

Washington Statistical Society Statistical Seminar Event

Assessing the Quality of the 2020 Census: Memorial Seminar for Larry Ernst

Date: Monday, June 28th, 2021

Time: 12:30PM – 2:00PM

Please join the Washington Statistical Society (WSS) in honoring the memory of Dr. Larry Ernst and his statistical research contributions to the Federal Statistical System. Dr. Ernst made many contributions to the development of statistical methodology throughout his career at the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. One significant, timely, and relevant contribution was defending the methodology for use in the apportionment of seats in the United States House of Representatives among the states following the 1990 Decennial Census. For the first time in U.S. history, following the 1990 Decennial Census, the constitutionality of an apportionment method was challenged in court. Dr. Ernst wrote the declarations on the mathematical and statistical issues used by the defense to successfully defend the methodology in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Given the ongoing discussions regarding the measurement of certain populations and nonresponse issues, in the 2020 Census, Dr. Howard Hogan will discuss the challenges of assessing and measuring the quality of the Decennial Census. Drs. Alan Dorfman and Patrick Cantwell, both former colleagues of Larry Ernst, will provide brief tributes honoring his career and his contributions to the Federal Statistical System.

For additional information about this event, please contact [Jeffrey Gonzalez](#), WSS Methodology Program Chair.

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