

The Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM) is planning a research conference to be held at the Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC, on November 2-4, 2009. The conference will feature mostly contributed papers with formal discussion and software demonstrations on topics related to a variety of statistical research issues. Papers and demonstrations should address methodology, empirical studies, relevant issues, or needs for statistical research. Papers must be original and not previously published or disseminated.

**Possible topics include but are not limited to:**

*Survey design and data collection*

- Questionnaire design issues
- Improving coverage and response rates
- Instrument design and pretesting
- Survey integration and cross-survey planning
- Treatment of missing data/imputation methods
- Uses of innovative methods for data collection, processing, and dissemination
- Advances in frame development for censuses and surveys
- Model-based survey estimation adjustment
- Innovative methods in sample design and estimation
- Data editing
- Web data collection
- Collection and analysis of survey paradata
- Development of economic statistical indicators

*Analysis*

- Bayesian statistical methods
- Variance estimation
- Exposure analysis and modeling
- Forecasting, time series, and seasonal adjustment
- Methods of statistical / econometric modeling
- Meta-analysis
- Application of microdata techniques to economic data
- Analysis of complex surveys
- Sample design and estimation

*Evaluation*

- Census and survey evaluation methodologies
- Innovative approaches to program evaluation
- Measuring data quality
- Nonsampling error: estimation and evaluation

*Cross-cutting topics*

- Statistical issues in national security
- Confidentiality, privacy, and disclosure issues in data dissemination and linkage
- Data mining, warehousing, and metadata
- Design and analysis of longitudinal studies
- Measurement issues and bridging changes in classification systems
- Use of data for policymaking
- Statistical uses of administrative records
- Nonresponse research
- Usability testing
- Quality standards, best practices, and guidelines
- Quality of administrative records
- Geospatial statistics
- Research on economic measurement concepts and techniques
- Statistical literacy and communication of results

To submit a paper or demonstration for consideration, submit the abstract online by **April 10, 2009**. All conference information can be accessed at the FCSM Web site: [www.fcsm.gov/events](http://www.fcsm.gov/events).

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## Tentative Schedule of Activities

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Abstracts due	April 10, 2009
Papers Selected/Authors notified	April 27, 2009
Draft paper due	July 31, 2009
Conference registration open	August 3, 2009
Advance program ready	August 14, 2009
Final paper due (CD-ROM)	September 14, 2009
Final program ready	September 21, 2009
Conference dates	November 2-4, 2009
Final paper due (FCSM Web site)	January 8, 2010

- Abstracts should be submitted as early as possible.
- No abstract will be accepted after April 10, 2009.
- Authors/presenters are responsible for their own travel expenses.

Abstracts should include a brief description of the research questions addressed, data sources used, statistical methods employed, and preliminary conclusions reached. The abstract should also include up to five key words; the authors' names and email addresses; plus the presenter's name, affiliation, mailing address, phone and fax numbers. The maximum length of the abstract is 300 words. Submit abstracts online at <http://www.fcsm.gov/cgi-bin/conference/submissions>