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## MEETING OF THE METHODOLOGY SECTION OF THE WASHINGTON STATISTICAL SOCIETY

Topic: Panel Bias in Surveys

Chairman: Benjamin J. Tepping, Bureau of the Census

Speakers: Barbara Bailar, Bureau of the Census  
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Discussant: Morris H. Hansen, Westat Research, Inc.

Periodic surveys in which respondents are interviewed at several points of time are used widely for gathering data on health, consumer expenditures, and labor force participation. Survey technicians have noticed that, for many characteristics, the estimates from the different panels relating to the same time period do not have the same expected value. The problem of this bias will be discussed and illustrated with examples from the Current Population Survey. Some hypotheses about the reasons for this bias will be presented with the available information supporting and/or denying the hypotheses.

When and Where: Thursday, January 18, 12:30 p.m., Conference Rooms 107B-107C, Interdepartmental Auditorium, Constitution Avenue (between 12th and 14th Streets, N.W.). Members and non-members are welcome to attend the meeting.

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### NIH PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS SEMINARS

Speaker and Topic: Dr. P.K. Sen, "Analysis of Growth Curves"

When and Where: Thursday, January 4, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., Building 31, Conference Room 4.

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Speaker and Topic: Dr. S.K. Katti, "Adaptive Estimation"

When and Where: Friday, February 9, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., Building 1, Wilson Hall.

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