Joint Washington Statistical Society and DC-AAPOR Statistical Seminar Event
Developing and Testing an Online Diary Survey: Memorial Seminar for Jennifer Edgar

Date: Wednesday, April 28th, 2021
Time: 12:30PM – 2:00PM

Please join the Washington Statistical Society (WSS) and DC Chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (DC-AAPOR) in honoring the memory of Dr. Jennifer Edgar and her survey research contributions to the Federal Statistical System.

Adam Safir and Laura Erhard from the Division of the Consumer Expenditure Surveys at the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will present on the Consumer Expenditure Surveys Redesign, known as the Gemini Project. During her tenure at the BLS, Jennifer was involved with the effort from its inception and helped launch the effort to research and develop a redesign proposal for the Consumer Expenditure surveys, addressing issues of measurement error and respondent burden, and to outline the future direction of the Consumer Expenditure Survey.

Adam Safir, Division Chief for the Consumer Expenditure Surveys, will provide some introductory remarks on the history and the status of redesign effort and highlight Jennifer’s contributions. Laura Erhard, Branch Chief for the Branch of Research and Program Development, will present on the results of a recent online diary field test and discuss survey methodological challenges and areas for additional research from the field test.

We will begin the event with a montage of video and voice memo tributes in remembrance of Dr. Jennifer Edgar, so the WSS and DC-AAPOR invite members of the statistical community to submit short videos or voice memos honoring Jennifer. For additional information or details on how to submit your video or voice memo tribute, please contact Brandon Kopp or Jeffrey Gonzalez.

DC-AAPOR will also honor Jennifer as the recipient of this year’s DC-AAPOR Outstanding Achievement Award.

For additional information about this event, please contact Jeffrey Gonzalez, WSS Methodology Program Chair.

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