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HEALTH STATUS OF HISPANICS: A SPECIAL THREE-HOUR SESSION

January 10, 1980

Luncheon Session (reservations required) followed by an afternoon session (open to all)

LUNCHEON ADDRESS

12:00 noon - 1:25 p.m. "The 1980 Census and Its Health Implications for Hispanics:"
Congressman Robert Garcia
Chair: George Hall, Associate Director for Demographic fields, Census Bureau

AFTERNOON SESSION

(open to all)

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Topic: "Recent Initiatives in Measuring the Health Status of Hispanics"
Speakers: Marlyn Kefauver, Office of International Statistics, DHEW
Gerald Rosenthal, Director, National Center for Health Services Research
Dorothy Rice, Director, National Center for Health Statistics
Chair: Ruth Hautt, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Research, Statistics and Technology, DHEW
Discussant: Rumaldo Juarez, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHEW

Marlyn Kefauver will discuss the United States-Mexico Border Health Initiative which was signed in April, 1978. This initiative expresses the commitment by the two governments to the further expansion and development of joint health activities in the areas of communicable disease control, health services delivery, environmental sanitation, and health information systems development. Ms. Kefauver's presentation will focus on the design and methodology of the health information systems component of the initiative.

Gerald Rosenthal will present the most important results and recommendations stemming from the Hispanic Health Services Research Conference held in September, 1979, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The issues that Mr. Rosenthal will address include: (1) The Impact of National, Regional, State and Local Health Policies on Health Services for Hispanics; (2) Socio-Cultural Influences on Health Services Research and Health Services Delivery for Hispanics; (3) Resource Development Strategies for Conducting Health Services Research Among Hispanic Populations; and (4) Facilitation of Timely Dissemination and Assessment of Hispanic Health Services Research.

Dorothy Rice will present the design and methodology of the Hispanic Supplement to the second Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (HANES II) which the National Center for Health Statistics will conduct in selected areas of the United States in 1980. In her presentation, Mrs. Rice will discuss the proposed content and operation of the Hispanic HANES, the problems normally encountered in conducting a health examination survey and some of the cross-cultural issues specific to measuring the health status of the Hispanic population.

When: Thursday, January 10, 1980
Cash Bar: 11:30 a.m.
Lunch: 12:00 noon
Where: Blackie's House of Beef, 22nd and M Streets, NW
Reservations are \$5.50/person and must be received by January 8, 1980. Because space is limited, reservations will be accepted in order of receipt.

Name: _____ Send \$5.50/person to:
Address: _____ Jim Carpenter (W.S.S.)
Rt. 1, Box 410
Jefferson, MD 21755

No. of Persons _____ Checks payable to: Washington Statistical Society

For inquiries call Jim Carpenter
Work Tel.: 523-1194.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY HELP NEEDED (again/still)

Although good progress is being made, the coding burden put in place by our 90% response rate is still partially upon us. Thus the Committee on Women in Statistics and the Committee on Minorities in Statistics are in need of volunteer assistance in coding the membership survey questionnaires for data entry. Constraints imposed by the ASA Board require that the work be done at the ASA Office—806 15th Street, NW, Suite 640. Work sessions will be held every Saturday in January—the 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP, please come between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or any portion thereof, on any or all of the Saturdays. Please plan on arriving before noon or after one, since we usually go out for a quick lunch about 12:15. For entry into the building, please tell the security service, via the phone at the door, that you are going to the ASA Office.

WASHINGTON ALLIANCE OF STATISTICIANS

The January meeting of the Washington Alliance of Statisticians will be held on Wednesday, January 30. The agenda of the evening will be partially social and partially a panel, and audience, discussion of "Selling Yourself as a Consultant."

The Alliance, as discussed in the December WSS Newsletter, is a new activity focusing on career development aspects other than straight statistical theory and methods topics, topics which especially impact on all professionally junior statisticians, both male and female.

The meeting will be on Wednesday, January 30—7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.—at the Christ Lutheran Church of Washington, 5101 16th Street, NW (the northeast corner of 16th and Colorado, near Carter Barron). Light refreshments will be served. If you need a ride, we will try to arrange one with someone who is coming.

Any statistician from the local area is invited and welcome, whether or not they are WSS or ASA members.

If you have any questions about the meeting or the Alliance, please call Ruth Foster (245-3000), Marcia Glauberman (632-9797), Lee-Ann Hayek (381-4264), Nancy Schroeder (827-6798), or Dick Taeuber (245-6456).

CALL FOR PAPERS

The First Annual Conference of the National Computer Graphics Association, Inc., will be held at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, Virginia from June 16-19, 1980. The conference theme is: "Progress and Productivity Through Computer Graphics."

For more information about participation, preparation and submission of conference papers, and membership opportunities write: NCGA, 1129 20th Street, NW, Suite 512, Washington, D.C. 20036.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR BUDGET & PROGRAM ANALYSIS & the NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION are jointly sponsoring a dinner meeting at the Ft. Myers Officers' Club at 6:30 p.m. on "Trimming the Fat" or "What Fat?" \$10/person. Reservations must be in by 1-14-80 and may be called in to AABPA office (941-4300) or ASPA, (285-1260). January 16, 1980.

WASHINGTON OPERATIONS RESEARCH/MTG SCIENCE COUNCIL - Meeting on "National Health Insurance Issues and Analyses." Dr. Theodore Marmor, Chairman, Center for Health Studies, Yale University. January 22, 1980.

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EMPLOYMENT COLUMN

Deadline for inserting notices
is the 10th of the month
preceding the publication date

Send notices & requests to:
Evelyn R. Kay
National Center for Education Statistics
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202 (202) 245-8340

JOB OPENINGS

**Math Statistician GS-1529-9
or Computer Programmer GS-334-11/12**

Positions are available in the Statistical Methods Division of the Census Bureau to work on the development of computer software of (a) select and analyze samples for one time or continuing surveys; (b) assist in the research and evaluation of the decennial census.

Applicants should have mathematical and statistical training and an interest in computer programming/software engineering. Contact Regina C. Smith at (301) 763-7460 or Bureau of the Census Personnel Division Room 3250, Building No. 3, Suitland, Maryland 20233.

**Statistician GS-1530-9
(promotion potential
to GS-12)**

Two vacancies. Civil Service status required. Analysis of causes and prevention of injuries with consumer products. Involved in regulatory development in a multidisciplinary environment. Masters degree or experience equivalent. Resume to Charles A. Nicholls, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 632, 5401 Westbard Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20207.

Math Statistician GS-1529-11

Applicant should have an interest in the analysis of motor vehicle accident data as well as in the relationships between highway engineering features and the occurrence and results of motor vehicle traffic accidents.

Send 171 to Phyllis E. Young, FHWA/HHS32, 400-7th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590.

**Math Statistician GS-1529-15
or Statistician GS-1530-15**

Two positions are open in the National Center for Education Statistics: (1) (Refer to Ann No. 79-70) Assistant Administrator for Multilevel Education Statistics is the principal advisor to the Administrator on planning, designing, conducting, and reporting statistical analyses, studies, and surveys designed to develop tools for measuring the progress of education and the impact of education programs, including comparisons with foreign countries. Designs and develops methodology, and determines requirements and specifications needed in educational research methods. (2) (Refer to Ann No. 79-69) Assistant Administrator for Statistical Services is the principal advisor to the Administrator on data collection of national statistics covering preprimary educational level through the participation of adults in education programs. Responsible for providing technical assistance to the States and disseminating education statistics. Develops long and short range plans. Directs program of technical assistance to State and local education agencies. Directs activities designed to improve methods of collection, analysis, and reporting; ADP activities; all publication services; and analysis of proposed and actual legislation providing Federal funds for educational purposes. Send SF 171 to Personnel Office, Room 345 G HHH Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20202.

**Statistician (staff)
EAS-17**

Applicants should have a well-developed understanding of statistics, as well as 2-3 years experience working with sample surveys. Must have background in application of ADP techniques in large-scale systems environment. Under

the director of a senior statistician, will participate in projects and studies for improving, implementing, and operating statistical surveys. Starting salary: \$19,368.

**Senior Statistician
EAS-22**

Applicants should have a graduate level understanding of statistical sampling, application of systems analysis, and ADP techniques in a large-scale systems environment. Topics should include questionnaire design, development of data-collection procedures, data-processing specifications, final output format, and quality control techniques. Starting salary: \$24,863.

For above two positions, send application to U.S. Postal Service, Mrs. P. Watson, Rm. 1727, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, D.C. 20260.

**Mathematical
Statistician**

A large federal agency is recruiting for a senior level position in mathematical statistics located in Washington, DC. The incumbent will participate in the development of statistical systems for a broad area of agency operations. Activities include the design of sampling plans, estimation procedures and measures of precision. Professionals with graduate training in mathematical statistics, extensive experience in sampling, experimental design and methods of statistical estimation are invited to apply.

Starting salary will be from \$24,863 up, depending on qualifications and experience. To apply, forward resumes with salary history to: Mrs. Peg Watson, 475 L'Enfant Plaza West, SW, Room 1725, Washington, DC 20260.

**Director of Data Processing/
Research Scientist**

Extensive experience in scientific programming and systems analysis in various operating systems essential. Ph.D. or equivalent academic background in computer science, numerical analysis or other technical field preferred. Should have working experience with statistical and mathematical techniques used in social and behavioral data analysis and mathematical and statistical modeling. Excellent opportunity for a qualified scientist to manage developing computer and statistical services division in expanding social and behavioral research firm. Entrepreneurial experience and interests are desirable. Send complete resume to Mrs. West, Human Sciences Research, Inc., 7710 Old Springhouse Rd., McLean, VA 22102. Principals only.

Survey Design Statistician

Master of Science in Statistics or equivalent with course work in survey sampling or some equivalent work experience. For a full-time position in a Research Firm in Washington, D. C. area. Send resume to P.O. Box 29094, Brookland Station, Washington, D. C. 20017.

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