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Title: Statisticians in the Federal Government: Producing Data on the Criminal Justice System

Date/Time: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 4:00–5:30 p.m.

Speaker: Jeri Mulrow, Vice President and Director, Westat

Chair: Glenn White, National Academies of Sciences

Sponsors: Washington Statistical Society (WSS) Statistics Education Committee, Gonzaga College High School

Location: Gonzaga College High School - 19 I Street, NW Washington, DC 20001 - Cantwell Hall, Room 222. Please call (202) 336-7100 if you have trouble finding the building.

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Abstract: The Federal Statistical System is decentralized consisting of 13 principal statistical agencies and over 100 statistical offices spread across the federal government. The Bureau of Justice Statistics is one of the 13 principal statistical agencies. This presentation will first describe the Federal Statistical System and the value of official federal statistics, then present some of the data from the Bureau of Justice Statistics and challenges faced with collecting and analyzing these data. It will end with a discussion on how statisticians and data scientists can contribute to the success of the system. The mission of the Bureau is to collect, analyze, publish, and disseminate information on crime, criminal offenders, victims of crime, and the operation of justice systems at all levels of government. These data are critical to federal, state, and local policymakers in combating crime and ensuring that justice is both efficient and evenhanded. This seminar will only assume a knowledge of introductory statistics for most of the talk.

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