

2006 FCSM Statistical Policy Seminar
**Keeping Current: What We Know –
What We Need To Learn**

November 28-29 2006,
L'Enfant Plaza Hotel

Tuesday November 28th

8:45 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction**
 Katherine K. Wallman, OMB

9:00 to 9:45 a.m. **Keynote Speech**
 **Kenneth Prewitt, Columbia University and Member, Committee on
National Statistics**
 A Fragile Statistical System: What Can Be Done?

9:45 a.m. **Break**

10:00 to 12 noon (Sessions 1 and 2 run concurrently)

1. The Challenges and Benefits of Integrated Datasets

Chair: **Susan Grad, SSA**

Organizers: Jerry Gates and Shelly Martinez, **Census**

Speakers:

Sally Obenski, Census

How Recent Advances Have Facilitated Comparing, Analyzing and Jointly Using
Large-Scale Survey and Administrative Data to Answer Big Policy Questions

Mike Davern, University of Minnesota

Evaluating Linked Data for Policy Research Purposes

Chris Cox, NCHS; Mike Berning and Shelly Wilkie Martinez, Census

Data Policy and Legal Issues in Creating and Managing Integrated Data Sets

Discussants:

Robert Stewart, HHS

Gerald W. Gates, Census

2. Longitudinal Survey Designs: Current Best Practices and Continuing Challenges

Chair: **Phil Rones, BLS**

Organizer: Steven B. Cohen, AHRQ

Speakers:

Steven B. Cohen and Jeff Rhoades, AHRQ

Integrated Survey Designs: A Framework for Deriving Estimates of the Long Term Uninsured for Extended Time Intervals

Steven Cohen, AHRQ; Diane Makuc, NCHS; and Trena Ezzati-Rice, AHRQ

An Examination of the Stability of National Estimates of Transitions in Health Insurance Coverage Over Time

Alison Aughinbaugh and Charles Pierret, BLS

Capturing Complex Event-History Data Using Dependent Interviewing: Dating, Cohabitation, and Marriage in the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997

Discussant:

Daniel Kasprzyk, MPR

12:00 noon **Lunch on Your Own**

1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (Sessions 3 and 4 run concurrently)

3. Providing Researchers Access to Federal Data

Chair: **Susan Offutt, ERS**

Organizers: Marilyn Seastrom, NCES and Jennifer Madans, NCHS

Speakers:

Phil Steel, Census

Design and Development of the Census Bureau's Microdata Analysis System: Work in Progress on a Constrained Regression Server

Jack Buckley, NCES

Real Time Data Access at NCES

Vijay Gambhir, NCHS

Development of a Second Generation Online Access System at NCHS

Discussant:

Patricia Becker, Southeast Michigan Census Council

4. The Future of Telephone Surveys

Chair: **Edward Sondik, NCHS**

Organizer: Clyde Tucker, BLS

Panelists:

Mike Battaglia, ABT Associates

Response Rates: How Have They Changed And Where Are They Headed?

Stephen J. Blumberg and Julian V. Luke, NCHS

Wireless Substitution in the United States and Canada: Prevalence and Impact on Random-Digit-Dialed Health Surveys

Anna Fleeman, Arbitron

Merging Cellular And Landline RDD Sample Frames

Mike Brick, Westat

The Role of Telephones in Multiple Frame, Multi-Mode Surveys

3:00 to 3:30 p.m. **Break**

3:30 to 5:30 p.m. (Sessions 5 and 6 run concurrently)

5. Positioning the Federal Statistical System to Quickly Respond to Data Needs in Times of Crisis or Catastrophe

Chair: **Charles Louis Kincannon, Census**

Organizer: Susan Schechter, Census

Panelists:

Christa Jones, Census

Amy Liu, Brookings

Tom Nardone, BLS

Farris Tuma, NIMH

Stephanie Ventura, NCHS

6. Internet Panels for National Data

Chair: **Lynda Carlson, SRS/NSF**

Organizers: Lynda Carlson and Bob Bell, SRS/NSF

Speakers:

Colm O'Muircheartaigh, NORC

Recruiting Respondents to an In-Person Survey to Join an Internet Survey Panel: Preliminary Observations From an NSF-Sponsored Demonstration Project

Jon Krosnick, Stanford University

A new comparison of RDD Telephone, Knowledge Networks, and volunteer sample Internet survey data: Assessments of data accuracy

Discussants:

Clyde Tucker, BLS

Alan Tupek, Arbitron, Inc.

Wednesday November 29th

8:30 to 10:30 a.m. (Sessions 7 and 8 run concurrently)

7. Incentives – New Results on the Effects of Incentives

Chair: **Barry Nussbaum, EPA**

Organizers: Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB and Edward Spar, COPAFS

Panelists:

Dave McGrath, BLS

David Cantor, Westat

Kathy Ott, NASS

John Riccobono, RTI

8. Total Survey Error in Economic Statistics

Chair: **Rosemary Marcus, BEA**

Organizer: Dennis Fixler, BEA

Speakers:

Benjamin Bridgman and Dennis Fixler, BEA

Evaluating Economic Statistics within a Total Survey Error Framework

Clyde Tucker, BLS

Total Survey Error: Why Should the Federal Government Care?

Paul Biemer, RTI

Total Survey Error: Future Directions

Discussant:

Norman Bradburn, NORC/University of Chicago

10:30 to 11:00 a.m. **Break**

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Sessions 9 and 10 run concurrently)

9. How to Encourage Innovation

Chair: **Tom Petska, SOI/IRS**

Organizers: Wendy Alvey, Census and Tom Petska, SOI/IRS

Panelists:

Ron Bosecker, NASS

Lynda Carlson, SRS/NSF

John Eltinge, BLS

Nancy Gordon, Census

10. Nonresponse Bias Analyses in Federal Surveys

Chair: **Jeffrey Sedgwick, BJS**

Organizer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB

Panelists:

Arthur Kennickell, FRB

Marilyn Seastrom, NCES

Chung-Tung Jordan Lin, FDA

Discussant:

Graham Kalton, Westat

1:00 to 2:15 p.m. **Luncheon Hosted by COPAFS**

Speaker: **Katherine K. Wallman, OMB**

2:30 to 4:30 p.m. (Sessions 11 and 12 run concurrently)

11. Modeling Survey Costs: Towards a Research Agenda

Chair: **Guy Caruso, EIA**

Organizers: Larry Cox, NCHS; and John Eltinge, BLS

Speakers:

Alan Karr, NISS

Summary of Workshop Report and White Paper

Doug Williams, NCHS

Increasing Demands and Rising Costs in Survey Research

John Eltinge, BLS

Local and Global Optimization of Survey Cost Structures

Bob Groves, University of Michigan

Practical Tracking of Survey Cost Proxies in Real-Time

12. Establishing Archival Data Systems for Agency Historical Information

Chair: **Ronald Bosecker, NASS**

Organizers: Edward Spar, COPAFS and Barry Graubard, NCI

Speakers:

Margaret Adams and David McMillen, NARA

When to Hold Them, Know When to Fold Them

Christopher Maxwell, ICPSR

Managing the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data at ICPSR: Strengths, Challenges, and Limitations

Discussants:

Ralph Rector, Heritage Foundation

Rolph Schmitt, FHWA