



NEWS from CNSTAT

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PEOPLE *News*

We congratulate **Janet M. Currie**, the Henry Putnam professor of economics and public affairs, chair of the Economics Department and director of the Center for Health and Well-Being at Princeton University, on receiving the **2015 Carolyn Shaw Bell Award** from the **Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP)** of the **American Economic Association (AEA)**. From the AEA website: “Currie excels in her scholarship, in her teaching and advising, in mentoring, and in her service to the profession. She is an innovative and prolific scholar whose work spans labor, public and health economics. She has made fundamental contributions in many areas and is best known for her work on public policy issues affecting child health and wellbeing. Her work is notable for combining a focus on important, policy-relevant questions with unassailable objectivity and scrupulous attention to methodological detail. Currie’s concern for the development of the next generation of economists is expressed in her dedicated mentorship of colleagues and students, both male and female, who praise her sage, practical, no-nonsense advice and her creativity in devising solutions. She is known for her commitment to gender equity in economics and . . . led the research team that produced the only rigorous scientific evidence for the efficacy of a mentoring program.” She will become a member of CNSTAT in July 2016 and served on the CNSTAT panel that produced *Estimating Eligibility and Participation for the WIC Program: Final Report* in 2003.

We congratulate **Jeri Mulrow** on her appointment as **principal deputy director** of the **Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)**, effective January 25, 2016. She comes to BJS from the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) at the National Science Foundation where she was deputy division director. Jeri has 30 years of experience as an applied statistician working in government, industry, and academia. She has worked at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Southern Illinois University, the Statistics of Income Division at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), NORC at the University of Chicago, and Ernst & Young, LLP. Jeri is a fellow of the American Statistical Association (ASA) and is currently serving a 3-year elected term as vice president of ASA. She has a B.A. in mathematics from Montana State University and an M.A. in statistics from Colorado State University.

We congratulate **John Phillips** on his appointment as **associate commissioner** in charge of the **Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics (ORES)** at the **Social Security Administration (SSA)**. John is currently chief of the Population and Social Processes Branch of the Behavioral and Social Research (BSR) Division of the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and will take up his new position shortly. At NIA/BSR, he directed a research grant program on the causes and consequences of changes in social, demographic, economic, and health characteristics of the older population. He also served as the federal project scientist for the U.S. Health and Retirement Study (HRS) and led the NIA initiative to develop comparable health and retirement studies around the world. His previously held positions include serving as director of the SSA Office of Policy Research and as an economist and federal project officer at SSA

conducting research on retirement and directing the Retirement Research Consortium program. He completed a 2-year NIA postdoctoral research fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania where he published work on early retirement, savings adequacy, and intergenerational transfers. He received his Ph.D. in economics from Syracuse University in 1997.

We thank **Patricia (Patty) Becker** for her tireless efforts on behalf of federal statistics for use in state and local government decision-making. Patty recently closed the ***Southeast Michigan Census Council***, for which she served as executive director, produced an invaluable monthly newsletter, and represented the organization and the interests of small-area data users more generally at meetings of the American Statistical Association and its Government Statistics and Social Statistics Sections, the Association of Public Data Users, the Census Bureau's Professional Associations Advisory Committee, the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics, the Population Association of America, and the Secretary of Commerce's Advisory Committee on the 2000 Census. For CNSTAT, she served as a member of the panel that produced *Counting the People in 1980: An Appraisal of Census Plans* in 1978. Among other prescient recommendations, the report advocated the use of paid advertising for the census, which was finally adopted in 2000. Patty also directed an invaluable assessment of the 2000 Census Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program for the CNSTAT panel that produced *The 2000 Census: Counting Under Adversity* in 2004. She says that she will continue to follow developments of interest for the decennial census and the American Community Survey and will continue to answer her email (pbecker@umich.edu).

We thank **Barry Nussbaum** for his over 40 years of service to the federal statistical community. As he noted in a January 29, 2016, email, which deserves quoting in full:

I will be retiring from EPA on March 3, fully recognizing this will end the popular guessing game of "When will Barry retire?" It has been an amazing, fulfilling career for me, and I owe much of the success to all of you that I have worked with. Having been at EPA for a tad over 40 years, I expected some modest response to announcing my retirement. However, since I informed my supervisor, the Federal Government has either closed down completely or for partial days [due to snowzilla], and the stock market has tumbled. I think this is a somewhat excessive reaction.

Barry is chief statistician of the ***Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)*** in the Office of Environmental Information. His work has included statistical analyses leading to new emissions programs, support for enforcement cases, the phase-down of leaded gasoline, the regulation of fuel additives, and the assessment of motor vehicle emission control tampering. For these efforts, he was awarded two EPA Silver Medals for Superior Service. He also chaired the Section on Statistics in the Environment (ENVR) of the American Statistical Association (ASA) in 2000, and has taught graduate courses in statistics at George Washington University and Virginia Tech. He received a B.A. in mathematics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an M.A. and Ph.D. in operations research from George Washington University. He is the president-elect of ASA.

We call attention to the January 2016 issue of ***The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science***, which is dedicated to **Robert M. Hauser** and his late wife, **Taissa Hauser**, for their work on such important social issues as social stratification and mobility, social and economic inequality, education practices, and adolescent development. The journal issue, titled "Living in a High-Inequality Regime," and edited by Alair MacLean and David Grusky, contains articles analyzing inequality among groups based on socioeconomic status, race, gender, and other characteristics and examining the impacts of inequality in such domains as health, the economy, criminal justice, politics, and social mobility. Most of the authors of the articles were students or close colleagues of Bob and Tess. Bob is executive director of the Academies' Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE), the home of CNSTAT. The articles are available for free online and can be downloaded at the [SAGE website](#).

REPORT *News*

Affordability of National Flood Insurance Program Premiums: Report 2 was released in prepublication format on December 11, 2015; printed copies are now available along with free [PDFs](#) from the National Academies Press. The report was prepared by a committee organized under the Water Science and Technology Board, with input from the Board on Mathematical Sciences and Their Applications, and CNSTAT. The committee was chaired by Leonard Shabman (Resources for the Future) and funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency pursuant to a congressional mandate. The report identifies an approach for FEMA to evaluate policy options for making premiums through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) more affordable for those who have limited ability to pay. The recommended approach is microsimulation modeling, which could estimate premiums and future flood damage claims at the individual policyholder level and, for example, allow FEMA to compare the price of NFIP premiums that reflect true flood risk—as called for in the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012—with measures of policyholders' ability to pay. The agency then could evaluate how different premium and mitigation assistance programs might be designed to make premiums affordable for cost-burdened households. The report says that FEMA currently does not have the policy analysis capacity or necessary data to comprehensively analyze different options for making flood insurance more affordable. For example, the NFIP's database lacks first-floor elevation data for many properties, making it difficult to estimate those properties' risk of flood damage or the premiums they would face under a risk-based pricing structure. Moreover, the NFIP database does not contain data on policyholders' income, wealth, or housing costs. The report identifies some limited analyses FEMA can do now, and describes ways that the agency can build its modeling capacity and data resources to enable such analyses. The pace at which FEMA's modeling capacity grows will depend on the resources available, access to appropriate expertise, and the support of agency leadership.

Measuring Serious Emotional Disturbance in Children: Workshop Summary was released in prepublication format on November 23, 2015; printed copies are now available along with free [PDFs](#) from the National Academies Press. This report summarizes the discussions at a CNSTAT workshop, chaired by Kathleen Merikangas (NIMH), held in June 2015 for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The workshop was organized under a CNSTAT standing committee that has the goal of assisting SAMHSA in its responsibilities for expanding the collection of behavioral health data in several areas. This workshop brought together experts in child mental health, psychiatric epidemiology, and survey methods to facilitate discussion of the most suitable measures and mechanisms for producing estimates of serious emotional disturbance in children, which are necessary to enable the distribution of block grants that support state-level mental health services for children. The report discusses existing measures and data on mental disorders and functional impairment, challenges associated with collecting these data in large-scale population-based studies, as well as study design and estimation options. A summary from the second workshop in this series, ***Measuring Specific Mental Illness Diagnoses with Functional Impairment***, will be released in prepublication format, February 12, 2016.

Rationalizing Rural Area Classifications for the Economic Research Service: A Workshop Summary was released in prepublication format on November 9, 2015; printed copies along with free [PDFs](#) are now available from the National Academies Press. This report summarizes the discussions at a CNSTAT workshop held in April 2015 for the Economic Research Service, USDA, and chaired by David Brown (Cornell University). ERS maintains four highly related but distinct geographic classification systems to designate areas by the degree to which they are rural. The original urban-rural code scheme was developed by the ERS in the 1970s, when rural America was very different from rural America today. At

that time migration to cities and poverty among the people left behind were central concerns. The more rural a residence, the more likely a person was to live in poverty, and this relationship held true regardless of age or race. Since the 1970s the interstate highway system was completed and broadband was developed. Services have become more consolidated into larger centers. Some of the traditional rural industries, farming and mining, have prospered, and there has been rural amenity-based in-migration. The urban-rural poverty gap has narrowed considerably. The CNSTAT workshop convened participants to explore the data, estimation, and policy issues for rationalizing the multiple classifications of rural areas currently in use by ERS in light of the changed social and economic environment.

The Integration of Immigrants into American Society, the final report of a panel organized under CNSTAT's sister Committee on Population, was released in prepublication format on September 21, 2015. The panel was chaired by Mary Waters (Harvard University) and funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the National Science Foundation, the Russell Sage Foundation, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. The report examines social factors that affect the well-being of immigrants as they integrate into American society through the identification of such measurable outcomes as socioeconomic status, language abilities, and employment. The report finds that, as immigrants and their descendants become integrated into U.S. society, many aspects of their lives improve, including educational attainment, occupational distribution, income, and language ability, but their well-being declines in the areas of health, crime, and family patterns. At the same time, several factors impede immigrants' integration into society, such as their legal status, racial disparities in socioeconomic outcomes, and low naturalization rates. [PDFs](#) of the report are available for free downloading at the National Academies Press website. Meanwhile, a report of the CNSTAT Panel on the Economic and Fiscal Consequences of Immigration is nearing completion.

Reminder: PDF versions of CNSTAT and National Academies reports are available for free download at *The National Academies Press* website, <http://www.nap.edu>. NOTE: The download site asks for your e-mail and a password. If you don't have a NAP account and don't want to have one, then provide your e-mail and click "I don't have an account;" on the next page click "accept NAP policies" and "log in as guest".

Reminder: Slides from previous CNSTAT public seminars are available on the CNSTAT [public seminars and symposia](#) page; slides from several major workshops are available on the [presentations](#) page on the CNSTAT website. The most recent entry on the presentations page is "Multiple Data Sources Presentations;" currently available under that label are slides from a November 19, 2015, meeting organized for the Bureau of Economic Analysis on exploiting commercial data for official economic statistics.

CNSTAT Meetings

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

CNSTAT's 129th meeting will be held **February 11–12, 2016**, at the **Keck Center of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine** at 500 Fifth Street NW, in Washington, DC. It will be a retreat meeting; there will be no agency head luncheon or public seminar.

CNSTAT's 130th meeting will be held **May 5–6, 2016**, in the **National Academy of Sciences Building** at 2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. On the 6th, the meeting will feature a luncheon with

statistical agency heads, followed by a public seminar, beginning with light refreshments at 2 pm and ending with a reception at 4:30 pm. The *agency head lunch* will provide an opportunity for statistical agency leaders to provide input on the 6th edition of *Principles and Practices for a Federal Statistical Agency*, to be released in early 2017.

CNSTAT's 131st meeting will be held **October 20-21, 2016**, in the *National Academy of Sciences Building* at 2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. On the 21st, the meeting will feature a luncheon with statistical agency heads, followed by a public seminar, beginning with light refreshments at 2 pm and ending with a reception at 4:30 pm.

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

Active **PANELS & WORKSHOPS**

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

Department of Agriculture

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

Sponsor: National Agricultural Statistics Service

Duration: September 2014–September 2017

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

Chair: Mary Ellen Bock (Purdue University)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Second meeting scheduled for May 12-13, 2016, in Washington, DC.

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

Sponsor: National Agricultural Statistics Service and Economic Research Service

Duration: September 2015–September 2018

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

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: TBD

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

Sponsor: National Agricultural Statistics Service

Duration: September 2015–September 2018

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

Chair: TBD

Report planned: Workshop summary
Upcoming meetings: TBD

Workshop on Rationalizing Rural Area Classifications for ERS/USDA

Sponsor: Economic Research Service
Duration: September 2014–December 2015
Study director: Nancy Kirkendall; senior program officer: Gooloo Wunderlich; project assistant: Mary Ann Kasper
Chair: David Brown (Cornell University)
Report: Workshop summary, *Rationalizing Rural Area Classifications for the Economic Research Service: A Workshop Summary*, publicly released in prepublication format, November 9, 2015; printed copies along with free [PDFs](#) are now available
Meeting: Workshop held April 16-17, 2015, in Washington, DC

Department of Commerce

Panel to Reengineer the Census Bureau's Annual Economic Surveys

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau
Duration: May 2015–May 2018
Study director: Glenn White; senior program officer: Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Mary Ann Kasper
Chair: Katharine Abraham (U. Maryland)
Report planned: Final report
Upcoming meetings: Third meeting scheduled for June 2-3, 2016, in Washington, DC

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

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau
Duration: September 2013–November 2016
Study director: Carol House; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin; research associate: Adrienne Bradford
Chair: John Czajka (Mathematica Policy Research)
Report planned: Final report
Upcoming meetings: Fourth meeting held October 1-2, 2015, in Washington, DC; fifth meeting TBD

Standing Committee on Reengineering Census Operations

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau
Duration: September 2014–September 2019
Study director: Daniel Cork; senior program officer: Michael Cohen; program officer: Jordyn White; project assistant: Anthony Mann
Chair: Thomas Cook (Decision Analytics International)
Reports: Standing committees do not issue reports; they meet for discussion; they also identify topics for separate workshops or consensus panels; this committee has facilitated a consensus panel on reengineering the Census Bureau's annual economic surveys (see above) and will spin off workshops on central topics for 2020 census planning. A website for the committee is maintained at this [link](#).
Upcoming meetings: Sixth meeting scheduled for May 16-18, 2016, in Washington, DC

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

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau
Duration: September 2015–September 2016
Study director: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: TBD
Report planned: Workshop summary
Upcoming meetings: TBD

Workshop on Respondent Burden in the American Community Survey

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau
Duration: September 2015–November 2016
Study director: Brian Harris-Kojetin; senior program officer: Michael Cohen; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin
Co-chairs: Linda Gage (California Department of Finance, retired) and Joseph Salvo (NYC Department of City Planning)
Report planned: Workshop summary
Upcoming meetings: Workshop scheduled for March 8-9, 2016, in Washington, DC; register [here](#)

Department of Education

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

Sponsor: National Center for Education Statistics
Duration: September 2014–March 2016
Study director: Judith Koenig (BOTA); program officer: Jordyn White (CNSTAT); project assistant: Kelly Arrington (BOTA)
Chair: Christopher Edley, Jr. (University of California, Berkeley)
Report planned: Final report is in review
Upcoming meetings: Eighth (last) meeting (closed) held November 16-17, 2015, in Irvine, CA

Department of Health and Human Services

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

Sponsors: Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Duration: August 2014–July 2016
Study director: Krisztina Marton; senior program officer: Jeanne Rivard (BBCSS); senior program officer: Adrienne Stith Butler (BHSP); project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: James Jackson (University of Michigan)
Reports: Standing committees do not issue reports; they meet for discussion; they also identify topics for separate workshops or consensus panels; this committee is facilitating workshops on the topics of measuring serious emotional disturbance in children (workshop summary released in prepublication format on November 23, 2015, printed copies along with free [PDFs](#) are now available); specific mental illness diagnoses with any functional impairment (summary will be released in prepublication format, February 12, 2016); trauma; and recovery. A website is maintained for the committee at this [link](#).
Upcoming meetings: Workshop/fifth meeting on Recovery scheduled for February 24-25, 2016, in Washington, DC

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

Sponsor: Office of Minority Health
Duration: September 2015–September 2016
Study director: Jordyn White; senior program officer: Carol House; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin
Chair: Wendy Manning (Bowling Green University)
Report planned: Workshop summary
Upcoming meetings: Workshop scheduled for March 29-30, 2016, in Washington, DC.

Department of Homeland Security

Committee on Affordability of National Flood Insurance Program Premiums (joint with the Water Science and Technology Board, which has the lead, and the Board on Mathematical Sciences and Their Applications)

Sponsor: Federal Emergency Management Agency
Duration: September 2013–September 2015
Study director: Jeffrey Jacobs (WSTB); CNSTAT director: Constance Citro; BMSA director: Scott Weidman
Chair: Leonard Shabman (Resources for the Future)
Reports: *Affordability of National Flood Insurance Premiums—Report 1* released in prepublication format, March 26, 2015; printed copies along with free [PDFs](#) are available; *Affordability of National Flood Insurance Premiums—Report 2* released in prepublication format, December 11, 2015, printed copies along with free [PDFs](#) are now available
Upcoming meetings: Fifth and final meeting held May 6-7, 2015, in Irvine CA

Department of Justice

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

Sponsor: Bureau of Justice Statistics and Federal Bureau of Investigation
Duration: September 2013–December 2016
Study director: Daniel Cork; program officer: Jordyn White; project assistant: Michael Siri
Chair: Janet Lauritsen (University of Missouri–St. Louis)
Reports planned: First report is in review; second report is being planned
Upcoming meetings: Eleventh meeting scheduled for March 3-4, 2016, in Washington, DC

Department of Transportation

Panel on Research Methodologies and Statistical Approaches to Understanding Driver Fatigue Factors in Motor Carrier Safety and Driver Health (joint with the Board on Human-Systems Integration and Transportation Research Board)

Sponsor: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
Duration: September 2013–December 2015
Study director: Michael Cohen; senior program officer: Richard Pain; associate program officer: Esha Sinha; Board on Human-Systems Integration director: Poornima Madhavan; TRB Studies and Special Programs Division director: Stephen Godwin; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin
Co-chairs: Hal Stern (University of California, Irvine); Matthew Rizzo (University of Nebraska Medical Center)
Report planned: Final report is in response to review

Meetings: Sixth and final meeting (closed) held July 13-14, 2015, in Washington, DC

National Science Foundation

Forum on Open Science

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Duration: October 2013–October 2016

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

Chair: David Ward (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

Reports: Forums do not issue reports; they meet for discussion among a wide range of stakeholders; they can also facilitate separate workshops or consensus panels.

Upcoming meetings: Fourth and last meeting held March 27, 2015, in Washington, DC; follow-on activities to be scheduled (a workshop is being planned on reproducibility in federal statistics; look for more information in the next newsletter)

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

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: September 2015–March 2018

Study director: Krisztina Marton; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Co-chair-designates: Rita Colwell (University of Michigan and Johns Hopkins University) and James House (University of Michigan)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: TBD

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

Sponsor: Directorate on Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences

Duration: March 2015–June 2016

Study director: Cynthia Thomas; project assistant: Eileen LeFurgy

Chair: Barbara Entwisle (University of North Carolina)

Reports: Standing committees do not issue reports; they meet for discussion; they may also facilitate separate workshops or consensus panels. A website will be maintained for the committee.

Upcoming meetings: Second in-person meeting scheduled for May 11-12, 2016, in Washington, DC

Workshop on Prioritizing and Implementing Improvements to Innovation Indicators

Sponsor: National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

Duration: September 2015–September 2016

Study director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: Scott Stern (MIT)

Report planned: Workshop summary

Upcoming meetings: Workshop scheduled for May 19-20, 2016, in Washington, DC

The Carnegie Corporation of New York

Standing Committee on Creating the American Opportunity Study, First Phase

Sponsor: The Carnegie Corporation of New York

Duration: April 2015–March 2017

Study director: Carol House; project assistant: Agnes Gaskin

Chair: Michael Hout (NYU)

Reports: Standing committees do not issue reports; they meet for discussion; they also identify topics for separate workshops or consensus panels; this committee will facilitate workshops on the design and research uses of the American Opportunity Study (AOS), which is being developed to measure intergenerational mobility by linking 1990 census records (after capturing the necessary information) with subsequent census records, American Community Survey records, and administrative records that become available. The result will be a facility for researchers to obtain extracts of linked files for analysis within the Federal Statistical Research Data Center network (formerly the Census Bureau RDC network). The First-Phase AOS is to address the challenges of capturing linking information for the 1990 census short- and long-form records, to evaluate the likely quality of matches with other records, and to propose the next phase of work. A website will be maintained for the committee.

Upcoming meetings: Workshop and second meeting scheduled for May 9-10, 2016, in Washington, DC

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Panel on the Economic and Fiscal Consequences of Immigration

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

Duration: May 2013–October 2016

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

Chair: Francine Blau (Cornell University)

Report planned: Final report is in review

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

The Laura and John Arnold Foundation

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

Sponsor: The Laura and John Arnold Foundation

Duration: April 2015–December 2017

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

Chair: Robert Groves (Georgetown University)

Report planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting scheduled for February 25-27, 2016, in Palo Alto, CA (25th is a workshop)

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