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
   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
      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