

— April 3, 2018 —

We call your attention to the first public meeting, scheduled for **April 16, 2018**, of the CNSTAT **Panel on Improving Consumer Data for Food and Nutrition Policy Research**, sponsored by the USDA's Economic Research Service. The entry for this panel under "Active Panels and Workshops" below describes its goals and provides a link to register to attend the public meeting in-person or via webcast.

PEOPLE *News*

We thank **John Gawalt**, who retires as *director* of the **National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES)**, on April 3, 2018, after 30 years of federal service. Prior to becoming director, John served as deputy director for NCSES, and, prior to that, as program director for its Information and Technology Services Program, where he was responsible for design, development, and operation of the NCSES website, traditional and electronic publishing, online data access, database management, and general information technology support. His formal training is in natural resources and resource economics (bachelor's degree and 2 years of graduate study at the University of Rhode Island), with a focus on the econometric study of the fishing industry. He began his federal career as a summer student at the Economic Research Service in USDA and moved to the Consumer and Producer Price Programs at the Bureau of Labor Statistics before coming to NCSES. From an interview published in [AmstatNews](#), May 1, 2014, he asserted that "federal service . . . [is] an honorable profession—I have known and worked with many dedicated, caring, and talented people." We in turn thank John for his commitment and dedication to federal statistics and wish him the best in retirement.

We welcome back **Mark Schneider** to the U.S. Department of Education. Mark served as commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) from 2005–2008 and has just been confirmed by the U.S. Senate for a 6-year term as *director* of the **Institute of Education Sciences (IES)**. IES comprises NCES, the National Center for Education Research, the National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance, and the National Center for Special Education Research. Mark is currently a vice president and institute fellow at the American Institutes for Research and president of College Measures. He is also a visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and distinguished professor emeritus of political science at the State University of New York, Stony Brook. He has been working on increasing schools' accountability by making data on college productivity and the labor market success of college graduates more publicly available.

We congratulate **Francine Blau**, Frances Perkins professor of industrial and labor relations and professor of economics, Cornell University, and member of CNSTAT, who recently had a room named for her at the **German Institute for Economic Research** (Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung). DIW Berlin, as it is commonly known, is one of the leading economic research institutes in Germany, founded in 1925. The plaque outside the Francine D. Blau Room reads:

Francine D. Blau

American Economist

Blau, a DIW Berlin research fellow, brings gender differences in the labor market to the attention of the public with her impressive body of research as well as through her professional activities in numerous institutions. Apart from her groundbreaking work on gender issues, wage inequality, and international comparisons of labor market outcomes, Blau has also published influential studies on various other topics in labor economics, such as migration and racial discrimination, profoundly shaping the view of scholars and policymakers.

PUBLICATION *News*

RECENTLY RELEASED REPORTS (available as free PDFs)

Modernizing Crime Statistics—Report 2: New Systems for Measuring Crime, the second and final report of a consensus panel under CNSTAT, chaired by Janet Lauritsen (University of Missouri–St. Louis) and sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), was released in prepublication format, March 21, 2018. Free PDFs are available [here](#); printed copies will be available shortly.

To derive statistics about crime—to estimate its levels and trends, assess its costs to and impacts on society, and inform law enforcement approaches to prevent it—a conceptual framework for defining and thinking about crime is virtually a prerequisite. Maintaining such a framework is no easy task, because the mechanics of crime are ever evolving and shifting. In important respects, current U.S. crime statistics are collected using precepts formed at the outset of data collection in the 1920s or made overly rigid over ensuing decades. Today, forms of crime that are not well measured by any crime data collection, such as cybercrime and environmental violations, call for a reassessment of the concepts, methods, and governance structure for a comprehensive set of crime statistics. The panel’s first report, *Modernizing Crime Statistics—Report 1: Defining and Classifying Crime*, assessed user and stakeholder needs for crime information and proposed a classification of crime to organize measurement efforts. This second report builds on that effort, suggesting methodological and implementation techniques for using the new crime classification as a conceptual blueprint for modernizing national crime statistics and arguing for the need for comprehensive coordination and governance structures in U.S. crime statistics.

Measuring the 21st Century Science and Engineering Workforce Population: Evolving Needs, the final report of a consensus panel under CNSTAT, co-chaired by Rita Colwell (University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University) and James House (University of Michigan) and sponsored by the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES), was released in prepublication format, January 9, 2018. Free PDFs are available [here](#); printed copies will be available shortly.

NCSES, housed in the National Science Foundation, is one of the nation’s principal statistical agencies, charged to collect, acquire, analyze, report, and disseminate statistical data related to the science and engineering enterprise in the United States and other nations that is relevant and useful to practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and the public. NCSES data, based primarily on several flagship surveys, have become the major evidence base for American science and technology policy, and the agency is well respected globally for these data. This report assesses and provides guidance on NCSES’s approach to measuring the science and engineering workforce population in the United States. It also proposes a framework for measuring the science and engineering workforce in the next decade and beyond, with flexibility to examine emerging issues related to this unique population while at the same time allowing for stability in the estimation of key trends.

A Smarter National Surveillance System for Occupational Safety and Health in the 21st Century, the final report of a consensus panel under the Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources, Committee on National Statistics, and Board on Health Sciences Policy, chaired by Edward Shortliffe (Arizona State University), was released in prepublication format, January 9, 2018. The report was sponsored by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Occupational Health and Safety Administration. Free PDFs are available [here](#), and printed copies will be available shortly.

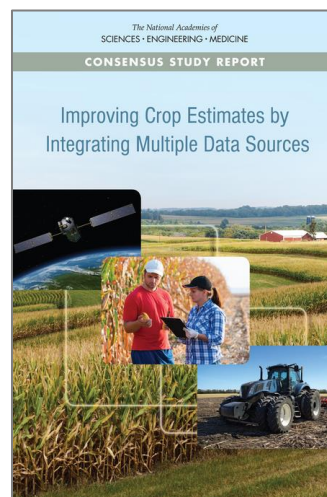
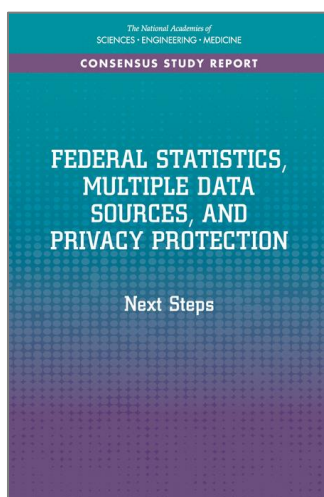
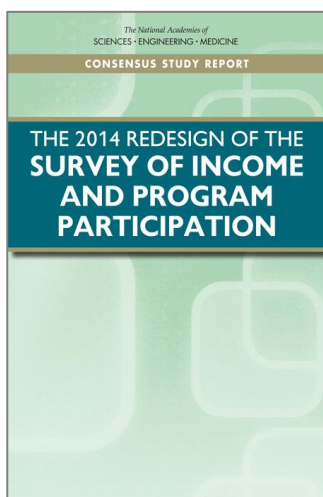
The workplace is where 156 million adults in the United States spend many waking hours, and it has a profound influence on health and well-being. Although some occupations and work-related activities are more hazardous than others and face higher rates of injuries, illness, disease, and fatalities, workers in all occupations face some form of work-related safety and health concerns. Occupational safety and health (OSH) surveillance provides the data and analyses needed to understand the relationships between work and injuries and illnesses in order to improve worker safety and health and prevent work-related injuries and illnesses. Information about the circumstances in which workers are injured or made ill on the job and how these patterns change over time is essential to develop effective prevention programs and target future research. This report provides a comprehensive assessment of the state of OSH surveillance. It is intended to be useful to federal and state agencies that have an interest in occupational safety and health, but may also be of interest broadly to employers, labor unions and other worker advocacy organizations, the workers' compensation insurance industry, as well as state epidemiologists, academic researchers, and the broader public health community. The recommendations address both short- and long-term actions and strategies needed to bring about a progressive evolution of the current system.

RECENTLY RELEASED REPORTS NOW AVAILABLE IN PRINTED FORM

[The 2014 Redesign of the Survey of Income and Program Participation: An Assessment](#), released August 28, 2017

[Federal Statistics, Multiple Data Sources, and Privacy Protection: Next Steps](#), released October 2, 2017

[Improving Crop Estimates by Integrating Multiple Data Sources](#), released October 11, 2017



Reminder: PDF versions of CNSTAT and National Academies reports are available for free download at *The National Academies Press* website, <http://www.nap.edu>. The download site asks for your e-mail and a password. If you don't have an 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. Presentations from the October 2017 CNSTAT meeting public seminar, “New Directions for Federal Statistics,” are available [here](#).

Slides from several major workshops are available on the [presentations](#) page on the CNSTAT website. This page also includes a section on “[Multiple Data Sources Presentations](#),” which links to presentations from workshops and meetings for CNSTAT’s [Panel on Improving Federal Statistics for Policy and Social Science Research Using Multiple Data Sources and State-of-the-Art Estimation Methods](#).

EVENT & OTHER *News*

On March 26, 2018, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross issued a [memorandum](#) stating that a question on citizenship would be added to the 2020 census questionnaire. The questionnaire must still go through the regular OMB Paperwork Reduction Act process. We provide here, for the interest of readers, a factual statement regarding the history of the citizenship question in the U.S. census. The question was asked in many 19th and early 20th century censuses at a time when there was only one form and enumeration was conducted in-person. The 1950 census is the last census since World War II to ask citizenship of everyone (that census, also conducted by personal enumeration, asked a number of questions, but not citizenship, on a sample basis). The 1960 census did not include the question at all, except in New York State, which paid to have the question included on the short form for every NYS resident. From 1970 through 2000, citizenship was a question on the long-form sample, and it has been a question on the American Community Survey since the initiation of the ACS in 2005. The Justice Department’s request for block-level data on citizenship, which prompted Secretary Ross’s memorandum, is the first such request in the history of administration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

A consortium of sponsors requests nominations for the ***Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award***, which recognizes and encourages the mentoring of junior staff in the statistical community in federal, state, or local government. The award is made annually to a supervisor, technical director, team coordinator, or other statistical staff member who is nominated by a supervisor and co-workers for his or her efforts in supporting the work and developing the careers of junior staff. Nominations are due ***April 16, 2018***. Please see the information appended to this newsletter.

The ***Government Statistics Section (GSS)*** of the American Statistical Association (ASA) sponsors an annual ***Pat Doyle Award*** to recognize a person whose contribution to GSS leaves a lasting impact on GSS and ASA. This award was established in 2005 as a tribute to Pat's dedication to the statistical field and the GSS during her lifetime. When Pat died, she left her imprints on an astonishingly wide range of projects and activities in the U.S. federal statistical community, and the GSS continues to honor her legacy with this annual award. Nominations for the award are due by COB ***April 18, 2018***. Please send nominations to Marilyn Seastrom (Marilyn.seastrom@ed.gov). Previous recipients of the Pat Doyle Award are: (2005) Clyde Tucker, (2006) Robert Lussier, (2007) Wendy Alvey, (2008) John Czajka, (2009) Stephanie Shipp, (2010) Bill Wong, (2011) Natalya Verbitsky-Savitz, (2012) Carol House, (2013) Nancy Bates, (2014) Brian Harris-Kojetin, (2015) Stephen Cohen, (2016) Jill (Montaquila) DeMatteis, and (2017) Jennifer Parker. Having known Pat personally and professionally throughout her career with Mathematica Policy Research, the Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research, and the U.S. Census Bureau, your newsletter editor can attest to the depth of her devotion to improving federal statistics and the metadata for same and her active involvement in ASA, GSS, the Association of Public Data Users (APDU), and the International Association for Social Science Information Services and Technology (IASSIST). I know she would be pleased that GSS established an award in her honor.

The *American Statistical Association* (ASA) invites nominations for the first **Links Lecture Award**, announced on January 17, 2018. The award is intended to contribute to advancement of work in official statistics through the statistical use of administrative records and alternative data sources, record linkage, statistical methods for creating blended estimates, and issues associated with these activities such as privacy, confidentiality, researcher access, and reproducibility of results. Nominations are due **May 1, 2018**—see the information at the end of this newsletter.

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 136th meeting will be held **May 10-11, 2018**, at the **National Academy of Sciences Building** at 2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. On the **11th**, the meeting will feature a luncheon with statistical agency heads (members of the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy, ICSP), followed by a **“Big Data Day”** featuring posters and demos, beginning at 1:00 pm, with a plenary panel at 2:00 pm, and ending with a reception at 4:00 pm. Stayed tuned for more information. We hope to see you there.

CNSTAT’s 137th meeting will be held **October 18-19, 2018**, at the **National Academy of Sciences Building** at 2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. On the **19th**, the meeting will feature a luncheon with statistical agency heads (members of the ICSP), followed by a public seminar, beginning with light refreshments at 1:30 pm and ending with a reception at 4:30 pm.

CNSTAT’s 138th meeting will be held **February 7-8, 2019**, at the **National Academies’ Beckman Center** in Irvine, CA. It will be in retreat format; it will not have a public seminar or agency head lunch.

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 in oneword@nas.edu). Also see the CNSTAT [web site](#) under “Our Work.”]

Department of Agriculture

Improving Consumer Data for Food and Nutrition Policy Research for the Economic Research Service, USDA

Sponsor: Economic Research Service (Consumer Data and Nutrition Research [CDNR] Program)

Duration: October 2017–December 2019

Study director: Christopher Mackie; senior program officer: Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Marianne Bitler (UC-Davis)

Publication planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: First meeting scheduled for April 16-17, 2018, at the National Academy of Sciences Building at 2101 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. April 16th is a public meeting, which will be webcast. Register and see the agenda [here](#).

Charge to the study panel: The expert panel will critically assess the value of each of the various ERS investments in food and nutrition data, including proprietary data, various linked and integrated data sources, and the widely used Food Acquisition and Purchase Survey (FoodAPS) to provide directions for the next 10 years of the CDNR Program. A wide range of data collection strategies, including use of supplements to existing federal surveys, exploitation of administrative and commercial data, and improvements in database linkages will be considered. A second public meeting will take place in mid-June.

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 director: Christopher Mackie; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Catherine Kling (Iowa State University)

Publication planned: Final report is being drafted

Meetings: Sixth and final meeting (closed) held March 26-27, 2018, at NORC in Chicago, IL

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

Sponsor: National Agricultural Statistics Service

Duration: September 2015– September 2019

Study director: Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: TBD

Publication planned: Workshop proceedings

Upcoming meetings: TBD

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 scholar: Constance Citro; senior program officer: Nancy Kirkendall; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: Katharine Abraham (University of Maryland)

Publication planned: Final report is in response to review

Meetings: Sixth and final in-person meeting held June 8-9, 2017, in Washington, DC

Workshop on Conceptualizing the 2030 Census

Sponsor: U.S. Census Bureau

Duration: October 2017 – September 2018

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

Chair: Joseph Salvo (NYC Department of City Planning)

Publication planned: Workshop proceedings

Upcoming meeting: Workshop 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)

Publications: 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 may spin off workshops on central topics for 2020 census planning (see below). A [website](#) is maintained for the committee.
Upcoming meetings: TBD

Department of Education

Committee on Developing Indicators of Educational Equity (see listing under "The Atlantic Philanthropies et al." below)

Department of Health and Human Services

Committee on Building an Agenda to Reduce the Number of Children in Poverty by Half in 10 Years (joint with the Board on Children, Youth, and Families, which has the lead)

Sponsors: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; Doris Duke Charitable Foundation; Foundation for Child Development

Duration: October 2016–April 2019

Study director: Suzanne Le Menestrel (BCYF); senior program officer: Christopher Mackie; associate program officer: Elizabeth Townsend (BCYF); research associate: Dara Shefska (BCYF); project assistant: Pamella Atayi (BCYF)

Chair: Greg Duncan (UC Irvine)

Publication planned: Final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Seventh in-person meeting scheduled for May 14-15, 2018, in Washington, DC

Workshop on Improving Health Research on Small Subpopulations (joint with the Health and Medicine Division)

Sponsors: National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institute on Minority Health and Disparities (NIMHD), and Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) of the National Institutes of Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Duration: March 2017–July 2018

Study director: Nancy Kirkendall; program officer: Jordyn White; project assistant: Anthony Mann

Chair: Graham Colditz (Washington University, St. Louis)

Publication planned: Workshop proceedings is in response to review

Meetings: Workshop held January 18-19, 2018, in Washington, DC. The agenda and other workshop materials are available [here](#).

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–March 2018

Study director: Daniel Cork; program officer: Jordyn White; project assistant: Michael Siri

Chair: Janet Lauritsen (University of Missouri–St. Louis)

Publications planned: First report, *Modernizing Crime Statistics—Report 1: Defining and Classifying Crime*, released in prepublication format, May 16, 2016—printed copies and free [PDFs](#) are available; second report, *Modernizing Crime Statistics—Report 2: New Systems for Measuring Crime*, released in prepublication format, March 21, 2018. Free PDFs are available [here](#); printed copies will be available shortly.

Meetings: Final in-person meeting held January 13-14, 2017, in Coral Gables, FL

Department of Transportation

Standing Committee for Improving Motor Carrier Safety Measurement (joint with the Transportation Research Board)

Sponsor: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Duration: October 2017–September 2020

Study director: Michael Cohen; TRB Studies and Special Programs Division director: Tom Menzies; project assistant: Michael Siri

Co-chairs: Joel Greenhouse (Carnegie Mellon) and Sharon Lise-Normand (Harvard Medical School)

Publications: Standing committees do not issue reports; they meet for discussion; they also identify topics for separate workshops or consensus panels.

Upcoming meetings: The standing committee is initially meeting by teleconference, the first of which is scheduled for April 13, 2018

National Science Foundation

Committee on Reproducibility and Replicability in Science (led by the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences, with the Board on Mathematical Sciences and Analytics, CNSTAT, and the Division of Earth and Life Sciences)

Sponsor: NSF director's office (congressionally mandated)

Duration: August 2017 – March 2019

Study director: Jennifer Heimberg (DELS); board director: Michelle Schwalbe (BMSA); senior program officer: Adrienne Stith Butler (BBCSS); senior program officer: Michael Cohen (CNSTAT)

Chair: Harvey Fineberg (Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation)

Publication planned: Final report

Upcoming meetings: Third meeting scheduled for April 18-19, 2018, in Washington, DC

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-chairs: Rita Colwell (University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University) and James House (University of Michigan)

Publication: Final report, *Measuring the 21st Century Science and Engineering Workforce Population: Evolving Needs*, released in prepublication format, January 9, 2018. Free PDFs are available [here](#); printed copies will be available shortly.

Meetings: Sixth and final meeting held July 6-7, 2017, in Washington, DC

Workshop on Transparency and Reproducibility in Federal Statistics

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Duration: March 2016–March 2018

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

Chair: William Eddy (Carnegie Mellon University)

Publication planned: Workshop proceedings report is being drafted

Meeting: Workshop held June 21-22, 2017, in Washington, DC

The American Educational Research Association, the Atlantic Philanthropies, the Ford Foundation, the Spencer Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and the W.T. Grant Foundation

Committee on Developing Indicators of Educational Equity

Sponsors: See above list

Duration: December 2016–December 2018

Study director: Judith Koenig; senior scholar: Constance Citro; senior program officer: Jordyn White; project assistant: Kelly Arrington

Chair: Christopher Edley, Jr. (The Opportunity Institute, Berkeley, CA)

Publication planned: Final report is being drafted

Upcoming meetings: Fourth in-person meeting (closed) scheduled for May 21-22, 2018, in Washington, DC

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– See our website for previous issues of *News from CNSTAT*, under “CNSTAT News” –

The Committee on National Statistics was established in 1972 at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to improve the statistical methods and information on which public policy decisions are based. The committee carries out studies, workshops, and other activities to foster better measures and fuller understanding of the economy, the environment, public health, crime, education, immigration, poverty, welfare, and other public policy issues. It also evaluates ongoing statistical programs and tracks the statistical policy and coordinating activities of the federal government, serving a unique role at the intersection of statistics and public policy. The committee’s work is supported by a consortium of federal agencies through a National Science Foundation grant, a National Agricultural Statistics Service cooperative agreement, and several individual agreements.

ASA Links Lecture Award

First award to be given in 2018.

About the Award

The Links Lecture Award was created to honor the contributions of Constance Citro, Robert Groves, and Fritz Scheuren and to contribute to advancement of work in official statistics through the statistical use of administrative records and alternative data sources, record linkage, statistical methods for creating blended estimates, and issues associated with these activities such as privacy, confidentiality, researcher access, and reproducibility of results. Each year, a lecturer will be chosen from among a set of nominated candidates to receive the award and to present a lecture. The award includes a modest honorarium and travel expenses to present the Links Lecture in the Washington, DC, area.

Selection Criteria

The award will be given to the nominee whose work, in the judgment of the award committee, has most contributed to the advancement of official statistics through the following:

- Statistical use of administrative records and alternative data sources
- Record linkage
- Statistical methods for creating blended estimates
- Issues associated with the activities listed here such as privacy, confidentiality, researcher access, and reproducibility of results

Nominations

Nominations are due by **May 1**. Nominators should submit—at minimum—a CV and two letters of support. The nomination should clearly document the ways in which the nominee meets the criteria for the award, emphasizing the impact of the nominee's work on official statistics. Email nominations to awards@amstat.org.

Award Recipient Responsibilities

The award recipient will present a lecture in the Washington, DC, area about their work at a mutually agreed-upon time. The award recipient is responsible for providing a current photograph and general personal information the year the award is presented. The American Statistical Association uses this information to publicize the award and prepare the prize.

Questions

Please contact the committee [chair](#), Arthur Kennickell.

The Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award

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

The award recipient will be selected for her or his efforts in supporting the work and developing the careers of junior staff. Preference will be given to individuals with a track record of mentoring government statisticians. Examples of typical mentoring activities include:

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

The nomination form ([Nomination Form in pdf format](http://community.amstat.org/governmentstatisticssection/awards/nominations#jegriffithform)) and guidelines are available from the Government Statistics Section and the Social Statistics Section websites (see <http://community.amstat.org/governmentstatisticssection/awards/nominations#jegriffithform>).

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY APRIL 16, 2018, and the Award Committee will determine the award winner in May. The award will consist of a \$1,000 honorarium and a plaque, which will be presented at a ceremony arranged by the co-sponsors.

Mail or email the nomination package to:

The Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award Committee
c/o The American Statistical Association
732 N. Washington Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-1943
Email: rick@amstat.org

If you have questions about the award, please contact **Rick Peterson** at rick@amstat.org or (703) 684-1221, or the chair of the Award Committee: **Bill Mockovak** at Mockovak.William@bls.gov.

Previous recipients of the Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award (affiliations as of time of award)

Rich Allen (National Agriculture Statistical Service), 2003
Beth Kilss (Internal Revenue Service), 2004
Renee Miller (Energy Information Administration), 2005
Martin O'Connell (U.S. Census Bureau), 2006
Stephanie Shipp (National Institute of Standards and Technology), 2007
Rosemary D. Marcuss (Bureau of Economic Analysis), 2008

Kevin Cecco (Internal Revenue Service) and Lillian S. Lin (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), 2009

Deborah H. Griffin (U.S. Census Bureau), 2010

Jenise L. Swall (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency), 2011

Bill Mockovak (Bureau of Labor Statistics), 2012

Brian Harris-Kojetin (Office of Management and Budget), 2013

J. Gregory Robinson (U.S. Census Bureau) and Kenneth Schoendorf (National Center for Health Statistics), 2014

Aldo “Skip” Vecchia (U.S. Geological Survey), 2015

Diane L. Willimack (U.S. Census Bureau), 2016

Cynthia Ogden (National Center for Health Statistics), 2017

Sponsors of the Award

The Government Statistics Section (GSS) of the American Statistical Association manages the award. GSS would like to thank our co-sponsors:

- American Educational Research Association (AERA)
- American Institutes for Research (AIR)
- Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (COPAFS)
- National Opinion Research Center (NORC)
- Social Statistics Section, American Statistical Association
- Washington Statistical Society
- Westat

GSS also thanks the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy for its support and championing of this award.

Please contact Kevin Cecco at kxcecc00@gmail.com, if your organization would like to co-sponsor the award.