



COPAFS

Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics

2023 FCSM Research and Policy Conference

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The Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (COPAFS) is devoted to educational activities and to preserving the public good represented by federal statistical collections.

Since 1980, COPAFS has provided an open dialog between those who use federal statistics in professional contexts and the Federal statistical agencies that produce those statistics for the public good. Supporting organizations include professional associations, businesses, research institutes, and others that help to produce and/or use federal statistics.

Two Objectives

1. **Awareness:** Increase the level and scope of knowledge about developments affecting Federal statistics
2. **Engagement:** Foster discussion within and among COPAFS members to respond to important issues in Federal statistics and bring the views of members to bear on decisions affecting Federal statistical programs. Ensure the data producers receive input from the data users.

Our Goal: Advancing Excellence in Federal Statistics.

COPAFS helps:

1. **Professional associations** and other organizations obtain and share information about developments affecting federal statistical programs
2. **Federal agencies** to disseminate information on developments of interest to the professional community and to obtain advice about professional societies' concerns and priorities
3. **Congressional offices** to clarify issues and questions about the federal statistical system, to plan hearings related to federal statistical programs, and to identify experts to testify
4. **The public** to learn more about the federal statistical agencies, to communicate views of data users concerning federal statistical activities, and to obtain a better understanding of how policy and budget are likely to affect the availability of federal statistics.

1. Obtain information on developments in statistics through discussions with officials, attendance at congressional hearings and advisory committee meetings, and exchanges of documents;
2. Disseminate information and encourage discussion and action on developments in federal statistics through correspondence and presentations at Council and professional association meetings; and
3. Plan and present educational programs on uses of statistics in policy formulation, public and private decision-making, research, the distribution of products, and the allocation of resources.

Quarterly Meetings

- Held the first-ish Friday of March, June, September, and December
- Features presentations by:
 - OMB
 - Principal Statistical Agencies
 - Data Users
 - Other Stakeholders
- Topics include policy information, new research and methodologies, agency updates
- Serves as a networking opportunity for attendees and the agencies
- Past meeting recordings available in Members Only section at copafs.org

Agenda – Sept 8th Quarterly Meeting

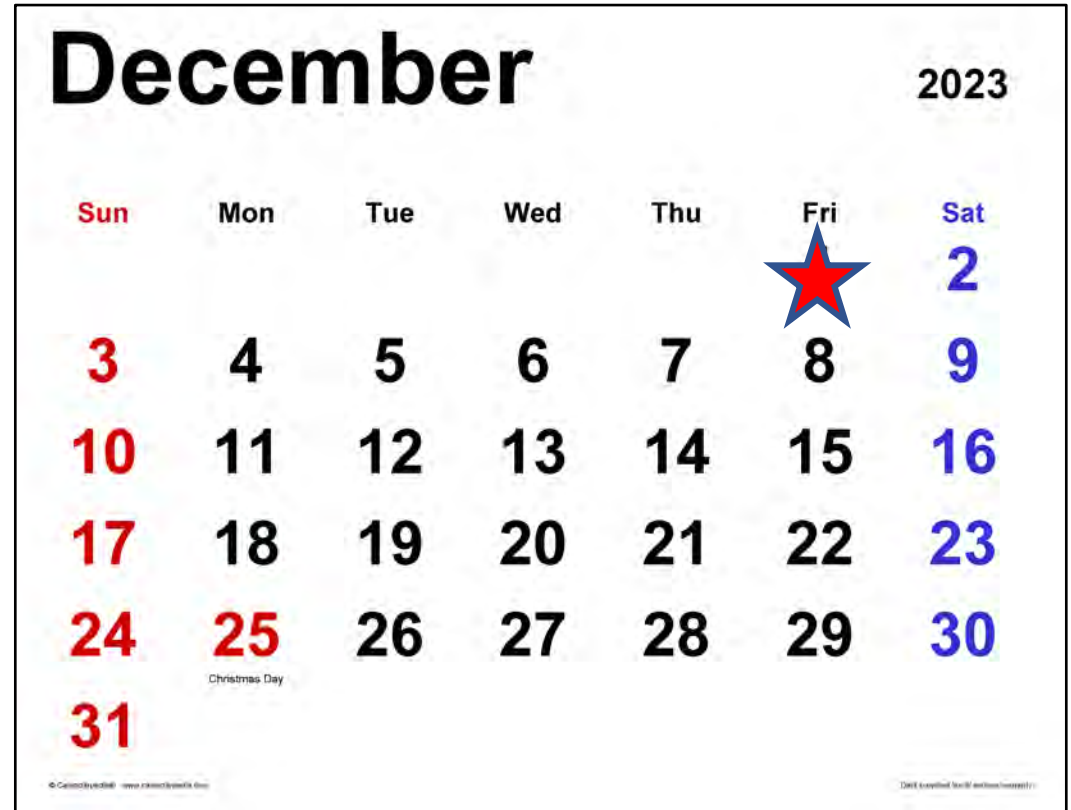
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome Felice Levine, Chair, COPAFS Board
9:10 – 9:20	COPAFS Update Paul Schroeder, Executive Director, COPAFS
9:20 – 10:00	Update on the Federal Statistical System Karin Orvis, Office of Management and Budget
10:00 – 11:00	Health of the Federal Statistical System Claire Bowen, Connie Citro, Nancy Potok & Jonathan Auerbach
11:00 – 12:00	Introducing Census' Annual Integrated Economic Survey Blynda Metcalf & Jenna Morse, U.S. Census Bureau
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch Break
1:00 – 2:30	Probability Panel Science – Where are we now? David Dutwin, NORC & Michael Link, Ipsos
2:30 – 3:00	COPAFS Business Meeting – Member Ideas and Input
3:00	Adjourn

Save the Date!

The Next COPAFS Quarterly Meeting is on . . .

Friday, December 1, 2023

This will be a virtual meeting.



2023 FCSM Research and Policy Conference

October 24-26, 2023

College Park Marriott Conference Center

*Building Toward the Future: Strengthening and Expanding
the Capacity of the Federal Statistical Ecosystem*

*COPAFS serves as Operational Manager for the Conference on
behalf of FCSM.*



- **NSOPF Working Group**
 - National Study of Postsecondary Faculty
 - Last conducted in 2004 by NCES
 - Growing demand for these data by education researchers
 - Session on the need for NSOPF at the 2022 FCSM conference
 - NSF grant awarded to conduct a pilot study
- **Confidentiality and Data Access Webinar Series**
 - Held 8 webinars over 5 months in 2020 with federal and industry experts on data privacy
 - Included focus on risk assessment, disclosure avoidance, and 2020 Census Data Products

- **DDI Metadata Standards Webinar**
 - Held in March, 2022
 - Dan Gillman (BLS) explained what the Data Documentation Initiative (DDI) Metadata Standards are and how they support transparency in federal statistics
 - Implications for data linkages for inter-agency collaborations
- **Tiered Access Workshop**
 - Held in January, 2020
 - Supported by Sloan Foundation
 - Produced a Report and Recommendations

COPAFS Public Policy Agenda

1. Increase Spending for Statistical Agencies
2. Highlight the Work of Statistical Agencies
3. Protect the Independence and Integrity of Federal Statistics
4. Ensure a Fair and Accurate Decennial Census
5. Support Data Modernization Initiatives

COPAFS Members (selected)

- American Association for Public Opinion Research
- American Association of University Professors
- American Economic Association
- American Educational Research Association
- American Psychological Association
- Association of Public Data Users
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- American Sociological Association
- American Statistical Association
- International Association for Social Science Information Services and Technology
- Justice Research and Statistics Association
- National Association for Business Economics

- American Institutes for Research
- Georgetown University
- ICF International
- Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan
- Ipsos
- Joint Program for Survey Methodology, University of Maryland
- Mathematica Policy Research
- The Nielsen Company
- NORC at the University of Chicago
- RTI International
- Social & Decision Analytics Division (SDAD), University of Virginia
- Urban Institute
- Westat

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