stony Brook; and **Stephanie Shipp**, with the Science and Technology Policy Institute in Washington, DC, and formerly with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Census Bureau, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

>We congratulate **Art Fries** for receiving the 2010 U.S. Army Wilks Award, established to honor the career of Samuel S. Wilks and his service to the Army. Art is a long-time senior staff member with the Institute for Defense Analyses and is chairing the CNSTAT Panel on Reliability Growth Modeling.

>We congratulate **Emerson Elliott**, director of special projects at the National Council for the Accreditation of Teachers and former Commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics, who will be giving the Distinguished Public Service Award Lecture in New Orleans at the annual conference of the American Educational Research Association, April 10, 2011. The title of his talk is "From Eisenhower to Obama: Ruminations on a Federal Experience in Education."

REPORT NEWS

> ***Change and the 2020 Census: Not Whether But How***, the first interim report of the Panel to Review the 2010 Census, co-chaired by Thomas Cook and Janet Norwood for the U.S. Census Bureau, was released in prepublication format on March 25, 2011. Free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13135; printed copies will be available shortly. Tom Cook will present the report's findings at a hearing titled "Census: Learning Lessons from 2010, Planning for 2020" before the Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, & International Security, Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs, Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at 1:30 pm in room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. Panel member John Thompson will also testify.

The Report in Brief—

Sponsored by the Census Bureau and charged to evaluate the 2010 U.S. census with an eye toward suggesting research and development for the 2020 census, the Panel to Review the 2010

Census uses this first interim report to suggest four broad topic areas as priorities for 2020 research: field reengineering; multiple response options, including use of the Internet; use of administrative records to assist the census enumeration; and continuous improvement of geographic resources. Although the Census Bureau has taken some useful organizational and administrative steps to prepare for 2020, the panel suggests the Census Bureau take an assertive, aggressive approach to 2020 planning rather than casting possibilities purely as hypothetical. It identifies the setting of bold goals as essential to underscoring the need for serious reengineering and building commitment to change.

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The Report in Brief—

This report from the Panel on Communicating National Science Foundation (NSF) Science and Engineering Information to Data Users recommends action by the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics on four key issues: data content and presentation; meeting changing storage and retrieval standards; understanding data users and their emerging needs; and data accessibility. This report also includes a summary of the workshop that focused on several aspects of the NCSES's current approaches to communicating and disseminating statistical information—including NCSES's information products, website, and database systems. It included presentations from NCSES staff and representatives of key user groups—including the academic research, private nonprofit research, and federal government policy making communities.

>**How We Travel: A Sustainable National Program for Travel Data**, the final report of the joint CNSTAT-Transportation Research Board Committee on Strategies for Improved Passenger and Freight Travel Data, chaired by Joseph Schofer for TRB, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, the Federal Highway Administration, and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, was released in prepublication format on March 15, 2011. Free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13125; printed copies will be available shortly.

The Report in Brief—

The committee's report assesses the current state of travel data at the federal, state, and local levels and defines an achievable and sustainable travel data system that could support public and private transportation decision making. The committee recommends the organization of a National Travel Data Program built on a core of essential passenger and freight travel data sponsored at the federal level and well integrated with travel data collected by states, metropolitan planning organizations, transit and other local agencies, and the private sector.

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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: Last meeting held October 18-19, 2010; no more meetings are planned

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

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Duration: September 2009 – May 2012

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Arthur Fries (Institute for Defense Analyses); panel member: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

Upcoming meetings: Workshop will be held in July 2011 in Washington, DC

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, ***Allocating Federal Funds for State Programs for English Language Learners***, released in prepublication format, January 10, 2011 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13090; printed copies will be available in May)

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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 is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Final (closed) sixth meeting scheduled for April 18-19, 2011, in Washington, DC

Department of Health and Human Services

Panel on Measuring Medical Care Risk in Conjunction with the New Supplemental Poverty

Measure (joint with the 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

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Framework (joint with the 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: Will be folded into an expected new panel on measuring subjective well-being with funding from NIA and the United Kingdom Economic and Social Research Council.

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 (grant has been let with OECD)

Reports planned: Workshop transcripts; OECD guidance document

Upcoming meeting: TBD

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: Linda DePugh

Chair: Don Dillman (Washington State U.)

Report planned: Workshop transcripts; final report

Upcoming meetings: Second meeting and household survey producers' workshop scheduled for June 1-3, 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), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (DOT), American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Transportation Research Board

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Study director: Nancy Humphrey (TRB)

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Report planned: Final report, *How We Travel: A Sustainable National Program for Travel Data*

released in prepublication format on March 15, 2011 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13125; printed copies will be available shortly)

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: John Abowd (Cornell)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: First workshop scheduled for May 24-25, 2011, 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: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2009 – March 2011

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Kevin Novak (American Institute of Architects)

Reports planned: *Communicating National Science Foundation Science and Engineering Information to Data Users: Letter Report* released on March 8, 2011 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13120); final report

Upcoming meetings: Second workshop held March 10-11, in Washington, DC; final closed meeting will be held in June 2011.

Panel on Developing Science, Technology, and Innovation Indicators for the Future (joint with the Science, Technology, and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2010 – December 2012

Study director: Kaye Husbands Fealing; STEP director: Steven Merrill; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Co-chairs: Robert Litan (Kauffman Foundation) and Andrew Wyckoff (OECD)

Reports planned: Interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: First meeting scheduled for April 14-15, 2011, in Washington, DC

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

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

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 in response to review

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 in review (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: Sixth meeting (closed) held February 3, 2011, in Washington, DC – will there be another meeting?

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: Third meeting and second workshop scheduled for April 28-29, 2011, in Washington, DC

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THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES
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PUBLIC SEMINAR

Friday, May 6, 2011 – Venable Conference Center
Terrell Building, 575 7th St, NW, Washington, DC – The Capitol Room

- 2:00 pm *Light refreshments for Seminar Guests – Capitol Room*
- 2:30 *Welcome*
 —**Lawrence Brown**, CNSTAT Chair and the University of Pennsylvania
- 2:35 *Developments at the OMB Statistical and Science Policy Office*
 —**Katherine Wallman**, Chief Statistician of the U.S.
- 2:45 *Featured Topic: **The Implications of Technology-Driven Non-Government Data Collection for Federal Statistics***
 —Introduction: **Lisa Lynch**, CNSTAT member and Brandeis University
 —Speaker: **Erik Brynjolfsson**, Schussel Family Professor at the MIT Sloan School of Management and Director of the MIT Center for Digital Business
 —Discussant, Technical Issues: **John Abowd**, CNSTAT and Cornell University [invited]
 —Discussant, Policy Issues: **Kenneth Prewitt**, Columbia University [invited]
- 3:40 Floor discussion
- 4:00 ***Reception – Atrium, Keck Center, 500 5th St NW***
- 5:00 Adjourn

Abstract: *Statistics are beginning to appear, often supported by the collection of large numbers of data elements from Internet-based transactions or postings, which are providing alternatives to some official series produced by agencies of the federal statistical system. These alternatives, while often more timely, more frequent, and of reasonable quality, also can have substantial measurement error. In addition, their production on a regular basis is dependent on the uncertain future plans of private businesses. So they have advantages and disadvantages in comparison with analogous official series. An obvious question is how can and should the federal statistical system react to the development of these alternative series?*

Presenters will provide an overview of some of the most promising private sector (or non-government) data collections (e.g., MIT billion prices project, Google projects, ADP, Gallup employment projects, Google flu trends, etc.) focusing on their capabilities, likely future directions, and the implications for the quality and breadth of future economic and social statistics. Discussants will pose questions as to what the response should be by the federal statistical agencies in reaction to these potentially transformative, technology-driven non-government data collections. In addition, some technical issues will be raised, along with possible approaches to their solution, through attempts to integrate these new alternative series with the official ones. It is hoped that these presentations will initiate a broader discussion of the implications of this possibly new dimension of federal statistics.

NOTE: the Venable Conference Center is in the old Hecht department store building at 7th and F Sts. NW (entrance on 7th St), across from the arena exit at the Gallery Place Metro Station (red/green/yellow line). To REGISTER, please respond to cnstat@nas.edu or call Bridget Edmonds at 202-334-3096.

April 29, 2011

News from the Committee on National Statistics

[see pp. 8-9 for announcement of CNSTAT's May 6 public seminar]

PEOPLE NEWS

>We congratulate ***Katharine Abraham***, professor in the Joint Program on Survey Methodology at the University of Maryland, on her recent confirmation as member of the Council of Economic Advisers. Katharine was the commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics from 1993-2001. She served two terms on CNSTAT and chaired its Panel to Study the Design of Nonmarket Accounts.

>We congratulate ***Bill Bostic*** on becoming the associate director for economic programs at the U.S. Census Bureau. He previously served as assistant director for economic programs with responsibility for the censuses of manufactures, mineral industries, retail and wholesale trade, service industries, transportation, and other businesses and before that as chief of several divisions in the economic programs directorate.

>We congratulate ***Tom Mesenbourg***, deputy director of the U.S. Census Bureau, for having been selected to receive 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. The award was established in 1980 by the Washington Statistical Society (WSS) and is now cosponsored by the WSS, the National Association for Business Economics, and the Business and Economics Statistics Section of the American Statistical Association. It is named in honor of "***Julie***" ***Shiskin***, who served prior to his death in 1978 as commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, chief statistician in the Office of Management and Budget, and chief economic statistician and assistant director of the Census Bureau.

>We congratulate ***Vijay Nair*** who will become the president-elect of the International Statistical Institute after its meeting in Dublin in late August. Vijay is professor of statistics and industrial and operations engineering at the University of Michigan. He served two terms on CNSTAT and is currently chairing CNSTAT's Panel on Industrial Methods for the Effective Test and Development of Defense Systems.

>We congratulate ***Jenise Swall***, a statistician with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, who was selected to receive the 2011 Jean Griffith Mentoring Award. The purpose of the award is to encourage mentoring of junior staff in the statistical community in the federal, state, and local government. The award is sponsored by the Government Statistics Section, the National Opinion Research Center, the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics, the American Institutes for Research, the American Educational Research Association, and the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy. Dr. Swall works in a research area in which statisticians are greatly outnumbered by other scientists. She has been instrumental in mentoring students, postdocs, younger statisticians, and scientists in promoting statistical quality in all research projects. Dr. Swall will be presented the award at a ceremony scheduled for 4 pm on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at the Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center. The ceremony will follow the monthly meeting of the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy.

OTHER NEWS

>**Gordon Fisher** of ASPE/DHHS reports that he has accomplished a long-anticipated goal by posting a web page on the career, achievements, and publications of **Mollie Orshansky**, who developed what became the official U.S. poverty measure. The page is on HHS's Poverty Guidelines, Research, and Measurement web site at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/Orshansky/index.shtml>. The web page includes links to articles and conference presentations about Orshansky, to a paper on the development and history of her poverty thresholds, and to a chronological bibliography of her publications and Congressional testimony from 1947 to 1990.

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 115th meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, May 5-6, 2011**, in Washington, DC at the Venable Conference Center. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 6th** on "*The Potential Role of Technology-Driven Nongovernment Data Collection for Federal Statistics*" (see pp. 8-9 for the agenda, bio of the speaker, and RSVP information).
- **CNSTAT's 116th meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, October 20-21, 2011**, in Washington, DC at the Keck Center. 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 seminars and workshops. Currently posted at www.nationalacademies.org/cnstat/ are the following:

CNSTAT COMMITTEE MEETINGS—PUBLIC SEMINARS

The Survey Methodology Pipeline—Providing Needed Expertise for the Federal Statistical System (October 22, 2010): [Eavey](#), [Eltinge](#), [Kalton](#), [Little](#), [Morton](#), [Tourangeau](#)

Using Administrative and Survey Data to Inform Public Policy—A Federal Statistical System Initiative (May 6-7, 2010): [Public Agenda](#), [Davern](#), [Sondik](#), [Wallman/Martinez](#)

Challenges for Policy Uses of Federal Statistics (October 29-30, 2009): [Public Agenda](#), [Romer](#), [Rudd](#)

CNSTAT-AAPSS Symposium on the Federal Statistical System: Recognizing Its Contributions, Moving It Forward (May 7-8, 2009): [Public Agenda](#), [Abraham](#), [Anderson](#), [Eddy](#), [Haver](#), [Jorgenson](#), [Kingsbury](#), [O'Malley](#), [Orszag](#), [Overberg](#), [Preston](#), [Salvo](#)

WORKSHOPS

[Research Agenda for the Future of Social Science Data Collection](#) (February 17-18, 2011)

[Baker](#), [Bates](#), [Brick](#), [Couper](#), [Kreuter](#), [Lavrakas](#), [Singer](#), [Wagner](#)

[Redesigning the BLS CE Surveys](#) (February 8-9, 2011)

[Cage](#), [Carroll](#), [Eltinge](#), [Garner & Passero](#), [Henderson](#), [Horriggan](#), [Link](#), [Safir1](#), [Safir2](#), [Safir3](#), [Swanson](#), [Ryan](#)

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](#)

Enhancing Research and Development for the Federal Statistical System (June 29, 2010)

[Habermann paper](#), [Parker paper](#)

Evaluating Databases for Use in Uninsured Estimates for Children (June 17-18, 2010)

[Baugh](#), [Blewett](#), [Davern](#), [Rousseau](#)

Improving Health Care Cost Projections for the Medicare Population (January 13, 2010)

[Battacharya](#), [Chernew](#), [Cohen](#), [Crimmins](#), [Foster](#), [Friedman](#), [Lakdawalla](#), [Manchester](#), [Thorpe](#), [Trogdon](#)

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: *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, available in printed form (free PDFs may be downloaded from

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

Upcoming meetings: Closed panel meeting scheduled for May 31-June 1, 2011, 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; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

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

Reports planned: *Measuring the Group Quarters Population in the American Community Survey:*

Interim Report released in prepublication form on December 27, 2010 (free PDFs may be

downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13075, the report will not be printed); final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Seventh (final, closed) panel meeting scheduled for July 21-22, 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: *Change and the 2020 Census: Not Whether But How*, the panel's first interim report, released in prepublication format on March 25, 2011 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13135; printed copies will be available shortly); second interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: Seventh meeting scheduled for June 20-21, 2011, in Irvine, CA

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 – March 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 in review

Upcoming meetings: Last meeting held October 18-19, 2010; no more meetings are planned

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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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Duration: September 2009 – May 2012

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Department of Health and Human Services

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Sponsor: Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

Duration: October 2010 – June 2012

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Upcoming meetings: Workshop scheduled for September 8, 2011, followed by closed panel meeting, September 9, 2011, in Washington, DC

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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: Will be folded into an expected new panel on measuring subjective well-being with funding from NIA and the United Kingdom Economic and Social Research Council.

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Duration: October 2010 – September 2012

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: TBD (grant has been let with OECD)

Reports planned: Workshop transcripts; OECD guidance document

Upcoming meeting: Workshop will be held in June 2011

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Duration: October 2010 – September 2012

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Study director: Nancy Humphrey (TRB)

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

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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

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Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2009 – March 2011

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Kevin Novak (American Institute of Architects)

Reports planned: *Communicating National Science Foundation Science and Engineering Information to Data Users: Letter Report* released on March 8, 2011 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13120); final report

Upcoming meetings: Final closed meeting will be held May 23, 2011, in Washington, DC

Panel on Developing Science, Technology, and Innovation Indicators for the Future (joint with the Science, Technology, and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2010 – December 2012

Study director: Kaye Husbands Fealing; STEP director: Steven Merrill; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Co-chairs: Robert Litan (Kauffman Foundation) and Andrew Wyckoff (OECD)

Reports planned: Interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: First workshop and second meeting scheduled for July 11-12, 2011, in Washington, DC

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

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

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, *Facilitating Innovation in the Federal Statistical System: Summary of a Workshop*, has cleared review and will be released in prepublication format on May 5, 2011

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 in response to review (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 – September 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: Sixth meeting (closed) held February 3, 2011, in Washington, DC; one additional meeting may be scheduled

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: Third meeting and second workshop held April 28-29, 2011, in Washington, DC. Fourth meeting to be held in late June or early July.

THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL STATISTICS—PUBLIC SEMINAR

Friday, May 6, 2011 – Venable Conference Center

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

NOTE: the Venable Conference Center is in the building at the southeast corner of 7th and F Sts. NW (entrance on 7th St), across from the arena exit at the Gallery Place Metro Station (red/green/yellow line). To REGISTER, please respond to cnstat@nas.edu or call Bridget Edmonds at 202-334-3096.

2:00 pm

Light refreshments for Seminar Guests – Capitol Room

- 2:30 *Welcome*
 —**Lawrence Brown**, CNSTAT Chair and the University of Pennsylvania
- 2:35 *Developments at the OMB Statistical and Science Policy Office*
 —**Katherine Wallman**, Chief Statistician of the U.S.
- 2:45 *Featured Topic: The Potential role of Technology-Driven Nongovernment Data Collection for Federal Statistics*
 —Introduction: **Lisa Lynch**, CNSTAT member and Brandeis University
 —Speaker: **Erik Brynjolfsson**, Schussel family professor, MIT Sloan School of Management; director, MIT Center for Digital Business; and research associate, NBER
 —Discussion of data quality concerns and technical issues: **John Abowd**, CNSTAT member and Cornell University
 —Discussion of long-run impact and policies for the statistical agencies: **Kenneth Prewitt**, past CNSTAT member and Columbia University
- 3:40 Floor discussion
- 4:00 **Reception – Atrium, Keck Center, 500 5th St NW**
- 5:00 Adjourn

Abstract: *Statistics derived from large numbers of data elements from Internet-based transactions or postings are emerging as alternatives to official series produced by agencies of the federal statistical system. These alternatives, while often more timely and more frequent, are often of untested and uncertain quality. In addition, their production on an ongoing basis is dependent on the plans and priorities of private businesses. Hence, an obvious question is how can the federal statistical system best react to the development of these alternative series? Erik Brynjolfsson, Schussel family professor at the MIT Sloan School of Management and director of the MIT Center for Digital Business, will provide an overview of some of the most promising private sector (or nongovernment) data collections, focusing on their capabilities, likely directions, and implications for the quality and breadth of future economic and social statistics. Discussants will pose questions about how the federal statistical agencies might react to these potentially transformative alternative data. In addition, some technical issues will be raised, along with possible approaches for integrating these new alternative series with the official ones. It is hoped that these presentations will initiate a discussion of the broad implications of this new challenge to and opportunity for federal statistics.*

Erik Brynjolfsson is the director of the MIT Center for Digital Business, the Schussel family professor at the MIT Sloan School, research associate at the NBER, and chair of the *MIT Sloan Management Review*. His research examines the effects of information technologies on business strategy, productivity, and performance, Internet commerce, pricing models, and intangible assets. At MIT, he teaches courses on the economics of information. He was among the first researchers to measure the productivity contributions of IT and the complementary role of organizational capital and other intangibles. His research also provided the first quantification of the value of online product variety, often known as the “Long Tail,” and developed pricing and bundling models for information goods. His recent work examines the social networks revealed by digital information flows, such as email traffic, and their relationships to information worker productivity. Brynjolfsson’s research has appeared in leading economics, management, and science journals. It has been recognized with nine Best Paper awards and five patents. Brynjolfsson is the author or co-editor of several books, including *Wired for Innovation: How IT Is Reshaping the Economy*; *Understanding the Digital Economy*; *Intangible Assets*; and

Strategies for eBusiness Success, and editor of SSRN's *Information System Network*. He has served on the editorial boards of numerous academic journals as well as *Time* magazine's Board of Economists and the Academic Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from Harvard University in applied mathematics and decision sciences and a Ph.D. from MIT in managerial economics. He has also taught at Harvard and Stanford. His papers can be found at <http://digital.mit.edu/erik>

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

May 31, 2011

News from the Committee on National Statistics

PEOPLE NEWS

>We congratulate **Karen Kafadar**, CNSTAT member and Rudy professor of statistics at Indiana University, on her appointment as editor for biology, medicine, and genomics for the *Annals of Applied Statistics*.

>We congratulate **Cora Marrett** on her confirmation by the U.S. Senate, May 27, 2011, as deputy director of the National Science Foundation. From 1992-96, she was the first assistant director for the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) Directorate. She returned to NSF in 2007 to serve as the assistant director for the Education and Human Resources Directorate. In early 2009, she became NSF's acting deputy director. In between her NSF appointments, she served as the senior vice president for academic affairs and professor of sociology of the University of Wisconsin System and as the vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She served on the DBASSE advisory committee and chaired the CNSTAT panel (joint with the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences) that produced the 2003 report, *Protecting Participants and Facilitating Social and Behavioral Sciences Research*.

REPORT NEWS

>***Facilitating Innovation in the Federal Statistical System: Summary of a Workshop*** was released in prepublication format on May 5, 2011. The workshop, held in Washington, DC, on June 29, 2010, on behalf of NSF and the federal statistical system, was chaired by Tom Louis and reported by Hermann Habermann. Free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13168.

The Report in Brief—

The workshop was designed to address three topics: (1) the need for innovation in the federal statistical system; (2) the scope of the innovation problem and barriers to innovation; and (3) possible approaches to facilitating innovation in the federal statistical system. The summary is organized around the themes of the discussions and includes excerpts from papers commissioned for the system by Bob Parker and Hermann Habermann and an older, still pertinent paper by Don Dillman.

>***The Future of Federal Household Surveys: A Workshop Summary*** was released in prepublication format on May 13, 2011. The workshop, held in Washington, DC, on November 4-5, 2010, was chaired by Hal Stern and reported by Krisztina Marton and Jennifer Karberg. Free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13174.

The Report in Brief—

Federal household surveys today face several significant challenges including: increasing costs of data collection, declining response rates, perceptions of increasing response burden, inadequate timeliness of estimates, discrepant estimates of key indicators, inefficient and considerable duplication of some survey content, and instances of gaps in needed research and analysis. The Workshop on the Future of Federal Household Surveys, held at the request of the U.S. Census Bureau, with support from NSF and other federal statistical agencies, was designed to address the increasing concern among many members of the federal statistical system that federal household data collections in their current form are unsustainable. The workshop brought together leaders in the statistical community to discuss opportunities for enhancing the relevance, quality, and cost-

effectiveness of household surveys sponsored by the federal statistical system. The summary includes a number of solutions that range from methodological approaches, such as the use of administrative data, to emphasis on interagency cooperative efforts.

OTHER NEWS

>The Office of the Vice President on May 25, 2011, issued a ***“Joint Fact Sheet: U.S.-UK Higher Education, Science, and Innovation Collaboration,”*** on the occasion of President’s Obama’s visit to the UK (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/05/25/joint-fact-sheet-us-uk-higher-education-science-and-innovation-collabora>). The fact sheet indicated that: “Prime Minister Cameron and President Obama agree that science and higher education are the foundation stones of their two nations’ 21st century economies and that the UK and U.S. have a responsibility to further their global leadership roles in these essential fields. . . . The Prime Minister and President reaffirmed during the State visit their mutual commitment to strong collaboration in science and higher education and agreed to work to increase the number of joint endeavours among individuals in cutting-edge laboratories, universities, scientific societies, think tanks, government agencies to develop human capital and ensure a strong and agile knowledge base.” Among the current collaborative initiatives mentioned in the fact sheet was the following:

Health and Wellbeing: *The two leaders endorsed collaboration between world-class longitudinal studies in the U.S. and UK, with the potential to transform our understanding of issues such as childhood obesity, cancer, aging, and emotional wellbeing. The President and PM Cameron also welcomed the involvement of the Economic and Social Research Council in partnership with the National Institute on Aging at the National Institutes of Health in the development of a U.S. National Research Council Panel on Measuring Subjective Wellbeing, which has the potential to generate new insights that will directly inform social and economic policies.*

CNSTAT MEETINGS

>We have had several inquiries about CNSTAT’s regular meeting schedule and so provide our meeting dates from October 2011 through May 2012. 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 renovation project.

- **CNSTAT’s 116th meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, October 20-21, 2011**, in Washington, DC at the Keck Center. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 21st** on *“The Effects of the Great Recession on Our Economy and Society: Insights from Public Data,”* featuring presentations from authors of a forthcoming Russell Sage volume that will be released in September 2011.
- **CNSTAT’s 117th meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, February 9-10, 2012**, in Washington DC. This meeting will be a retreat and will neither include public sessions nor a luncheon with statistical agency heads.
- **CNSTAT’s 118th meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, May 10-11, 2012**, in Washington, DC at the Keck Center. It will mark CNSTAT’s 40th year of continuous operation, and also the 100th birthday (actually on May 6) of CNSTAT’s first director, **Margaret Martin**. We will definitely plan something special.

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

CNSTAT COMMITTEE MEETINGS—PUBLIC SEMINARS

The Potential Role of Technology-Driven Nongovernment Data Collection for Federal Statistics (May 6, 2011): [Brynjolfsson](#)
The Survey Methodology Pipeline—Providing Needed Expertise for the Federal Statistical System (October 22, 2010): [Eavey](#), [Eltinge](#), [Kalton](#), [Little](#), [Morton](#), [Tourangeau](#)
Using Administrative and Survey Data to Inform Public Policy—A Federal Statistical System Initiative (May 6-7, 2010): [Public Agenda](#), [Davern](#), [Sondik](#), [Wallman/Martinez](#)
Challenges for Policy Uses of Federal Statistics (October 29-30, 2009): [Public Agenda](#), [Romer](#), [Rudd](#)
CNSTAT-AAPSS Symposium on the Federal Statistical System: Recognizing Its Contributions, Moving It Forward (May 7-8, 2009): [Public Agenda](#), [Abraham](#), [Anderson](#), [Eddy](#), [Haver](#), [Jorgenson](#), [Kingsbury](#), [O’Malley](#), [Orszag](#), [Overberg](#), [Preston](#), [Salvo](#)

WORKSHOPS

[Research Agenda for the Future of Social Science Data Collection](#) (February 17-18, 2011)
[Baker](#), [Bates](#), [Brick](#), [Couper](#), [Kreuter](#), [Lavrakas](#), [Singer](#), [Wagner](#)

[Redesigning the BLS CE Surveys](#) (February 8-9, 2011)
[Cage](#), [Carroll](#), [Eltinge](#), [Garner & Passero](#), [Henderson](#), [Horrigan](#), [Link](#), [Safir1](#), [Safir2](#), [Safir3](#), [Swanson](#), [Ryan](#)

[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](#)

[Enhancing Research and Development for the Federal Statistical System](#) (June 29, 2010)
[Habermann paper](#), [Parker paper](#)

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

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

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: *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, available in printed form (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12917); final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Closed panel meeting scheduled for May 31-June 1, 2011, 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; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

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

Reports planned: *Measuring the Group Quarters Population in the American Community Survey: Interim Report* released in prepublication form on December 27, 2010 (free PDFs may be

downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13075, the report will not be printed); final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Seventh (final, closed) panel meeting scheduled for July 21-22, 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

Chair: Thomas Cook (former president, SABRE Decision Technologies); panel member: Janet Norwood (former BLS commissioner)

Reports planned: *Change and the 2020 Census: Not Whether But How*, the panel's first interim report, released in prepublication format on March 25, 2011 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13135; printed copies will be available shortly); second interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: Seventh meeting scheduled for June 20-21, 2011, in Irvine, CA

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 – March 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 in review

Upcoming meetings: Last meeting held October 18-19, 2010; no more meetings are planned

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: Arthur Fries (Institute for Defense Analyses); panel member: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

Upcoming meetings: Workshop scheduled for September 22-23, 2011, in Washington, DC

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: Final report, *Allocating Federal Funds for State Programs for English Language*

Learners, released in prepublication format, January 10, 2011 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13090; printed copies will be available shortly)

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 is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Sixth meeting held April 18-19, 2011; no more meetings are scheduled

Department of Health and Human Services

Panel on Measuring Medical Care Risk in Conjunction with the New Supplemental Poverty

Measure (joint with the 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: Michael O'Grady (NORC)

Report planned: Final report including workshop summary

Upcoming meetings: Workshop scheduled for September 8, 2011, followed by closed panel meeting, September 9, 2011, in Washington, DC

Panel on Measuring Subjective Well-Being in a Policy-Relevant Framework (joint with the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging (funding also expected from the UK Economic and Social Research Council)

Duration: May 2011 – May 2013

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: TBD

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

Co-chairs: Alan Krueger (Princeton) and Paul Nolan (London School of Economics and Political Science); steering committee member: Norman Bradburn (NORC)

Reports planned: Workshop transcripts; OECD guidance document (grant has been let with OECD)

Upcoming meeting: First workshop will be held in July 2011

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: Linda DePugh

Chair: Don Dillman (Washington State U.)

Report planned: Workshop transcripts; final report

Upcoming meetings: Household survey producers' workshop scheduled for June 1-2, 2011, in Washington, DC, followed by closed panel meeting, June 2-3.

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), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (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, *How We Travel: A Sustainable National Program for Travel Data* released in prepublication format on March 15, 2011 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13125; printed copies will be available shortly)

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: John Abowd (Cornell)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Second workshop and panel meeting scheduled for July 21-22, 2011, 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: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2009 – March 2011

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Kevin Novak (American Institute of Architects)

Reports planned: *Communicating National Science Foundation Science and Engineering Information to Data Users: Letter Report* released on March 8, 2011 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13120); final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Final closed meeting held May 23, 2011, in Washington, DC

Panel on Developing Science, Technology, and Innovation Indicators for the Future (joint with the Science, Technology, and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2010 – December 2012

Study director: Kaye Husbands Fealing; STEP director: Steven Merrill; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Co-chairs: Robert Litan (Kauffman Foundation) and Andrew Wyckoff (OECD)

Reports planned: Interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: First workshop and second meeting scheduled for July 11-12, 2011, in Washington, DC

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

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2010 – September 2011

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: TBD

Reports planned: Workshop summary by rapporteur

Upcoming meetings: TBD

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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: *The Future of Federal Household Surveys: A Workshop Summary* released in prepublication format, May 13, 2011 (workshop slides are posted on CNSTAT web site, Presentations page) (free PDFs of report may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13174)

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)

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

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Chair: Roger Tourangeau (U. Maryland); member: Nora Cate Schaeffer (U. Wisconsin)
Report planned: Final report
Upcoming meetings: Third meeting and second workshop held April 28-29, 2011, in Washington, DC; fourth meeting (closed) scheduled for July 11, 2011, in Washington, DC

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June 30, 2011

News from the Committee on National Statistics

NEW MEMBERS

>CNSTAT is delighted to welcome as new members, appointed to 3-year terms beginning July 1:

Ruth Peterson, professor of sociology and director of the Criminal Justice Research Center at Ohio State University, where she has been on the faculty since 1985. She has conducted research on legal decision making and sentencing, crime and deterrence, and most recently, patterns of urban crime. She is widely published in the areas of capital punishment, race, gender, and socioeconomic disadvantage. Her current research focuses on the linkages among racial residential segregation, concentrated social disadvantage and race-specific crime, and the social context of prosecutorial and court decisions. She served on the CNSTAT Panel to Review the Programs of the Bureau of Justice Statistics and is a member of the NRC Committee on Law and Justice. She has a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Wisconsin.

John H. Thompson, president of the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) and previously NORC's executive vice president for survey operations. He came to NORC in 2002 after a 27-year career at the U.S. Census Bureau, where, as one of the bureau's most senior career officers, he had responsibility for all aspects of the 2000 census, including management, operations, and methodology. He is an acknowledged expert in the field of social science research, with a special emphasis on large and complex surveys. His recent work includes serving as project director for the National Immunization Survey (NIS), which NORC conducts on behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). He served on the CNSTAT Panel on the Design of the 2010 Census Program of Evaluations and Experiments and is serving on the CNSTAT Panel to Review the 2010 Census. He received B.S. and M.S. degrees in mathematics from Virginia Tech University.

>We also welcome the following members to their second 3-year terms:

Alicia Carriquiry, distinguished professor of liberal arts and sciences and professor of statistics at Iowa State University

Sallie Keller, director of the Science and Technology Policy Institute in Washington, DC, a federally funded research and development center (FFRDC) that performs work for the Office of Science and Technology Policy

Lisa Lynch, dean and professor of economics at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University

Hal Stern, Ted and Janice Smith Family Foundation dean and professor of statistics at the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences at the University of California at Irvine. Hal has recently been named a fellow of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics.

>We offer deep thanks to **Samuel Preston**, Frederick J. Warren professor of demography at the University of Pennsylvania and member of the National Academy of Sciences and Institute of Medicine, whose two terms ended June 30, for his dedicated service to CNSTAT and the NAS/NRC over many years, dating back to his term as chair of the Committee on Population Panel on India in 1978-1983. Among his many contributions, he chaired the CNSTAT Panel to Review the National Children's Study Research Plan and is currently serving as a member of the CPOP Panel on Understanding International Health Differences in High-Income Countries: Patterns, Puzzles, Paradoxes, and Public Health Opportunities, a successor to the Panel on Understanding Divergent Trends in Longevity in High-Income Countries, which he co-chaired with Eileen Crimmins.

OTHER PEOPLE NEWS

>We note with regret and much appreciation for his service to EIA and the federal statistical community the resignation of **Richard Newell** as administrator of the Energy Information Administration, effective July 1. Dr. Newell is returning to his faculty position at Duke University after 2 years leading an important statistical agency. EIA deputy administrator Howard Gruenspecht will serve as the acting administrator.

>We note with regret and much appreciation for her service to ERS and the federal statistical community the upcoming retirement of **Kitty Smith** from her position as administrator of the Economic Research Service, effective August 13 after more than 29 years of service. At present, she is working as a consultant for ERS and helping under secretary Cathi Woteki identify candidates for the new administrator. Mary Bohman and Laurian Unnevehr are taking turns as acting administrator. After her retirement, Kitty will be joining the staff of the American Farmland Trust (AFT) as vice president of programs & chief economist. In this position, she will oversee research and policy development for the organization and administer programs concerning farmland protection, agriculture and the environment, and a sustainable future for agriculture.

REPORT NEWS

>Great news for fans of CNSTAT and other NAS reports in this recent announcement from the **National Academies Press**:

The National Academies—National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, and National Research Council—are committed to distributing their reports to as wide an audience as possible. Since 1994 we have offered “Read for Free” options for almost all our titles. In addition, we have been offering free downloads of most of our titles to everyone and of all titles to readers in the developing world. We are now going one step further. Effective June 2nd, PDFs of reports that are currently for sale on the National Academies Press (NAP) Website and PDFs associated with future reports will be offered free of charge to all Web visitors.

>Printed copies of ***Allocating Federal Funds for State Programs for English Language Learners***, the final report of the Panel to Review Alternative Data Sources for the Limited-English Proficiency Allocation Formula under Title III, Part A, Elementary and Secondary Education Act, chaired by Alan Zaslavsky for the U.S. Department of Education, are now available. (The report was released in prepublication format, January 10, 2011; free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13090.)

The Report in Brief—

As the United States continues to be a nation of immigrants and their children, the nation's school systems face increased enrollments of students whose primary language is not English. With the 2001 reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) in the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), the allocation of federal funds for programs to assist these students to be proficient in English became formula-based: 80 percent on the basis of the population of children with limited English proficiency and 20 percent on the basis of the population of recently immigrated children and youth. Title III of NCLB directs the U.S. Department of Education to allocate funds on the basis of the more accurate of two allowable data sources: the number of students reported to the federal government by each state education agency or data from the American Community Survey (ACS). The department determined that the ACS estimates are more accurate, and since 2005, those data

have been basis for the federal distribution of Title III funds. Subsequently, analyses of the two data sources have raised concerns about that decision, especially because the two allowable data sources would allocate quite different amounts to the states. In addition, while shortcomings were noted in the data provided by the states, the ACS estimates were shown to fluctuate between years, causing concern among the states about the unpredictability and unevenness of program funding. The panel's report addresses the accuracy of the estimates from the two data sources, the factors that influence the estimates, and means of increasing the accuracy of the data sources.

>Printed copies of ***Change and the 2020 Census: Not Whether But How***, the first interim report of the Panel to Review the 2010 Census, chaired by Tom Cook for the U.S. Census Bureau, are now available. (The report was released in prepublication format on March 25, 2011; free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13135.)

The Report in Brief—

Charged to evaluate the 2010 U.S. census with an eye toward suggesting research and development for the 2020 census, the Panel to Review the 2010 Census uses this first interim report to suggest four broad topic areas as priorities for 2020 research: field reengineering; multiple response options, including use of the Internet; use of administrative records to assist the census enumeration; and continuous improvement of geographic resources. Although the Census Bureau has taken some useful organizational and administrative steps to prepare for 2020, the panel suggests the Census Bureau take an assertive, aggressive approach to 2020 planning rather than casting possibilities purely as hypothetical. It identifies the setting of bold goals as essential to underscoring the need for serious reengineering and building commitment to change.

OTHER NEWS

>The U.S. Census Bureau today announced a reorganization of its field structure, which will reduce the number of regional offices from 12 to 6 and streamline supervisory management of its large interviewer workforce. See <http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/miscellaneous/realignment.html> for details. The intent is to save costs and enable Census Bureau field operations to “keep pace with modern survey collection methods.”

CNSTAT MEETINGS

>We have had several inquiries about CNSTAT's regular meeting schedule and so provide our meeting dates from October 2011 through May 2012. 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 renovation project.

- ***CNSTAT's 116th meeting*** will be held **Thursday and Friday, October 20-21, 2011**, in Washington, DC at the Keck Center. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 21st** on “*The Effects of the Great Recession on Our Economy and Society: Insights from Public Data*,” featuring presentations from authors of a forthcoming Russell Sage volume that will be released in September 2011.
- ***CNSTAT's 117th meeting*** will be held **Thursday and Friday, February 9-10, 2012**, in Washington DC. This meeting will be a retreat and will neither include public sessions nor a luncheon with statistical agency heads.

- *CNSTAT's 118th meeting* will be held **Thursday and Friday, May 10-11, 2012**, in Washington, DC at the Keck Center. It will mark CNSTAT's 40th year of continuous operation, and also the 100th birthday (actually on May 6) of CNSTAT's first director, *Margaret Martin*. We will definitely plan something special.

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

CNSTAT COMMITTEE MEETINGS—PUBLIC SEMINARS

The Potential Role of Technology-Driven Nongovernment Data Collection for Federal Statistics (May 6, 2011): [Brynjolfsson](#)
The Survey Methodology Pipeline—Providing Needed Expertise for the Federal Statistical System (October 22, 2010): [Eavey](#), [Eltinge](#), [Kalton](#), [Little](#), [Morton](#), [Tourangeau](#)
Using Administrative and Survey Data to Inform Public Policy—A Federal Statistical System Initiative (May 6-7, 2010): [Public Agenda](#), [Davern](#), [Sondik](#), [Wallman/Martinez](#)
Challenges for Policy Uses of Federal Statistics (October 29-30, 2009): [Public Agenda](#), [Romer](#), [Rudd](#)
CNSTAT-AAPSS Symposium on the Federal Statistical System: Recognizing Its Contributions, Moving It Forward (May 7-8, 2009): [Public Agenda](#), [Abraham](#), [Anderson](#), [Eddy](#), [Haver](#), [Jorgenson](#), [Kingsbury](#), [O'Malley](#), [Orszag](#), [Overberg](#), [Preston](#), [Salvo](#)

WORKSHOPS/OPEN PANEL SESSIONS

Household Survey Producers Workshop (June 1-2, 2011)

[David Aune](#), [Justin Bailey](#), [Peter Paul Borg](#), [Nancy Cole](#), [Guylaine Dubreuil](#), [Johanne Tremblay](#), [Jenny Lynch](#), and [Martin Lemire](#), [Jason Fields I](#), [Jason Fields II](#), [Jane Gentlemen](#), [Giles Horsfield](#), [Richard Hough](#), [Paul Kizakevich](#), [Eileen O'Brien](#), [Nathaniel Schenker](#) and [Van Parsons](#), [Jolene Smyth et al.](#), [April Beaulé](#) and [Frank Stafford](#), [Clyde Tucker](#), [Jennifer Wine](#) and [John Riccobono](#)

Developing Science, Technology, and Innovation Indicators for the Future (April 14-15, 2011)

[Lynda Carlson](#), [Mark Doms](#), [Fred Gault](#), [Barbara Fraumeni](#), [Richard Freeman](#), [Michael Mandel](#), [John Rolph I](#), [John Rolph II](#), [Gregory Tassey](#), [Leland Wilkinson](#)

Research Agenda for the Future of Social Science Data Collection (February 17-18, 2011)

[Baker](#), [Bates](#), [Brick](#), [Couper](#), [Kreuter](#), [Lavrakas](#), [Singer](#), [Wagner](#)

Redesigning the BLS CE Surveys (February 8-9, 2011)

[Cage](#), [Carroll](#), [Eltinge](#), [Garner & Passero](#), [Henderson](#), [Horrigan](#), [Link](#), [Safir1](#), [Safir2](#), [Safir3](#), [Swanson](#), [Ryan](#)

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](#)

Enhancing Research and Development for the Federal Statistical System (June 29, 2010)

[Habermann paper](#), [Parker paper](#)

Evaluating Databases for Use in Uninsured Estimates for Children (June 17-18, 2010)

[Baugh](#), [Blewett](#), [Davern](#), [Rousseau](#)

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

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: *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, available in printed form (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12917); final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Closed panel meeting held for May 31-June 1, 2011, in Washington, DC; no more meetings are scheduled at this time.

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

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

Reports planned: *Measuring the Group Quarters Population in the American Community Survey: Interim Report* released in prepublication form on December 27, 2010 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13075, the report will not be printed); final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Seventh (final, closed) panel meeting scheduled for July 21-22, 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

Chair: Thomas Cook (former president, SABRE Decision Technologies); panel member: Janet Norwood (former BLS commissioner)

Reports planned: *Change and the 2020 Census: Not Whether But How*, the panel's first interim report, released in prepublication format on March 25, 2011, now available in printed form (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13135); second interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: Seventh meeting held June 20-21, 2011, in Irvine, CA; eighth and ninth meetings scheduled for August 15-16 and October 18-19, 2011, 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 – September 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 in review

Upcoming meetings: Last meeting held October 18-19, 2010; no more meetings are planned

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 – September 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: Arthur Fries (Institute for Defense Analyses); panel member: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan)

Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)

Upcoming meetings: Workshop scheduled for September 22-23, 2011, in Washington, DC

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: Final report, *Allocating Federal Funds for State Programs for English Language Learners*, released in prepublication format, January 10, 2011, now available in printed form (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13090)
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 is being drafted
Upcoming meetings: Sixth meeting held April 18-19, 2011; no more meetings are scheduled

Department of Health and Human Services

Panel on Measuring Medical Care Risk in Conjunction with the New Supplemental Poverty Measure (joint with the 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: Michael O'Grady (NORC)
Report planned: Final report including workshop summary
Upcoming meetings: Workshop scheduled for September 8, 2011, followed by closed panel meeting, September 9, 2011, in Washington, DC

Panel on Measuring Subjective Well-Being in a Policy-Relevant Framework (joint with the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences)
Sponsor: National Institute on Aging (funding also expected from the UK Economic and Social Research Council)
Duration: May 2011 – May 2013
Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann
Chair: TBD (panel is being formed)
Report planned: Final report
Upcoming meetings: TBD

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
Co-chairs: Alan Krueger (Princeton) and Paul Dolan (London School of Economics and Political Science); steering committee member: Norman Bradburn (NORC)
Reports planned: Workshop transcripts; OECD guidance document (grant has been let with OECD)
Upcoming meeting: First workshop scheduled for July 8, 2011, in Paris, France

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: vacant
Chair: Don Dillman (Washington State U.)
Report planned: Workshop transcripts; final report
Upcoming meetings: Household survey producers' workshop held for June 1-2, 2011, in Washington, DC, followed by closed panel meeting, June 2-3; redesign options workshop scheduled for October 26, 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), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (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, *How We Travel: A Sustainable National Program for Travel Data* released in prepublication format on March 15, 2011 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13125; printed copies will be available shortly)
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: John Abowd (Cornell)
Report planned: Final report
Upcoming meetings: Second workshop and panel meeting scheduled for July 21-22, 2011, 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: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2009 – March 2011

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Kevin Novak (American Institute of Architects)

Reports planned: *Communicating National Science Foundation Science and Engineering Information to Data Users: Letter Report* released on March 8, 2011 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13120); final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Final closed meeting held May 23, 2011, in Washington, DC

Panel on Developing Science, Technology, and Innovation Indicators for the Future (joint with the Science, Technology, and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2010 – December 2012

Study director: Kaye Husbands Fealing; STEP director: Steven Merrill; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Co-chairs: Robert Litan (Kauffman Foundation) and Andrew Wyckoff (OECD)

Reports planned: Interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: First workshop and second meeting scheduled for July 11-12, 2011, in Washington, DC

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

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2010 – September 2011

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: TBD (steering committee is being formed)

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: *Facilitating Innovation in the Federal Statistical System: Summary of a Workshop*, released in prepublication format on May 5, 2011 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13168; printed reports will be available shortly)

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: *The Future of Federal Household Surveys: A Workshop Summary* released in prepublication format, May 13, 2011 (workshop slides are posted on CNSTAT web site, Presentations page) (free PDFs of report may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13174; printed reports will be available shortly)
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 2012
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: Sixth meeting (closed) held February 3, 2011, in Washington, DC; one additional meeting may be scheduled

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: Third meeting and second workshop held April 28-29, 2011, in Washington, DC; fourth meeting (closed) scheduled for July 11, 2011, in Washington, DC

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News from the Committee on National Statistics

[Note: An open Workshop on Developing a Measure of Medical Care Economic Risk will be held September 8, 2011, NAS Keck Center—see last page for details]

PEOPLE NEWS

>We note with regret and much appreciation for his many years of service to the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the federal statistical community the upcoming retirement of **Phil Rones** as deputy commissioner of BLS, which will occur at the end of August. Phil became deputy commissioner of BLS in July 2003; he was also acting commissioner from July 2006 until January 2008. He previously served as assistant commissioner for current employment analysis at BLS, with responsibility for the Current Population Survey, which produces official unemployment statistics and a wide range of other social and economic data. He also oversaw the management of the State and Local Area Unemployment Statistics program, the Mass Layoff Statistics program, and the American Time Use Survey. He has written extensively on labor market topics, including retirement trends and other issues related to older workers, the working poor, work hours, and regional labor market developments.

>We note with regret and much appreciation for his long-time service to the Statistics of Income Division in IRS and the federal statistical community the retirement of **Nick Greenia**, which occurred in July. Nick ably served for many years as the SOI point person for reviewing research proposals to access confidential tax data for statistical purposes in the Census Bureau's research data center network. He contributed with Mark Mazur a very useful background paper, "IRS Data, Data Users, and Data Sharing," to a BEA-sponsored CNSTAT workshop that was summarized in *Improving Business Statistics Through Interagency Data Sharing* (2006). We are fortunate that, in his retirement, Nick has agreed to share his expertise in administrative data by serving as a consultant to the CNSTAT study on collecting earnings data by gender, race, and national origin for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

>We congratulate **Don Rubin**, John L. Loeb professor of statistics at Harvard University and former CNSTAT member and Morris Hansen memorial guest lecturer, on receiving an honorary doctorate from the faculty of social sciences and economics at Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg, Germany, in recognition of his work in the social sciences and economics, particularly his outstanding contributions to the field of applied statistics. The award was conferred on May 31, 2011.

>We hope to see many of you at the **Joint Statistical Meetings** in Miami Beach, FL, July 30 – August 4. CNSTAT chair **Larry Brown** is co-author of three papers on valid post-selection inference, ensemble minimax estimation for multivariate normal means, and forecasting the evolution of curves. Other CNSTAT members who are participating as discussants and paper authors/co-authors include: **Alicia Carriquiry**, discussant in a session on advances in measurement error adjustment in nutrition and physical activity epidemiology and author/co-author of papers on a Poisson/gamma Markov random field model to introduce spatial dependence to crash frequency modeling, a genetic algorithm approach to optimize planning of food fortification programs, and threshold modeling in the presence of measurement error: application to serum vitamin D; **Joe Hotz**, co-author of a paper on identification of regressions with missing covariate data; **Karen Kafadar**, author/co-author of papers on penalized linear regression and influential observations and robust estimation of censored mixture models; **Sallie Keller**, leader of a roundtable on supporting national security policy with science and technology and author of a paper on policy implications for government, academia, and industry partnerships; **Hal Stern**, author/co-author of papers on the bowl championship series: still crazy after all these years, probabilistic biclustering, and

Bayesian hierarchical models with spatial priors in genome-wide association studies; **Roger Tourangeau**, co-author of a paper on beyond response rates: exploring the impact of prepaid cash incentives on multiple indicators of data quality; and **Alan Zaslavsky**, author of a paper on distinguishing mode selection effects from mode response effects in the Consumer Assessments of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) survey. CNSTAT senior program officer **Dan Cork** is a discussant at a session on the 2010 Census Program of Evaluations and Experiments (CPEX) and director **Connie Citro** is a discussant at a session on new research findings on the Supplemental Poverty Measure.

REPORT NEWS

>Great news for fans of CNSTAT and other NAS reports: Effective June 2nd, PDFs of reports that are currently for sale on the *National Academies Press* (NAP) Website and PDFs associated with future reports will be offered free of charge to all Web visitors.

>Printed copies of *Facilitating Innovation in the Federal Statistical System: Summary of a Workshop*, released in prepublication format on May 5, 2011, are now available. The workshop, held in Washington, DC, on June 29, 2010, on behalf of NSF and the federal statistical system, was chaired by Tom Louis and reported by Hermann Habermann. Free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13168.

The Report in Brief—

The workshop was designed to address three topics: (1) the need for innovation in the federal statistical system; (2) the scope of the innovation problem and barriers to innovation; and (3) possible approaches to facilitating innovation in the federal statistical system. The summary is organized around the themes of the discussions and includes excerpts from papers commissioned for the system by Bob Parker and Hermann Habermann and an older, still pertinent paper by Don Dillman.

>Printed copies of *The Future of Federal Household Surveys: A Workshop Summary*, released in prepublication format on May 13, 2011, are now available. The workshop, held in Washington, DC, on November 4-5, 2010, was chaired by Hal Stern and reported by Krisztina Marton and Jennifer Karberg. Free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13174.

The Report in Brief—

Federal household surveys today face several significant challenges including: increasing costs of data collection, declining response rates, perceptions of increasing response burden, inadequate timeliness of estimates, discrepant estimates of key indicators, inefficient and considerable duplication of some survey content, and instances of gaps in needed research and analysis. The Workshop on the Future of Federal Household Surveys, held at the request of the U.S. Census Bureau, with support from NSF and other federal statistical agencies, was designed to address the increasing concern among many members of the federal statistical system that federal household data collections in their current form are unsustainable. The workshop brought together leaders in the statistical community to discuss opportunities for enhancing the relevance, quality, and cost-effectiveness of household surveys sponsored by the federal statistical system. The summary includes a number of solutions that range from methodological approaches, such as the use of administrative data, to emphasis on interagency cooperative efforts.

>Printed copies of *How We Travel: A Sustainable National Program for Travel Data*, the final report of the joint CNSTAT-Transportation Research Board Committee on Strategies for Improved Passenger and Freight Travel Data, chaired by Joseph Schofer for TRB, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, the Federal Highway Administration, and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, are now available. (The report was released in prepublication format on March 15, 2011; free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13125.)

The Report in Brief—

The committee's report assesses the current state of travel data at the federal, state, and local levels and defines an achievable and sustainable travel data system that could support public and private transportation decision making. The committee recommends the organization of a National Travel Data Program built on a core of essential passenger and freight travel data sponsored at the federal level and well integrated with travel data collected by states, metropolitan planning organizations, transit and other local agencies, and the private sector.

CNSTAT MEETINGS

>We have had several inquiries about CNSTAT's regular meeting schedule and so provide our meeting dates from October 2011 through May 2012. 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 renovation project.

- **CNSTAT's 116th meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, October 20-21, 2011**, in Washington, DC at the Keck Center. The meeting will include a **public seminar on the 21st** on "*The Effects of the Great Recession on Our Economy and Society: Insights from Public Data*," featuring presentations from authors of a forthcoming Russell Sage volume that will be released in September 2011:
 - Michael Hout** (UC Berkeley) will speak on labor market effects
 - Timothy Smeeding** (U Wisconsin-Madison) will speak on income and poverty effects
 - S. Philip Morgan** (Duke U) will speak on family composition effects
- **CNSTAT's 117th meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, February 9-10, 2012**, in Washington DC. This meeting will be a retreat and will neither include public sessions nor a luncheon with statistical agency heads.
- **CNSTAT's 118th meeting** will be held **Thursday and Friday, May 10-11, 2012**, in Washington, DC at the Keck Center. It will mark CNSTAT's 40th year of continuous operation, and also the 100th birthday (actually on May 6) of CNSTAT's first director, **Margaret Martin**. We will definitely plan something special.

>See p. 9 for **presentations** from seminars and workshops that are available on the CNSTAT Web site.

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 panel 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: *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, available in printed form (free PDFs may be downloaded from

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

Upcoming meetings: Closed panel meeting held for May 31-June 1, 2011, in Washington, DC; no more meetings are scheduled at this time.

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

Chair: Paul Voss (UNC–Chapel Hill and U. Wisconsin–Madison)

Reports planned: *Measuring the Group Quarters Population in the American Community Survey:*

Interim Report released in prepublication form on December 27, 2010 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13075, the report will not be printed); final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Seventh (final, closed) panel meeting held July 21-22, 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

Chair: Thomas Cook (former president, SABRE Decision Technologies); members: Janet Norwood (former BLS commissioner), John Thompson (NORC)

Reports planned: *Change and the 2020 Census: Not Whether But How*, the panel's first interim report, released in prepublication format on March 25, 2011, now available in printed form (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13135); second interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: Seventh meeting held June 20-21, 2011, in Irvine, CA; eighth and ninth meetings scheduled for August 15-16 and October 18-19, 2011, 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 – September 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 in review
Upcoming meetings: Last meeting held October 18-19, 2010; no more meetings are planned

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 – September 2011
Study director: Michael Cohen; research associate: Julie Schuck; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan); member: John Rolph (U. Southern California)
Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary) is in review
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: Arthur Fries (Institute for Defense Analyses); member: Vijay Nair (U. Michigan)
Report planned: Final report (including workshop summary)
Upcoming meetings: Workshop scheduled for September 22-23, 2011, in Washington, DC

Department of Energy

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

Sponsor: Energy Information Administration
Duration: September 2009 – March 2012
Study director: 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 is being drafted
Upcoming meetings: Sixth meeting held April 18-19, 2011; no more meetings are scheduled

Department of Health and Human Services

Panel on Measuring Medical Care Risk in Conjunction with the New Supplemental Poverty Measure (joint with the 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: Michael O'Grady (NORC)
Report planned: Final report including workshop summary
Upcoming meetings: Workshop scheduled for September 8, 2011, followed by closed panel meeting, September 9, 2011, in Washington, DC (see attached workshop announcement)

Panel on Measuring Subjective Well-Being in a Policy-Relevant Framework (joint with the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging and the UK Economic and Social Research Council

Duration: May 2011 – May 2013

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: Alan Krueger (Princeton); panel membership is being formed

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: TBD

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

Co-chairs: Alan Krueger (Princeton) and Paul Dolan (London School of Economics and Political Science); steering committee member: Norman Bradburn (NORC)

Reports planned: Workshop transcripts; OECD guidance document (grant has been let with OECD)

Upcoming meetings: First workshop held July 8, 2011, in Paris, France; second workshop will be held in 2012 to review penultimate draft of OECD guidance

Department of Homeland Security

Panel on Survey Options for Estimating the Illegal Alien Flow at the Southwest Border

Sponsor: Office of Immigration Statistics

Duration: July 2011 – September 2012

Co-study directors: Thomas Plewes and Malay Majmundar; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: TBD

Department of Justice

Panel on Measuring Rape and Sexual Assault in Bureau of Justice Statistics Household Surveys

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Duration: July 2011 – April 2013

Study director: Carol House; project assistant: vacant

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: TBD

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: vacant

Chair: Don Dillman (Washington State U.)

Report planned: Workshop transcripts; final report

Upcoming meetings: Household survey producers' workshop held June 1-2, 2011, in Washington, DC, followed by closed panel meeting, June 2-3; redesign options workshop scheduled for October 26, 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), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (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.); member: Hermann Habermann

Report planned: Final report, *How We Travel: A Sustainable National Program for Travel Data* released in prepublication format on March 15, 2011, is now available in printed form (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13125)

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: John Abowd (Cornell)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Second workshop and panel meeting held July 21-22, 2011, in Washington, DC; third panel meeting to be scheduled

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: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2009 – March 2011

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Kevin Novak (American Institute of Architects)

Reports planned: *Communicating National Science Foundation Science and Engineering Information to Data Users: Letter Report* released on March 8, 2011 (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13120); final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Final closed meeting held May 23, 2011, in Washington, DC

Panel on Developing Science, Technology, and Innovation Indicators for the Future (joint with the Science, Technology, and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2010 – December 2012

Study director: Kaye Husbands Fealing; STEP director: Steven Merrill; project assistant: Anthony Mann
Co-chairs: Robert Litan (Kauffman Foundation) and Andrew Wyckoff (OECD)

Reports planned: Interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: First workshop and second meeting held July 11-12, 2011, in Washington, DC;
third meeting scheduled for September 26-27, 2011, in Washington, DC

NOTE: Papers, presentations, etc., from the July 11-12 workshop are available at: <http://sti-indicators.ning.com/>. Join and add your comments.

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

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2010 – September 2012

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: TBD (steering committee is being formed)

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: *Facilitating Innovation in the Federal Statistical System: Summary of a Workshop*, released in prepublication format on May 5, 2011, is now available in printed form (free PDFs may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13168)

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: *The Future of Federal Household Surveys: A Workshop Summary* released in prepublication format, May 13, 2011, is now available in printed form (free PDFs of report may be downloaded from http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=13174; workshop 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 2012

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); member: Michael Hout (UC Berkeley)

Reports planned: Final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Sixth meeting (closed) held February 3, 2011, in Washington, DC; one additional meeting may be scheduled

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 is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Fourth meeting (closed) held July 11, 2011, in Washington, DC

PRESENTATIONS POSTED at www.nationalacademies.org/cnstat/

CNSTAT COMMITTEE MEETINGS—PUBLIC SEMINARS

The Potential Role of Technology-Driven Nongovernment Data Collection for Federal Statistics (May 6, 2011): [Brynjolfsson](#)

The Survey Methodology Pipeline—Providing Needed Expertise for the Federal Statistical System (October 22, 2010): [Eavey](#), [Eltinge](#), [Kalton](#), [Little](#), [Morton](#), [Tourangeau](#)

Using Administrative and Survey Data to Inform Public Policy—A Federal Statistical System Initiative (May 6-7, 2010): [Public Agenda](#), [Davern](#), [Sondik](#), [Wallman/Martinez](#)

Challenges for Policy Uses of Federal Statistics (October 29-30, 2009): [Public Agenda](#), [Romer](#), [Rudd](#)

CNSTAT-AAPSS Symposium on the Federal Statistical System: Recognizing Its Contributions, Moving It Forward (May 7-8, 2009): [Public Agenda](#), [Abraham](#), [Anderson](#), [Eddy](#), [Haver](#), [Jorgenson](#), [Kingsbury](#), [O'Malley](#), [Orszag](#), [Overberg](#), [Preston](#), [Salvo](#)

WORKSHOPS/OPEN PANEL SESSIONS

[see also NSF - Panel on Developing Science, Technology, and Innovation Indicators for the Future, above]

[Household Survey Producers Workshop](#) (June 1-2, 2011)

[David Aune](#), [Justin Bailey](#), [Peter Paul Borg](#), [Nancy Cole](#), [Guylaine Dubreuil](#), [Johanne Tremblay](#), [Jenny Lynch](#), [and Martin Lemire](#), [Jason Fields I](#), [Jason Fields II](#), [Jane Gentlemen](#), [Giles Horsfield](#), [Richard Hough](#), [Paul Kizakevich](#), [Eileen O'Brien](#), [Nathaniel Schenker and Van Parsons](#), [Jolene Smyth et al.](#), [April Beaulé and Frank Stafford](#), [Clyde Tucker](#), [Jennifer Wine and John Riccobono](#)

[Developing Science, Technology, and Innovation Indicators for the Future](#) (April 14-15, 2011)

[Lynda Carlson](#), [Mark Doms](#), [Fred Gault](#), [Barbara Fraumeni](#), [Richard Freeman](#), [Michael Mandel](#), [John Rolph I](#), [John Rolph II](#), [Gregory Tassey](#), [Leland Wilkinson](#)

Research Agenda for the Future of Social Science Data Collection (February 17-18, 2011)

Baker, Bates, Brick, Couper, Kreuter, Lavrakas, Singer, Wagner

Redesigning the BLS CE Surveys (February 8-9, 2011)

Cage, Carroll, Eltinge, Garner & Passero, Henderson, Horrigan, Link, Safir1, Safir2, Safir3, Swanson, Ryan

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

Enhancing Research and Development for the Federal Statistical System (June 29, 2010)

Habermann paper, Parker paper

Evaluating Databases for Use in Uninsured Estimates for Children (June 17-18, 2010)

Baugh, Blewett, Davern, Rousseau

Improving Health Care Cost Projections for the Medicare Population (January 13, 2010)

Battacharya, Chernew, Cohen, Crimmins, Foster, Friedman, Lakdawalla, Manchester, Thorpe, Trogdon

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Workshop on Developing a Measure of Medical Care Economic Risk

September 8, 2011

Committee on National Statistics

Institute of Medicine

THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES

The Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT) in collaboration with the Institute of Medicine has convened a consensus panel of experts to conduct a public workshop to critically examine the state of the science in the development and implementation of a new measure of medical care economic risk as a companion to the Supplemental Poverty Measure. Based on the workshop and its deliberations, the panel will prepare a report with findings and recommendations to help the field move forward toward implementing a new index.

The panel study is sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

A one-day public workshop on Developing a Measure of Medical Care Economic Risk will be held at *The National Academies' Keck Center, 500 Fifth Street, NW, Room 100*, on September 8, 2011, starting at 8:30 a.m.

The workshop is an opportunity to augment our knowledge with a focused discussion by a wide range of researchers and other interested persons. The presentations and discussion of the issues outlined below will provide a good sense of the advantages and limitations of major approaches and help identify needed research and potential solutions for developing a measure of medical care economic risk.

The workshop sessions will focus on the issues pertaining to:

- Concepts of medical care economic risk;
- Issues surrounding the development of thresholds – variability of medical care economic risk across populations;
- Issues in defining resources – what is included in income in determining the ability to pay for insurance and for medical out-of-pocket expenditures (MOOP), how the self employed and different age groups pay for big medical care expenses (assets, loans, free care).
- Implementation issues – data availability currently and prospectively, data quality concerns, timeliness concerns.

A summary of the workshop discussions will be included in the panel's report.

All are welcome to attend. Please register by **August 30, 2011**, with Bridget Edmonds at **(202) 334-3096** or cnstat@nas.edu.



NEWS *from* CNSTAT

— September 16, 2011 —

• **SPECIAL NOTE** •

The fall CNSTAT public seminar will be held **October 21, 2011**; please see the agenda and registration information at the end of this newsletter.

PEOPLE *News*

We congratulate **Wayne Fuller** and **Nat Schenker** on receiving American Statistical Association Founders Awards for 2011:

- Dr. Fuller, emeritus distinguished professor in statistics and economics at Iowa State University, received his award for being an outstanding role model and a mentor to many ASA members for over 50 years; for exemplary service to ASA through leadership on various committees including Strategic Planning, Review of Long-Range Financial Policy, Census Blue Ribbon Panel, Appointments to Federal Statistics Positions, Selection of ASA Fellows and Awards, and USDA Advisory Committees; and for invaluable contributions to a number of editorial boards, sections, and the Board of Directors. Wayne is a former member of CNSTAT and served on several of its panels.
- Dr. Schenker, associate director for research and methodology at the National Center for Health Statistics, received his award for outstanding leadership and service well above the call of duty during two terms on the ASA Board, including one term as vice president; for leadership as Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) program chair; for chairing the JSM Task Force, which had a significant positive impact on JSM; for chairing the Meetings Workgroup that led to the creation of the new Conference on Statistical Practice; for serving as chair of the Government Statistics Section; and for service on the Committee on Publications. Nat is currently serving as a member of the CNSTAT Panel to Review the 2010 Census.

We welcome **Daniel Grady** and **Alicia Jaramillo-Underwood** to the CNSTAT staff:

- Daniel is a Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellow at the National Academies, who will be working with CNSTAT through mid-November of this year. He earned his B.S. in mathematics from the College of William & Mary in 2006 and his M.S. in applied mathematics from Northwestern University in 2008. Since then, he has been working in Northwestern University's Research on Complex Systems group, led by Dr. Dirk Brockmann. His doctoral work has focused on novel methods for identifying the multilevel community structures encoded in measurements of human mobility and finding generic, valid simplifications of systems drawn from many fields such as transportation, neuroscience, economics, and sociology. He will be working principally on CNSTAT's study for the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics to develop science, technology, and innovation indicators for the future.

- Alicia has joined the CNSTAT staff as a senior program assistant working on our study for the Bureau of Labor Statistics on redesigning the Consumer Expenditure Surveys. She is also assisting the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE) Committee on Human Dimensions of Global Change. She comes to DBASSE after a year as a program assistant for the Institute of Medicine. She graduated from Georgetown University in 2010 with a major in psychology and a minor in Spanish.

We congratulate **Alan Krueger** on his nomination on August 29, 2011, to chair the Council of Economic Advisers (CEA). If confirmed, Dr. Krueger, who served as assistant secretary for economic policy and chief economist in the Treasury Department from 2009–2010, would fill the chair vacated by Austan Goolsbee, who returned to his teaching position at the University of Chicago. Alan is the Blenheim professor of economics and public affairs at Princeton and founding director of the Princeton University Survey Research Center. He served on the CNSTAT panel (chaired by current CEA member Katharine Abraham) that produced the 2005 report, *Beyond the Market: Designing Nonmarket Accounts for the United States*. We had hoped to have Alan chair a new panel on measuring self-reported (or subjective) well-being, but are delighted that he will be serving the nation in this important capacity.

We congratulate **Michael Messner**, mathematical statistician with the Environmental Protection Agency Office of Water on receiving the 2011 Roger Herriot Award for Innovation in Federal Statistics (see <http://www.amstat.org/sections/ssoc/rogerherriot.html> for information on the award). The Herriot award, which is sponsored by the Government and Social Statistics Sections of ASA and the Washington Statistical Society, recognizes individuals who develop unique and innovative approaches to the solution of statistical problems in federal programs. In particular, Michael was recognized for his work on Statipedia, which is in a pilot stage to develop a tool to facilitate collaboration among federal economists and statisticians.

We congratulate **Mary Ellen O’Connell** on being named deputy director of DBASSE, effective September 1, 2011. DBASSE is one of six major units in the National Academies; it houses CNSTAT and 10 other standing boards and committees. Mary Ellen has been the deputy director of the Board on Human-Systems Integration and the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences for the past several years. She has served as study director for consensus studies on prevention of mental disorders and substance abuse, international education and foreign languages, ethical considerations for research on housing-related health hazards involving children, reducing underage drinking, and assessing and improving children’s health, as well as for workshop reports focused on student mobility and benefit-cost analysis of early childhood interventions. She came to DBASSE from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where she spent 8 years in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, most recently as director of state and local initiatives. With her appointment, **Connie Citro**, who served as DBASSE interim deputy director during the past 12 months, will return to having one (very fulfilling) position as director of CNSTAT.

We look forward to working with **Jennifer (Jen) Park**, who began work on Monday as the newest permanent staff member of the OMB Statistical and Science Policy Office. She brings expertise in family demography, early childhood, American Indian and Alaska Native measurement, and a variety of survey methods and questionnaire development issues. She comes to OMB from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development where she led the Ethics and Regulatory Affairs Team and the Neurodevelopment Team, and served as the confidentiality officer for the National Children’s Study. She received both the NICHD Director’s Award and the CIO Award for outstanding leadership in 2011. Before her work at NICHD, Jen directed the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort for the National Center for Education Statistics. She has a Ph.D. in sociology (demography) from Brown and post-doctoral training in neurodevelopment from Harvard as well as training in survey methods from the Joint Program in Survey Methodology.

EVENT & OTHER *News*

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Upcoming meetings: Workshop and closed panel meeting held September 8–9, 2011, in Washington, DC; final panel meeting scheduled for February 2–3, 2012, in Washington, DC

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Sponsor: National Institute on Aging and the UK Economic and Social Research Council

Duration: May 2011–May 2013

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: TBD; panel is being formed

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: TBD

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

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Duration: October 2010–September 2012

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Co-chairs: Alan Krueger (Princeton University) and Paul Dolan (London School of Economics and Political Science); steering committee member: Norman Bradburn (NORC)

Reports planned: Workshop transcripts; OECD guidance document (grant has been let with OECD)

Upcoming meetings: First workshop held July 8, 2011, in Paris, France; second workshop will be held in 2012 to review penultimate draft of OECD guidance

Department of Homeland Security

Panel on Survey Options for Estimating the Illegal Alien Flow at the Southwest Border

Sponsor: Office of Immigration Statistics

Duration: July 2011–September 2012

Co-study directors: Thomas Plewes and Malay Majmundar; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Alicia Carriquiry, chair-designate (Iowa State University); panel is being formed

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: TBD

Department of Justice

Panel on Measuring Rape and Sexual Assault in Bureau of Justice Statistics Household Surveys

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Duration: July 2011–April 2013

Study director: Carol House; project assistant: Alicia Jaramillo-Underwood

Chair: TBD; panel is being formed
Report planned: Final report
Upcoming meetings: TBD

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: Alicia Jaramillo-Underwood
Chair: Don Dillman (Washington State University)
Report planned: Workshop transcripts; final report
Upcoming meetings: Redesign options workshop scheduled for October 26, 2011, in Washington, DC, followed by closed panel meeting, October 27, 2011

Corporation for National and Community Service

Panel on Measuring Civil and Social Engagement and Social Cohesion

Sponsor: Corporation for National and Community Service
Duration: September 2011–September 2013
Study director: Christopher Mackie; senior program officer: Hermann Habermann; project assistant: TBD
Chair: TBD; panel is being formed
Report planned: Interim report; final report
Upcoming meetings: TBD

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

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

Sponsor: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Duration: October 2010–March 2012
Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: John Abowd (Cornell University)
Report planned: Final report
Upcoming meetings: Third panel meeting scheduled for September 27, 2011, 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)

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Duration: October 2009–December 2011
Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: Kevin Novak (American Institute of Architects)
Reports planned: *Communicating National Science Foundation Science and Engineering Information to Data Users: Letter Report*, released on March 8, 2011, and available in [PDF](#); final report is in review
Upcoming meetings: Final closed meeting held May 23, 2011, in Washington, DC

Panel on Developing Science, Technology, and Innovation Indicators for the Future (joint with the Science, Technology, and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2010–December 2012

Study director: Kaye Husbands Fealing; STEP director: Steven Merrill; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Co-chairs: Robert Litan (Kauffman Foundation) and Andrew Wyckoff (OECD)

Reports planned: Interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting scheduled for September 26–27, 2011, in Washington, DC

Note: A separate website with materials from the panel's July 11–12 workshop is maintained at: <http://sti-indicators.ning.com/>; visitors welcome to join and add comments

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

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2010–September 2012

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: TBD; steering committee is being formed

Reports planned: Workshop summary by rapporteur

Upcoming meetings: 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 2012

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 (University of Virginia); member: Michael Hout (University of California, Berkeley)

Reports planned: Final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Sixth meeting (closed) held February 3, 2011, in Washington, DC; one additional meeting may be scheduled

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 (University of Maryland); member: Nora Cate Schaeffer (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Fourth meeting (closed) held July 11, 2011, in Washington, DC

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Public **SEMINAR**

The Effects of the Great Recession on Our Economy and Society: Insights from Public Data

**Friday, October 21, 2011 • Keck Center of the National Academies
500 Fifth Street NW, Washington, DC • Room 100**

- 1:30 pm *Light refreshments, first floor prefunction space*
- 2:00 *Welcome* (Lawrence Brown, CNSTAT Chair and University of Pennsylvania)
- 2:05 *Developments at the OMB Statistical and Science Policy Office* (Katherine Wallman, Chief Statistician)
- 2:20 ***The Effects of the Great Recession on Our Economy and Society:
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 —Alan Zaslavsky (CNSTAT; Harvard Medical School)—*Introduction*
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 —Timothy Smeeding (University of Wisconsin–Madison)—*Income and Poverty Effects*
 —S. Philip Morgan (Duke University)—*Family Composition Effects*
 —Lisa Lynch (CNSTAT; Brandeis University)—*Discussant*
- 3:45 *Floor discussion*
- 4:15 *Reception, third floor atrium*
- 5:30 *Adjourn*

Abstract: *The Great Recession—the longest and deepest recession in the United States since the Great Depression in the 1930s—has and will continue to have significant effects on many aspects of the American society and economy. A publication from the Russell Sage Foundation, The Consequences of the Great Recession (2011 forthcoming, edited by David Grusky, Bruce Western, and Christopher Wimer), argues, that even at this early date, the Great Recession can be seen as transformative in its effects on employment, poverty, income, wealth, consumption, fertility, mortality, marriage, attitudes, charitable giving, and much more. Three contributors to the Russell Sage volume—Michael Hout, Timothy Smeeding, and S. Philip Morgan—will trace the Great Recession’s effects on employment, income and poverty, and family composition, highlighting the uses of statistical data from a variety of sources and identifying important data gaps. Lisa Lynch, former chief economist in the U.S. Department of Labor and chair of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, will consider the implications of this work for the federal statistical system and other sources of public data to support continued analysis of this watershed event for the United States and the world.*

Open to the public, but—for planning purposes—please register by email to cnstat@nas.edu
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• **SPECIAL NOTE** •

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PEOPLE *News*

We congratulate **Christopher Sims** (Princeton University) and **Thomas Sargent** (New York University) on receiving the 2011 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science “*for their empirical research on cause and effect in the macroeconomy.*” (This prize was established in 1968 by Sweden’s central bank in memory of Alfred Nobel’s 1895 will, which set up the original Nobel prizes.) Both men are members of the National Academy of Sciences, and Professor Sims was a member of CNSTAT in 1982–1985. He served on CNSTAT’s Panel on Natural Gas Statistics, which in its 1985 report, *Natural Gas Data Needs in a Changing Regulatory Environment* (available from CNSTAT), included his trenchant assessment of the profound limitations of quantitative cost-benefit analysis when applied to statistical programs for gathering information for widespread use.

We congratulate **Jerry Reiter** and **Charlie Rothwell** on their election as 2011 fellows of the American Statistical Association:

- Dr. Reiter, associate professor of statistical science at Duke University, was commended “for sustained, innovative research on missing data and synthetic data methods in statistical disclosure limitation that has increased the capability of official statistics agencies to disseminate public use microdata; for award-winning teaching at all levels; for thoughtful and effective editorial service; and for outstanding serve to the profession.” Dr. Reiter has served on several CNSTAT/NRC panels, which resulted in the reports *Conducting Biosocial Surveys: Collecting, Storing, Accessing, and Protecting Biospecimens and Biodata* (2010; [link](#)); *Putting People on the Map: Protecting Confidentiality with Linked Social-Spatial Data* (2007; [link](#)); and *Reengineering the Survey of Income and Program Participation* (2009; [link](#)).
- Dr. Rothwell, director of the Division of Vital Statistics at the National Center for Health Statistics, was commended “for leadership, innovation, support of research, and outstanding personal contributions to the growth, modernization, and operation of the vital statistics systems of the United States; for leading the National Center for Health Statistics into the information age; and for founding the North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics and building it into one of the premier health statistical organizations in the nation.

We congratulate **Natalya Verbitsky-Savitz**, research statistician with Mathematica Policy Research and editor of the ASA Government Statistics Section/Social Statistics Section newsletter, for receiving the Pat Doyle Award. This award recognizes an individual who has given outstanding service to the Government Statistics Section.

We congratulate the following members of the CNSTAT staff on receiving individual distinguished service awards from the National Academies and its Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education in September 2011: **Connie Citro**, director (NAS and DBASSE awards); **Anthony Mann**, program associate (NAS award); and **Tom Plewes**, senior program officer (DBASSE award—Tom received an NAS award in 2009).

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Chair: Michael O’Grady (NORC)

Report planned: Final report including workshop summary is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Workshop and closed panel meeting held September 8–9, 2011, in Washington, DC; final panel meeting scheduled for February 2–3, 2012, in Washington, DC

Panel on Measuring Subjective Well-Being in a Policy-Relevant Framework (joint with the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging and the UK Economic and Social Research Council

Duration: May 2011–May 2013

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair-designate: Arthur Stone (SUNY Stony Brook); panel is being formed

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: TBD

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

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2010–September 2012

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Co-chairs: Alan Krueger (Princeton University) and Paul Dolan (London School of Economics and Political Science); steering committee member: Norman Bradburn (NORC)

Reports planned: Workshop transcripts; OECD guidance document (grant has been let with OECD)

Upcoming meetings: First workshop held July 8, 2011, in Paris, France; second workshop will be held in 2012 to review penultimate draft of OECD guidance

Department of Homeland Security

Panel on Survey Options for Estimating the Illegal Alien Flow at the Southwest Border

Sponsor: Office of Immigration Statistics

Duration: July 2011–September 2012

Co-study directors: Thomas Plewes and Malay Majmundar; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Alicia Carriquiry, chair (Iowa State University)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Workshop and first meeting scheduled for November 14–15, 2011, in Washington, DC

Department of Justice

Panel on Measuring Rape and Sexual Assault in Bureau of Justice Statistics Household Surveys

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Duration: July 2011–April 2013

Study director: Carol House; project assistant: Alicia Jaramillo-Underwood

Co-chairs-designate: William Kalsbeek (University of North Carolina) and Candace Kruttschnitt (University of Toronto); panel is being formed

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: TBD

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: Alicia Jaramillo-Underwood

Chair: Don Dillman (Washington State University)

Report planned: Workshop transcripts; final report

Upcoming meetings: Redesign options workshop scheduled for October 26, 2011, in Washington, DC, followed by closed panel meeting, October 27–28, 2011

Corporation for National and Community Service

Panel on Measuring Civic Engagement and Social Cohesion to Inform Policy

Sponsor: Corporation for National and Community Service

Duration: September 2011–September 2013

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

Chair-designate: Kenneth Prewitt (Columbia University); panel is being formed

Report planned: Interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: TBD

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

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

Sponsor: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Duration: October 2010–March 2012

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: John Abowd (Cornell University)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Third panel meeting held September 27, 2011, in Washington, DC; no more meetings are scheduled

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: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2009–December 2011

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Kevin Novak (American Institute of Architects)

Reports planned: *Communicating National Science Foundation Science and Engineering Information to Data Users: Letter Report*, released on March 8, 2011, and available in [PDF](#); final report is in response to review

Upcoming meetings: Final closed meeting held May 23, 2011, in Washington, DC

Panel on Developing Science, Technology, and Innovation Indicators for the Future (joint with the Science, Technology, and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2010–December 2012

Study director: Kaye Husbands Fealing; STEP director: Steven Merrill; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Co-chairs: Robert Litan (Kauffman Foundation) and Andrew Wyckoff (OECD); member: John Rolph (University of Southern California)

Reports planned: Interim report is being drafted; final report

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting held September 26–27, 2011, in Washington, DC; fourth meeting scheduled for February 7–8, 2012, likely in Irvine, CA

Note: A separate website with materials from the panel's July 11–12 workshop is maintained at: <http://sti-indicators.ning.com/>; visitors welcome to join and add comments

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

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2010–September 2012

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: TBD; steering committee is being formed

Reports planned: Workshop summary by rapporteur

Upcoming meetings: 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 2012

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 (University of Virginia); member: Michael Hout (University of California, Berkeley)

Reports planned: Final report is in review

Upcoming meetings: Sixth meeting (closed) held February 3, 2011, in Washington, DC

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 (University of Maryland); member: Nora Cate Schaeffer (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Fourth meeting (closed) held July 11, 2011, in Washington, DC; no more meetings are scheduled

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Public **SEMINAR**

The Effects of the Great Recession on Our Economy and Society: Insights from Public Data

**Friday, October 21, 2011 • Keck Center of the National Academies
500 Fifth Street NW, Washington, DC • Room 100**

- 1:30 pm *Light refreshments, first floor prefunction space*
- 2:00 *Welcome* (Lawrence Brown, CNSTAT Chair and University of Pennsylvania)
- 2:05 *Developments at the OMB Statistical and Science Policy Office* (Katherine Wallman, Chief Statistician)
- 2:20 ***The Effects of the Great Recession on Our Economy and Society:
Insights from Public Data***
 —Alan Zaslavsky (CNSTAT; Harvard Medical School)—*Introduction*
 —Michael Hout (CNSTAT; University of California, Berkeley)—*Labor Market Effects*
 —Timothy Smeeding (University of Wisconsin–Madison)—*Income and Poverty Effects*
 —S. Philip Morgan (Duke University)—*Family Composition Effects*
 —Lisa Lynch (CNSTAT; Brandeis University)—*Discussant*
- 3:45 *Floor discussion*
- 4:15 *Reception, third floor atrium*
- 5:30 *Adjourn*

Abstract: *The Great Recession—the longest and deepest recession in the United States since the Great Depression in the 1930s—has and will continue to have significant effects on many aspects of the American society and economy. A publication from the Russell Sage Foundation, The Consequences of the Great Recession (2011 forthcoming, edited by David Grusky, Bruce Western, and Christopher Wimer), argues, that even at this early date, the Great Recession can be seen as transformative in its effects on employment, poverty, income, wealth, consumption, fertility, mortality, marriage, attitudes, charitable giving, and much more. Three contributors to the Russell Sage volume—Michael Hout, Timothy Smeeding, and S. Philip Morgan—will trace the Great Recession’s effects on employment, income and poverty, and family composition, highlighting the uses of statistical data from a variety of sources and identifying important data gaps. Lisa Lynch, former chief economist in the U.S. Department of Labor and chair of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, will consider the implications of this work for the federal statistical system and other sources of public data to support continued analysis of this watershed event for the United States and the world.*

Open to the public, but—for planning purposes—please register by email to cnstat@nas.edu
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Announcing a *Joint Seminar* of the **Committee on Applied and Theoretical Statistics**
and the **Committee on National Statistics** of *The National Academies*...

THE STORY OF THE Netflix Prize

Friday, November 4, 2011 • 3:00–5:00 pm

Reception to Follow



Keck Center of the National Academies, Room 100
500 Fifth Street NW
Washington, DC 20001



Robert Bell
AT&T Labs Research



Lester Mackey
*University of
California, Berkeley*



Emmanuel Candes
Stanford University

Just over five years ago, Netflix released more than 100 million movie ratings as part of a data analysis contest to improve methods for recommending movies to customers based on ratings they had provided for previously rented movies. A prize of \$1 million was offered for a “recommender” algorithm that outperformed the existing Netflix system CinematchSM by at least 10% in terms of root mean squared prediction error. In a textbook example of “crowdsourcing,” more than 20,000 teams from over 150 countries submitted algorithms. By August 2009, after almost three years of effort, two teams, BellKor’s Pragmatic Chaos and The Ensemble, had surpassed the 10% goal in a finish worthy of its own movie.

Bob Bell (*BellKor’s Pragmatic Chaos*) and Lester Mackey (*The Ensemble*) will describe the overall set-up of the competition, the challenges it posed, the main ideas underlying their recommender algorithms, and the interaction among the leading competitors. Emmanuel Candes will then discuss the research avenues stimulated by the various algorithms developed in this competition, some of the resulting advances, and some difficult problems that remain.

— Open to the Public • Please RSVP! —

For planning and building check-in purposes, please RSVP by **October 31** to
Agnes Gaskin at agaskin@nas.edu or (202) 334-3096.



NEWS *from* CNSTAT

— November 21, 2011 —

PEOPLE *News*

We congratulate **Nan Laird** on receiving the 2011 Samuel S. Wilks Memorial Award from the American Statistical Association for her pioneering work on the EM (expectation maximization) algorithm, which has formed the basis for advances in statistical computation, including statistical estimation applications involving incomplete data. Her co-authors for this work were Arthur Dempster and Donald Rubin. Dr. Laird is professor of biostatistics in the Harvard School of Public Health and served on CNSTAT in 1985-1988. (Sam Wilks was chairman of the Mathematics Division at Princeton University in the late 1950s; he played an important role in the development of practical applications of mathematical statistics.)

We congratulate the following people who serve/have served on CNSTAT and/or its panels on being named **National Associates** of the National Research Council, the operating arm of the National Academy of Sciences. The National Associate designation formally recognizes extraordinary service to the work of the NRC. This service can take many forms, such as chairing two or more NRC committees, serving as review monitor or coordinator on numerous reports, serving on governance bodies over many years, and performing other means of dedicated service.

- **Alicia Carriquiry**, professor of statistics, Iowa State University
- **William DuMouchel**, chief statistical scientist, Oracle Health Services
- **Karen Kafadar**, professor of statistics and physics, Indiana University
- **Emmett Keeler**, professor of health services, Pardee RAND Graduate School and UCLA School of Public Health
- **Richard Kulka**, senior vice president, Abt Associates, Inc. (retired)
- **Janet Lauritsen**, professor of criminology and criminal justice, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- **Douglas Massey**, professor of sociology and public affairs, Princeton University
- **Hal Stern**, dean and professor of statistics, Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences, UC Irvine
- **Barbara Torrey**, guest researcher, National Institute on Aging, and former executive director of the NRC Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education

We congratulate **Alan Krueger** on his confirmation by the U.S. Senate, November 3, 2011, as chair of the Council of Economic Advisers. Dr. Krueger served as assistant secretary for economic policy and chief economist in the Treasury Department from 2009–2010. He is the Blenheim professor of economics and public affairs at Princeton and founding director of the Princeton University Survey Research Center. He served on the CNSTAT panel (chaired by CEA member Katharine Abraham) that produced the 2005 report, *Beyond the Market: Designing Nonmarket Accounts for the United States*.

EVENT & OTHER *News*

Nominees are sought for the **2012 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, 2012. For more information please contact Steven Paben, paben.steven@bls.gov.

NSF's Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences seeks candidates for the position of **Director, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES)**, to replace the inimitable **Lynda Carlson**, who is retiring from federal service on February 2, 2012. NCSES is responsible for collecting, analyzing, and disseminating statistical data on research and development; the science and engineering workforce; U.S. competitiveness in science, engineering, technology, and R & D; and the condition and progress of STEM education in the United States. As one of the major federal statistical agencies, NCSES designs, supports, and directs periodic national surveys and performs a variety of other data collections and research. In addition, NCSES supports methodological research in related areas; research that uses NCSES data; and the education and training of researchers in the use of large-scale nationally representative data sets. The director will serve as a member of the SBE Directorate leadership team and will direct the Center, determining how best to meet the data needs of policy-makers, researchers, and others involved in decisions focusing on the nation's science, engineering, and technology resources. This is a permanent Senior Executive Service (SES) position. Applicants must have a 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. For application information, see <http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/300727800?org=NSF>. Applications must be received by November 28, 2011.

REPORT *News*

Communicating Science and Engineering Data in the Information Age, the final report of a joint panel of CNSTAT and the Computer Science and Telecommunications Board, chaired by Kevin Novak (American Institute of Architects) for the NSF National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES), was released in prepublication format on October 31, 2011. The prepublication report is available in [PDF](#); printed copies will be available shortly.

The Report in Brief—

NCSES communicates its science and engineering (S&E) information to data users in a very fluid environment that is undergoing modernization at a pace at which data producer dissemination practices, protocols, and technologies, on one hand, and user demands and capabilities, on the other, are changing faster than the agency has been able to accommodate. *Communicating Science and Engineering Data in the Information Age* includes recommendations to improve NCSES's

dissemination program and data user engagement; for example, recommending NCSES's transition to a dissemination framework that emphasizes database management rather than data presentation and that NCSES analyze the results of its initial online consumer survey and refine it over time. The report outlines short-term and long-term enhancements for implementation.

Industrial Methods for the Effective Testing and Development of Defense Systems, the final report of a CNSTAT panel chaired by Vijay Nair (University of Michigan) for the U.S. Department of Defense, was released in prepublication format on November 4, 2011. The prepublication report is available in [PDF](#); printed copies will be available shortly.

The Report in Brief—

Over the past decade and a half, the National Research Council's Committee on National Statistics has carried out a number of studies on the application of statistical methods to improve the testing and development of defense systems. The previous studies have addressed the role of statistical methods in testing and evaluation, reliability practices, software methods, combining information, and evolutionary acquisition. *Industrial Methods for the Effective Testing and Development of Defense Systems* is the latest in the series, and, uniquely, it identifies current engineering practices that have proven successful in industrial applications for system development and testing. In addition to the broad issues, the report focuses on three specific topics: finding failure modes earlier, technology maturity, and use of all relevant information for operational assessments.

Encyclopedia of the U.S. Census, 2nd Edition: From the Constitution to the American Community Survey, edited by Margo Anderson (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), Joseph Salvo (New York City Planning Department), and Constance Citro (Committee on National Statistics), was released by CQ Press on October 27, 2011. It updates and expands material in the first edition on the history, politics, content, procedures, and uses of the decennial census. The new edition highlights changes in the Census Bureau's data collection and dissemination practices for 2010, including the use of a short-form questionnaire for the population count, and the release in late 2010 of the American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year data set based on rolling samples of the U.S. population and gathered using the long-form questionnaire. The second edition also comprehensively covers the fallout from the 2000 census and recent issues affecting the administration of the 2010 count. See <http://www.cqpress.com/product/Encyclopedia-of-the-US-Census-2nd.html> for information on print and online editions. Many recipients of this newsletter and/or their colleagues contributed to the encyclopedia.

The Great Recession, edited by David B. Grusky (Stanford University), Bruce Western (Harvard University), and Christopher Wimer (Stanford Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality) was released by the Russell Sage Foundation in October 2011. Several chapter authors presented their findings at the October 20, 2011, CNSTAT seminar (see below). Key findings (see <http://www.russellsage.org/about/press-releases/press-release-great-recession>) include:

Jobs, Earnings, & Poverty

- Job loss hit less-educated workers, men, immigrants, and factory and construction workers the hardest.
- Millions of industrial jobs are likely never to be recovered, and new jobs offer few opportunities for the middle-class.
- Richest Americans had the greatest absolute wealth loss, but young families, African Americans, and the middle class experienced the most disproportionate loss—including mortgage delinquencies, home foreclosures, and personal bankruptcies.

Social Attitudes & Lifestyle

- No evidence of recession-induced attitude changes toward corporations, the government, perceptions of social justice, or policies aimed at aiding the poor.
- No major effects on marriage, divorce, or cohabitation rates.
- Fertility rates have declined, and increasing numbers of adult children are returning home to the family nest—evidence that suggests deep pessimism about recovery.

Charitable Giving

- Total charitable giving is lowest since the 1960s, but Americans are still donating an impressive percentage of their available income.
- Small but marked increase in volunteering, especially among young people, immigrants, and African American women.

Reminder: As of June 2011, PDF versions of CNSTAT and NAS reports are available for free download at *The National Academies Press* website, <http://www.nap.edu>. The free download policy applies to all reports for which electronic versions are available and all future reports.

Reminder: Slides from previous CNSTAT public seminars, and from several major workshops, are available on the [Presentations](#) page on the CNSTAT website. Recent postings include:

Presentations from the public seminar held October 20, 2011, as part of CNSTAT's 116th meeting, on *The Effects of the Great Recession on Our Economy and Society: Insights from Public Data*. Presentations posted are from **Michael Hout** (NAS and CNSTAT member, UC Berkeley, on the employment impact); **Timothy Smeeding** (University of Wisconsin, on the income and poverty effects); and **S. Philip Morgan** (Duke University, on the differential impacts on fertility in “red” and “blue” states).

Presentations to CNSTAT in its business meeting, October 20-21, 2011, by **Doug Fridsma** (director, Office of Standards and Interoperability in the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology); **Claudia Grossman** (Institute of Medicine program officer on electronic health records); **Daniel Weinberg** (information on the NSF-Census Research Network); and **Roger Tourangeau** (CNSTAT member, University of Maryland, on “The Bad and the Beautiful: Measurement Error in Web Surveys”).

Presentations and a videocast of the joint Committee on National Statistics-Committee on Applied and Theoretical Statistics (CNSTAT-CATS) public seminar on *The Story of the Netflix Prize*, held November 4, 2011, to a packed audience. The seminar featured presentations by a member of the winning team (**Robert Bell**, AT&T Research and former CNSTAT member), a member of the runner-up team (**Lester Mackey**, UC Berkeley), and a discussant (**Emmanuel Candes**, Stanford University).

CNSTAT Meetings

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

- **CNSTAT's 117th meeting** will be held **February 9–10, 2012**, in Washington, DC, at the National Academies' Keck Center, 500 5th St., NW. This meeting will be a retreat and will neither include public sessions nor a luncheon with statistical agency heads.
- **CNSTAT's 118th meeting** will be held **May 10–11, 2012**, in Washington, DC, at the Keck Center. It will mark CNSTAT's 40th year of continuous operation, and also the 100th birthday (actually on May 6) of CNSTAT's first director, **Margaret Martin**. We will definitely plan something special.
- **CNSTAT's 119th meeting** will be held **October 18–19, 2012**, in the National Academies' main building at 2100 Constitution Ave., NW (the building is to reopen for business after extensive renovation in June 2012). This meeting will feature a public seminar on the 19th.

Active **PANELS & WORKSHOPS**

[Organized by sponsor, beginning with federal departments. 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). For panel studies, you may also search under Current Projects (under "Events & Activities") on <http://nationalacademies.org> or <http://nas.edu>.]

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: *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, available in print and [PDF](#); final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Closed panel conference call held October 31, 2011.

Department of Commerce

Panel on Addressing Priority Technical Issues for the Next Decade of the American Community Survey

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2011–December 2013

Study director: Krisztina Marton; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin

Chair: TBD

Reports planned: One or more interim reports; final report

Upcoming meetings: TBD

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

Chair: Thomas Cook (former president, SABRE Decision Technologies); member: John Thompson (NORC)

Reports planned: First interim report, *Change and the 2020 Census: Not Whether But How*, released on March 25, 2011, available in printed form and in [PDF](#); second interim report and final report planned

Upcoming meetings: Tenth meeting scheduled for January 19–20, 2012, in Irvine, CA

Panel on Statistical Methods for Measuring the Group Quarters Population in the American Community Survey

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2009–March 2012

Study director: Krisztina Marton; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Paul Voss (University of North Carolina and University of Wisconsin–Madison)

Reports planned: *Measuring the Group Quarters Population in the American Community Survey: Interim Report* released in prepublication form on December 27, 2010, and available as [PDF](#) (but not printed in finished book form); final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Seventh (final, closed) panel meeting held July 21–22, 2011, in Washington, DC

Workshop on Benefits (and Burdens) of the American Community Survey

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2011–December 2012

Study director: Daniel Cork; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: TBD

Reports planned: Workshop summary

Upcoming meetings: 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–September 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, and available as [PDF](#); *Phase II Report on Review of the Testing of Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S. Army*, released May 3, 2010, and available as [PDF](#); final report is in response to review

Upcoming meetings: Last meeting held October 18–19, 2010; no more meetings are planned

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–September 2011

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

Chair: Vijay Nair (University of Michigan); member: John Rolph (University of Southern California)

Report: Final report, *Industrial Methods for the Effective Testing and Development of Defense Systems*, released in prepublication format, November 4, 2011, and available as [PDF](#); printed copies will be available by the end of the year

Upcoming meetings: Fourth and final meeting held June 18–19, 2010, in Woods Hole, MA

Panel on the Theory and Application of Reliability Growth Modeling to Defense Systems

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: Arthur Fries (Institute for Defense Analyses)

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

Upcoming meetings: Workshop held September 22–23, 2011, in Washington, DC; next meeting scheduled for December 2, 2011, in Washington, DC

Department of Energy

Panel to Review the Commercial Building and Residential Energy Consumption Surveys

(CBECS/RECS) (joint with the Board on Energy and Environmental Systems)

Sponsor: Energy Information Administration

Duration: September 2009–March 2012

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

Chair: William Eddy (Carnegie Mellon University)

Reports planned: Letter report released June 1, 2010, and available in [PDF](#); final report is in response to review

Upcoming meetings: Sixth and final meeting held April 18–19, 2011

Department of Health and Human Services

Panel on Measuring Medical Care Risk in Conjunction with the New Supplemental Poverty

Measure (joint with the 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: TBD

Chair: Michael O’Grady (NORC)

Report planned: Final report including workshop summary is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Workshop and closed panel meeting held September 8–9, 2011, in Washington, DC; final (closed) panel meeting scheduled for February 2–3, 2012, in Washington, DC

Panel on Measuring Subjective Well-Being in a Policy-Relevant Framework (joint with the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging and the UK Economic and Social Research Council

Duration: May 2011–May 2013

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: Arthur Stone (SUNY Stony Brook); member: Norman Bradburn (NORC); V. Joseph Hotz (Duke)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: First meeting scheduled for December 19, 2011, in Washington, DC at the NAS Keck Center.

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

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging
Duration: October 2010–September 2012
Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann
Chair: Paul Dolan (London School of Economics and Political Science); steering committee member: Norman Bradburn (NORC)
Reports planned: Workshop transcripts; OECD guidance document (grant has been let with OECD)
Upcoming meetings: First workshop held July 8, 2011, in Paris, France; second workshop will be held in 2012 to review penultimate draft of OECD guidance

Department of Homeland Security

Panel on Survey Options for Estimating the Illegal Alien Flow at the Southwest Border

Sponsor: Office of Immigration Statistics
Duration: July 2011–September 2012
Co-study directors: Thomas Plewes and Malay Majmundar; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: Alicia Carriquiry, chair (Iowa State University); member: Stephen Fienberg (Carnegie Mellon University)
Report planned: Final report
Upcoming meetings: Workshop and first meeting held November 14–15, 2011, in Washington, DC; second meeting scheduled for January 18–20, 2012, in San Diego and Irvine, CA; third meeting scheduled for March 21–22, 2012, in Washington, DC.

Department of Justice

Panel on Measuring Rape and Sexual Assault in Bureau of Justice Statistics Household Surveys

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics
Duration: July 2011–April 2013
Study director: Carol House; project assistant: Alicia Jaramillo-Underwood
Co-chairs-designate: William Kalsbeek (University of North Carolina) and Candace Kruttschnitt (University of Toronto); panel is being formed
Report planned: Final report
Upcoming meetings: First meeting scheduled for December 8–9, 2011, in Washington, DC, at the NAS Keck Center

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: Alicia Jaramillo-Underwood
Chair: Don Dillman (Washington State University)
Report planned: Workshop transcripts; final report is being drafted
Upcoming meetings: Redesign options workshop held October 26, 2011, in Washington, DC, followed by closed panel meeting, October 27–28, 2011; next meeting (closed) scheduled for January 25–27, 2012, in Washington, DC, at the NAS Keck Center

Corporation for National and Community Service

Panel on Measuring Civic Engagement and Social Cohesion to Inform Policy

Sponsor: Corporation for National and Community Service

Duration: September 2011–September 2013

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

Chair-designate: Kenneth Prewitt (Columbia University); panel is being formed

Report planned: Interim report; final report

Upcoming meetings: TBD

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

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

Sponsor: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Duration: October 2010–March 2012

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: John Abowd (Cornell University)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Third and final panel meeting held September 27, 2011, 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: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2009–December 2011

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Kevin Novak (American Institute of Architects)

Reports: *Communicating National Science Foundation Science and Engineering Information to Data Users: Letter Report*, released on March 8, 2011, and available in [PDF](#); final report, *Communicating Science and Engineering Data in the Information Age*, released in prepublication format October 31, 2011, and available in [PDF](#); printed copies will be available by the end of the year

Upcoming meetings: Final closed meeting held May 23, 2011, in Washington, DC

Panel on Developing Science, Technology, and Innovation Indicators for the Future (joint with the Science, Technology, and Economic Policy Board)

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2010–December 2012

Study director: Kaye Husbands Fealing; STEP director: Steven Merrill; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Co-chairs: Robert Litan (Kauffman Foundation) and Andrew Wyckoff (OECD); member: John Rolph (University of Southern California)

Reports planned: Interim report is being drafted; final report

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting held September 26–27, 2011, in Washington, DC; fourth meeting scheduled for February 7–8, 2012, likely in Irvine, CA

Note: A separate website with materials from the panel's July 11–12 workshop is maintained at: <http://sti-indicators.ning.com/>; visitors welcome to join and add comments

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

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: October 2010–September 2012

Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: TBD; steering committee is being formed

Reports planned: Workshop summary by rapporteur

Upcoming meetings: 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 2012

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 (University of Virginia); member: Michael Hout (University of California, Berkeley)

Reports planned: Final report is in response to review

Upcoming meetings: Sixth meeting (closed) held February 3, 2011, in Washington, DC

Russell Sage Foundation

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

Sponsor: Russell Sage Foundation:

Duration: July 2010–June 2012

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Roger Tourangeau (University of Maryland); member: Nora Cate Schaeffer (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Fourth and final meeting (closed) held July 11, 2011, in Washington, DC

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NEWS from CNSTAT

— December 21, 2011 —

PEOPLE *News*

We congratulate **Mary Bohman** on being named administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service as of November 28, 2011. Dr. Bohman recently served as acting administrator of ERS, as well as directing the ERS Resource and Rural Economics Division. She joined ERS in 1997, where she has served as deputy director for research for ERS's Market and Trade Economics Division (MTED) and chief of MTED's Europe, Africa, Middle East Branch. She also has experience at the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and served as a faculty member in agricultural sciences at the University of British Columbia from 1990 to 1997. She received her Ph.D. from the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of California at Davis, and her B.S. from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. She is a member of the Agriculture & Applied Economics Association, Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Wye Group on Statistics on Rural Development and Agricultural Household Income, and the International Association of Agricultural Economists.

We welcome **Jacqui Sovde** to the CNSTAT staff. She replaces Bridget Edmonds as the CNSTAT program associate with responsibility for the committee itself and the director. Jacqui received her B.A. from the University of California, Santa Cruz, in 2003, where she had an independent major in writing and communication. She previously worked for the National Museum of Women in the Arts and for Alice Smith & Associates. She came to the National Academies in 2007 and was most recently the program associate for the Committee on Population. We are delighted that she will be working with our wonderful team in CNSTAT. We also thank **Agnes Gaskin** for her outstanding service in filling the gap before Jacqui came on board.

EVENT & OTHER *News*

Nominees are sought for the **2012 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, 2012. For more information please contact Steven Paben, paben.steven@bls.gov.

REPORT *News*

Measuring Poverty: A New Approach, a CNSTAT report issued in 1995 (available as a [PDF](#)), has been much in the news following the release by the U.S. Census Bureau on November 7 of estimates of poverty under the new Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) ([PDF](#)). The SPM largely follows the recommendations in the 1995 report, which were the subject of extensive research and testing by staff of the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The specifics of the SPM were developed by an Interagency Technical Working Group. A recent Urban Institute lunchtime forum featured a panel discussion, “*Poverty by the Numbers: What New Measures Say About At-Risk Groups and the Social Safety Net.*” Panelists included **Enid Borden**, president and CEO, Meals On Wheels Association of America; **Constance Citro**, director, Committee on National Statistics, The National Academies; **Jason DeParle**, correspondent, New York Times (moderator); **Linda Giannarelli**, senior fellow, Income and Benefits Policy Center, Urban Institute; and **Kristin Moore**, senior scholar, Child Trends (see [webcast](#)).

Reminder: As of June 2011, PDF versions of CNSTAT and NAS reports are available for free download at **The National Academies Press** website, <http://www.nap.edu>. The free download policy applies to all reports for which electronic versions are available and all future reports.

Reminder: Slides from previous CNSTAT public seminars, and from several major workshops, are available on the [Presentations](#) page on the CNSTAT website. Recently posted presentations include those from CNSTAT’s 116th meeting, October 20-21, 2011; the October 26-27, 2011, workshop on redesign options for the Consumer Expenditure Surveys; and the November 4, 2011, joint CNSTAT-Committee on Applied and Theoretical Statistics seminar on the Netflix prize (a video of the Netflix seminar is also posted).

CNSTAT *Meetings*

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

- **CNSTAT’s 117th meeting** (closed) will be held **February 9–10, 2012**, in Washington, DC, at the National Academies’ Keck Center, 500 5th St., NW. This meeting will be a retreat and will neither include public sessions nor a luncheon with statistical agency heads.
- **CNSTAT’s 118th meeting** will be held **May 10–11, 2012**, in Washington, DC, at the Keck Center. It will mark CNSTAT’s 40th year of continuous operation, and also the 100th birthday (actually on May 6) of CNSTAT’s first director, **Margaret Martin**. We will definitely plan something special.
- **CNSTAT’s 119th meeting** will be held **October 18-19, 2012**, in the National Academies’ main building at 2100 Constitution Ave., NW (the building is to reopen for business after extensive renovation in June 2012). This meeting will feature a public seminar on the 19th.

Active PANELS & WORKSHOPS

[Organized by sponsor, beginning with federal departments. 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). For panel studies, you may also search under Current Projects (under “Events & Activities”) on <http://nationalacademies.org> or <http://nas.edu>.]

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: *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, available in print and [PDF](#); final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Closed panel conference call held October 31, 2011.

Department of Commerce

Panel on Addressing Priority Technical Issues for the Next Decade of the American Community Survey

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2011–December 2013

Study director: Krisztina Marton; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant, Agnes Gaskin

Chair: TBD

Reports planned: One or more interim reports; final report

Upcoming meetings: TBD

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

Chair: Thomas Cook (former president, SABRE Decision Technologies); member: John Thompson (NORC)

Reports planned: First interim report, *Change and the 2020 Census: Not Whether But How*, released on March 25, 2011, available in printed form and in [PDF](#); second interim report and final report planned

Upcoming meetings: Tenth meeting scheduled for January 19–20, 2012, in Irvine, CA

Panel on Statistical Methods for Measuring the Group Quarters Population in the American Community Survey

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2009–March 2012

Study director: Krisztina Marton; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin
Chair: Paul Voss (University of North Carolina and University of Wisconsin–Madison)

Reports planned: *Measuring the Group Quarters Population in the American Community Survey: Interim Report* released in prepublication form on December 27, 2010, and available as [PDF](#) (but not printed in finished book form); final report is in review

Upcoming meetings: Seventh (final, closed) panel meeting held July 21–22, 2011, in Washington, DC

Workshop on Benefits (and Burdens) of the American Community Survey

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2011–December 2012

Study director: Daniel Cork; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: TBD; steering committee is being formed

Reports planned: Workshop summary

Upcoming meetings: 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–September 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, and available as [PDF](#); *Phase II Report on Review of the Testing of Body Armor Materials for Use by the U.S. Army*, released May 3, 2010, and available as [PDF](#); final report is in response to review

Upcoming meetings: Last meeting held October 18–19, 2010; no more meetings are planned

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–September 2011

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

Chair: Vijay Nair (University of Michigan); member: John Rolph (University of Southern California)

Report: Final report, *Industrial Methods for the Effective Testing and Development of Defense Systems*, released in prepublication format, November 4, 2011, and available as [PDF](#); printed copies will be available shortly

Upcoming meetings: Fourth and final meeting held June 18–19, 2010, in Woods Hole, MA

Panel on the Theory and Application of Reliability Growth Modeling to Defense Systems

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: Arthur Fries (Institute for Defense Analyses)

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

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting held December 2, 2011, in Washington, DC; fourth meeting TBD

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 University)

Reports planned: Letter report released June 1, 2010, and available in [PDF](#); final report is in response to review

Upcoming meetings: Sixth and final meeting held April 18–19, 2011

Department of Health and Human Services

Panel on Measuring Medical Care Risk in Conjunction with the New Supplemental Poverty Measure (joint with the 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); program associate: Jacqui Sovde

Chair: Michael O’Grady (NORC)

Report planned: Final report including workshop summary is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Final (closed) panel meeting scheduled for February 2–3, 2012, in Washington, DC

Panel on Measuring Subjective Well-Being in a Policy-Relevant Framework (joint with the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences)

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging and the UK Economic and Social Research Council

Duration: May 2011–May 2013

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: Arthur Stone (SUNY Stony Brook); member: Norman Bradburn (NORC); V. Joseph Hotz (Duke)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: First meeting held December 19, 2011, in Washington, DC; second meeting TBD.

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

Sponsor: National Institute on Aging

Duration: October 2010–September 2012

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: Paul Dolan (London School of Economics and Political Science); steering committee member: Norman Bradburn (NORC)

Reports planned: Workshop transcripts; OECD guidance document (grant has been let with OECD)

Upcoming meetings: First workshop held July 8, 2011, in Paris, France; second workshop will be held in 2012 to review penultimate draft of OECD guidance

Department of Homeland Security

Panel on Survey Options for Estimating the Illegal Alien Flow at the Southwest Border

Sponsor: Office of Immigration Statistics

Duration: July 2011–September 2012

Co-study directors: Thomas Plewes and Malay Majmundar; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Alicia Carriquiry, chair (Iowa State University); member: Stephen Fienberg (Carnegie Mellon University)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Second meeting scheduled for January 18-20, 2012, in San Diego and Irvine, CA; third meeting scheduled for March 21-22, 2012, in Washington, DC.

Department of Justice

Panel on Measuring Rape and Sexual Assault in Bureau of Justice Statistics Household Surveys

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Duration: July 2011–April 2013

Study director: Carol House; project assistant: Alicia Jaramillo-Underwood

Co-chairs-designate: William Kalsbeek (University of North Carolina) and Candace Kruttschnitt (University of Toronto); panel is being formed

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: First meeting held December 8-9, 2011, in Washington, DC; second meeting TBD

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: Alicia Jaramillo-Underwood

Chair: Don Dillman (Washington State University)

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Chair: Kevin Novak (American Institute of Architects)
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Reports planned: Interim report is in review drafted; final report
Upcoming meetings: Fourth meeting scheduled for February 7-8, 2012, in Washington, DC
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Chair: Teresa Sullivan (University of Virginia); member: Michael Hout (University of California, Berkeley)
Reports planned: Final report is in response to review
Upcoming meetings: Sixth meeting (closed) held February 3, 2011, in Washington, DC

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

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Duration: July 2010–June 2012

Study director: Thomas Plewes; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Roger Tourangeau (University of Maryland); member: Nora Cate Schaeffer (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

Report planned: Final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Fourth and final meeting (closed) held July 11, 2011, in Washington, DC

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