

**SURV 672: INTRODUCTION TO THE FEDERAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM AND  
THE SURVEY RESEARCH PROFESSION  
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Class schedule and location:  
Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
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**Course Overview**

One of the goals for the JPSM M.S. program is to provide all students with a broad perspective on the Federal statistical system and the issues faced by government statisticians. This course examines the economic and social information system of the U.S. Federal government as well as the role of the survey research professional in that system. The syllabus is structured to provide an overview of the Federal statistical system as it currently exists and to introduce students to options for reform of that system. Invited visitors will include the Chief Statistician of the Office of Management and Budget and the heads of several of the Federal statistical agencies.

**Preparing for Guest Speakers**

All of the visitors invited to speak to the class are busy people with significant professional responsibilities. We are fortunate that they are willing to share their time with us, and students are expected to be well prepared for these class sessions. In the week prior to the visit of a guest speaker, students will develop questions for the speaker, drawing on the relevant agency web pages and/or reading material handed out in class. The questions will be submitted online no later than midnight on Sunday before each Tuesday's class.

## Course Schedule

- September 7**      **Introduction to the Federal Statistical System**  
Frauke Kreuter
- September 14**      **A Perspective on the Federal Statistical System**  
Ms. Katherine Wallman, Chief Statistician  
Office of Management and Budget  
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
- Reading:              *Statistical Programs of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2009*, Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget.  
*Principles and Practices for a Federal Statistical Agency*. National Research Council.
- September 21**      **Bureau of Labor Statistics**  
Dr. Keith Hall, Commissioner
- September 28**      **U.S. Census Bureau**  
Dr. Robert Groves, Director
- October 5**              **National Agriculture Statistics Service**  
Dr. Cynthia Clark, Administrator
- October 12**          **Bureau of Transportation Statistics**  
Dr. Steven Smith, Deputy Director
- October 19**          **Bureau of Justice Statistics**  
Dr. James Lynch, Director
- October 26**          **Science Resources Statistics Division**  
National Science Foundation  
Dr. Lynda Carlson, Director

**November 2**                    **Energy Information Administration**  
Dr. Richard Newell, Administrator

**November 9**                    **National Center for Health Statistics**  
Dr. Edward J. Sondik, Director

**November 16**                    **Bureau of Economic Analysis**  
Dr. Steven Landefeld, Director

**November 23**                    **National Center of Educational Statistics**  
Dr. Kerachsky (or then confirmed Commissioner)

**November 30**                    **Office of Environmental Information**  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Dr. Barry Nussbaum, Chief Statistician

**December 7**                    **Statistics of Income Division**  
**Internal Revenue Service**  
Dr. Susan Boehmer, Director