

FCSM Statistical Policy Seminar  
**Achieving Statistical Quality in a Diverse and  
Changing Environment**

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**Wednesday, December 15**

**7:30 a.m.**      **Check-in and Coffee**      (Versailles Foyer)

**8:45 a.m.**      **Welcome and Introduction:**      (Versailles I and II)  
Katherine Wallman, OMB

**9:00 to 9:45 a.m.**      **Keynote Speech:**  
Richard Kulka, RTI International  
Quantity and Quality: From Good to Great?

**9:45 a.m.**      **Break**      (Versailles Foyer)

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

**1. Standards for Statistical Surveys**      (Versailles I)

**Organizer:** Alan Tupek, USCB      **Chair:** Louis Kincannon, USCB

**Speakers:** Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB

OMB Guidance for Surveys

Alan Tupek, USCB

Proposed Standards for Statistical Surveys

**Discussants:** Norm Bradburn, NORC/ University of Chicago; Frank Nolan, Office for  
National Statistics (UK)

## **2. Web Surveys: A Research Agenda for Changing Environments**

(Versailles II)

**Organizers:** Gerald Gates, USCB, Nancy Kirkendall, EIA, Dennis Fixler, BEA, Wendy Alvey, USCB **Chair:** Lynda Carlson, NSF

**Panel:** Sam Best, University of Connecticut; Reginald Baker, Market Strategies, William Mockovak, BLS; Elizabeth Martin, USCB

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

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

## **3. Advisory Panels: Seeking Feedback to Improve Quality of Statistical Programs**

(Versailles I)

**Organizer:** Wendy Alvey, USCB; Thomas Petska, SOI

**Chair:** Marshall DeBerry, BJS

**Panel:** Marshall DeBerry, Moderator; Thomas Petska, SOI; Marilyn Manser, BLS; Peggy Carr, NCES; Aldona Robbins, Fiscal Associates, Inc; Janet Lauritsen, University of Missouri-St. Louis

## **4. Tools, Policy, and Procedures for Survey Improvement**

**Organizer:** Kristen Miller, NCHS **Chair:** Kathleen Utgoff, BLS

(Versailles II)

**Speakers:** Gordon Willis, NCI

**Cognitive Interviewing: A Tool for Improving Questionnaire Design**

**Theresa DeMaio, USCB**

**Census Bureau Standard: Pre-testing Questionnaires and Related Materials for Surveys and Censuses**

**Kristen Miller, NCHS**

**Q-Bank: Development of a Tested-Question Database**

**Discussant: Jennifer Madans, NCHS**

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

(Versailles Foyer)

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

## **5. Telephone Surveys in a Changing Environment**

(Versailles I)

**Organizer:** Clyde Tucker, BLS **Chair:** Rick Kowalewski, BTS

**Panel:** Phil Smith, CDC; Joseph Riley, HUD; Robie Sangster, BLS;

**J. Michael Brick, Westat; Linda Piekarski, Survey Sampling International**

## **6. Researcher Access to Confidential Micro Data From Home Institutions**

(Versailles II)

**Organizer: Steven H. Cohen, BLS**    **Chair: Edward Sondik, NCHS**

**Speakers: Vijay Gambhir, NCHS**

NCHS Experiences with Remote Access and Data Centers

**Mary Maher and Mitchell Morehart, ERS**

Opened ARMS: Barriers and Opportunities for Remote Provision of Farm  
Business and Farm Household Data

**Alan Karr, NISS**

Regression Servers: What Do We Know? What Do We Not Know?

**Discussant: Jennifer Madans, NCHS**

**Thursday, December 16**

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

## **7. Agency Initiatives to Monitor Survey Quality**

(Versailles I)

**Organizers: Nancy Kirkendall, EIA**    **Chair: Guy Caruso, EIA**

**Speakers: Ruth Ann Killion, USCB**

Overview of Quality Profiles

**Carol Caldwell, USCB**

The Annual Capital Expenditure Survey: A Case Study

**Nancy Kirkendall, EIA**

Overview of Self-Assessments

**Tom Broeme, EIA**

Initiating a Self-Assessment Process: A Case Study

**Discussant: Barbara Bailer; Statistical Consultant; Lars Lyberg, Statistics Sweden**

## **8. The Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002: Where Are We and Where Are We Going?**

(Versailles II)

**Organizers: Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB; Marilyn Seastrom, NCES;**

**Chair: J. Steven Landefeld, BEA**

**Panel: Katherine Wallman, OMB; Jay Casselberry, EIA; Doug Wright, SAMHSA;  
William Parks, BLS**

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

(Versailles Foyer)

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

## **9. Recent Advances in Quality Assurance**

(Versailles I)

**Organizer: Ronald Fecso, NSF ; Chair: Ronald Bosecker, NASS**

**Speakers: Jeff Moran and Paul Biemer, RTI**

Quality Management for Survey Research

**Lars Lyberg, Statistics Sweden**

Quality Assurance at Statistics Sweden

**David Marker, Westat**

Using Real-Time Process Measures to Improve Data Collection

**Discussant: John Kovar, Statistics Canada**

## **10. Integrated Survey Designs: Analytical Enhancements Achieved Through Linkage of Surveys, Administrative and Secondary Data**

(Versailles II)

**Organizer: Steven B. Cohen, AHRQ; Chair: Tom Petska, SOI**

**Speakers: Steven B. Cohen, AHRQ**

Integrated Health Care Survey Designs: Analytical Enhancements Achieved Through Linkage of Surveys, Administrative and Secondary Data

**Dean Judson and Mark Bauder, USCB**

Linking the National Health Interview Survey and the Current Population Survey with the Census

**Discussants: James Lepkowski, University of Michigan;**

**William Kalsbeek, University of North Carolina**

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

(Washington Room)

**Speaker: Katherine Wallman, OMB**

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

## **11. Incentives in Government Surveys: Practices and Perspectives**

(Versailles I)

**Organizers: Marilyn Seastrom, NCES; Chair: Robert Lerner, NCES**

**Panel: Marilyn Seastrom, NCES; Jennifer Madans, NCHS; David Cantor, Westat;**

**Eleanor Singer, University of Michigan**

## **12. Data Mining: Policy Implications and Applications**

**Organizer: Barry Graubard, NCI; Chair: Susan Offutt, ERS**

**(Versailles II)**

**Speakers: Joseph Toning and Ana Szarfman, FDA**

**Drug Safety Data Mining at the FDA**

**Edward Wegman, George Mason Univ., and Karen Kafadar, Univ. Of Colorado, Denver**

**Discussants: Mike Dolak, GAO; Herb Lin, National Academies**

### **Legend**

**AHRQ - Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality/Department of Health and Human Services**

**BEA - Bureau of Economic Analysis/Department of Commerce**

**BJS - Bureau of Justice Statistics/Department of Justice**

**BLS - Bureau of Labor Statistics/Department of Labor**

**BTS - Bureau of Transportation Statistics/Department of Transportation**

**CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Department of Health and Human Services**

**DOC - Department of Commerce**

**DOJ - Department of Justice**

**EIA - Energy Information Administration/Department of Energy**

**ERS - Economic Research Service/Department of Agriculture**

**FCSM - Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology**

**FDA - Federal Drug Administration/ U.S. Food and Drug Administration**

**GAO - Government Accountability Office**

**HUD - Housing and Urban Development**

**NAS - National Academy of Sciences**

**NASS - National Agricultural Statistics Service/Department of Agriculture**

**NCES - National Center for Education Statistics/Department of Education**

**NCHS - National Center for Health Statistics/Department of Health and Human Services**

**NCI - National Cancer Institute**

**NISS - National Institute of Statistical Sciences**

**NSF - National Science Foundation**

**OMB - Office of Management and Budget**

**RTI- Research Triangle Institute**

**SAMHSA - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**

**SOI - Statistics of Income/Internal Revenue Service**

**USCB - U.S. Census Bureau/Department of Commerce**