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A local Jewish federation (part of the Jewish Federations of North America) seeks to ask gather information through survey interviews about developmental disabilities among households members in its service area. The federation is looking for a relatively short and standard sets of questions that can be used to measure types and levels of development disabilities and services needed for them. Can anyone on the listserve, especially health researchers, help point me in the right direction? Please respond off-list. Many thanks in advance for any assistance.

Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz, Ph.D.

Director, Research and Analysis

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From: "Simpson, Leonard" <Leonard.Simpson@SJCD.EDU>
Subject: Senior Research Analyst posting
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AAPOR Members,

Please receive the below Senior Research Analyst posting for San Jacinto Co=
llege District (SJCD) in Pasadena, TX (Houston). To apply for the posting, =
please go to <https://jobs.sjcd.edu>.

For information about Research and Institutional Effectiveness (aSPIRE Offi=
ce) at SJCD, please go to <http://admin.sanjac.edu/college-administration/instruction-student-services/research-effectiveness>

Position Information

Position Title

Senior Research Analyst

Department

66241 - Research & Institutional Effect

Posting Type

External

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Position Open Date

08-31-2010

Position Close Date

09-20-2010

Availability Date

Position Number

A99740

Position Type

No Response

Full-Time/Part-Time

Full-Time

Campus

District

Physical location

San Jacinto College District
4624 Fairmont Parkway
Pasadena, TX 77504

Required Qualifications

Bachelor's degree in mathematics, statistics, education, economics, accounting, business administration or a related field required. Advanced knowledge in MS Office including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Minimum of one (1) year working with statistical procedures and institutional research methods required. Must have one (1) year of experience with creating, maintaining and manipulation of large data files. Must have knowledge/background in computer programming, e.g. SAS, Splus, Matlab, C, C++, Visual Basic, Fortran, or similar language.

- Work on multiple projects simultaneously and be able to accurately execute objectives is required
- Excellent written and oral communication skills and comfortable in communicating and presenting data are required
- Must display keen ability to think critically: conceptualize, analyze, evaluate, interpret, and reach conclusions to ensure clear and concise preparation of reports
- Must be able to exercise independent judgment and perform complicated and detailed tasks in a timely manner with a minimum of supervision.
- Knowledge of institutional research methodology needs assessment, strategic planning, data collection, and quantitative analyses

- Analytical and numerical skills needed to perform the required task
- Must have proficiency in Microsoft Office applications, including Word, Excel, Access, Outlook and PowerPoint
- Requires the ability to use SAS in a beginner, intermediate and leading to an expert level
- Able to export/import large quantities of data for requests and/or analyses and present and format data in a user-friendly manner, such as tables, graphs, etc.
- Advanced MS Excel skills in formatting data for tables and graphs
- Able to prepare written descriptions of the data to enable users to locate, understand, and use relevant portions of reports
- Ability to work with report users and ensure the reports are appropriate for their needs
- Able to prioritize projects and tasks efficiently, use good organizational skills, and different processes to keep track of complex tasks
- Be able to set priorities and meet deadlines in a multitasking, fast-paced environment

Preferred Qualifications

Master's degree in mathematics, statistics, education, economics, accounting, business administration or a related field preferred. Experience using Banner, GIS, and regional economic data software desirable. Bilingual applicants are encouraged to apply.

Responsibilities

- Perform basic and complex statistical computations and analyses, align the analysis with the strategic objectives of the SJCD, and transform the results of the data analyses into information and knowledge that inform decision-making or actions taken by the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Dean and the Board of Trustees.
- Write, edit, debug, and finalize SAS programs for use in data extraction, data manipulation, and data processing in order to facilitate statistical analyses using parameter-driven methods
- Prepare and coordinate preparation of detailed enrollment reports, faculty workloads, graduation rates and retention rates for the strategic Leadership Team used for decision-making each term
- Work closely with other departments to compile and evaluate information to prepare responses to national surveys and data forms which must be completed for state or provincial agencies with responsibility for higher education, as well as responding to questionnaires and request for data or information in general
- Provide research support to Institutional Outcomes Monitoring Committees, SACS compliance, QEP compliance, and IPEDS compliance, documentation, and reporting
- Document college progress on its unit and strategic plans, typically in an annual report and support work on development of unit plans by preparing reminder letters and calls to District-level units
- Assist with data collection for Institutional Outcomes performance measures which are used for College-wide institutional planning
- Work with the Director in developing and reporting data on the area economic and demographic characteristics
- Prepare data reports using data from Banner and other sources

- Respond to ad-hoc request from within the College for data from existing reports or from external data sources (e.g., IPEDS data). Prepare data reports surveys for external sources (e.g. IPEDS, College Board)

Additional Job Functions:

- Assist in data collection for open records requests
- Assist in collecting and interpreting data for use by the College-wide community involved in the planning, policy formation, decision-making, assessment and administration of the college
- Assist the Survey Research Analyst and Senior Statistical Research Analyst in preparation of core enrollment reports
- Assist all others in the Research office in proof-reading and improving formats of reports
- Provide interpretive assistance to users of research data

Special Instructions to Applicants

T/E

All applicants must submit a cover letter with their application to be considered for this position.

Transcripts must be attached to the application, even if the applicant is a current or former employee of the college. If you are unable to attach transcripts to the application or encounter other difficulties with the online application, please contact Human Resources (281-998-6115) or mail to the following address:

San Jacinto College District
Human Resources
4624 Fairmont Parkway
Pasadena TX 77504

Salary

C45 - \$4,428.58 per month

Work Hours

Twelve (12) month position
Forty (40) hours per week
Monday through Friday
8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Must be available for evening and weekend hours as needed

Leonard E. Simpson II
Survey Research Analyst
aSPIRE Office

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"Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something=else is more important than fear." ~Ambrose Redmoon

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Masahiko Aida <maida@GQRR.COM>
Subject: job: temporary data managing project at Greenberg Quinlan Rosner
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Hello

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We are looking for someone who can help us for the short term data managing project. Please contact me directly or call our office 202-478-8300 ,=20

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we are partisan (Democratic) political polling firm based on Washington DC, the work can be done remotely,

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<http://gqrr.com/>

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Thank you,=20

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Masahiko Aida

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Duration: September of 2010

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General Responsibilities=20

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* Projects starts immediately after Labor Day and bulk of the work takes place in mid September, some follow up work in October possible.=20

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* The core task is to create survey database by assembling multiple survey datasets using Statistical package Stata.=20

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* The work can be done on site or remotely=20

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Skills

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* Advanced knowledge in data management in Stata=20

o Merging & appending multiple datasets=20

o Recoding of survey responses using syntax=20

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* Familiarity with macro and loop functions a plus=20

o Prior experiences in working multiple survey data from different

sources

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* Knowledge in SQL server or RDBMS plus=20

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Compensation

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* Hourly or per survey dataset TBD

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From: Colleen Porter <colleen_porter@COX.NET>

Subject: (very unimportant and long) Thoughts on surviving a mail survey
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Some time later, I felt dizzy, and didn't trust myself to keep working. Our procedures required that a faculty or senior staff be in the room at all times. I called the PI and asked him to come down for a few minutes. His eyes lit up when he saw that we were doing something he could handle, and he started ripping strips and sealing with enthusiasm. I went up to my office, ate the barely warm but filling soup, visited the bathroom, drank some water, felt somewhat better. But I took the elevator one flight back, instead of the stairs.

When I returned, the PI still stayed and finished another box or so. My cell phone rang. It was the CPA from university treasury management, whose visit we had been awaiting all day. "I know that I said I was going to visit, but I have a deadline on Wednesday, and I'm not going to make it over," she explained. "It was important that you be willing to have me visit, but that was never a problem for you guys. You had it so together from the first time I saw your application. Actually, I DID want to come over, to see how you do it, so I can pass on tips to other researchers."

Okay. As I explained this to the team, one person squinted, "So if you say you are going to follow the rules you can get away with whatever?"

It was too late for us to try whatever, had we been so inclined. We sealed the last envelope, and waited for pickup. We sent the students up to my office with empty boxes and paperwork, then released them. Our protocol only required two people after sealing. And we waited. Then called our secretary and asked her to check on the status of our pickup. And we waited. The person who finally came was not happy, complaining that he was supposed to be going on vacation. Yeah well. He started scanning. Beep, beep, beep. We offered to wheel down our cart so that at least it would go out in one trip downstairs instead of three. Beep, beep, beep. He ended up with 1,198 and we were sure there were 1,200....oh well, the system should pick it up.

My husband drove us home by way of a Chinese place that doesn't use msg or overcook the veggies. We ate, and I went to lie down and nap, except that I kept jerking awake with nightmares that someone would object to sending cash and contact the university counsel or whatever. I flipped open the laptop and watched some streaming Grey's Anatomy, assuring myself that at least nobody would die if I made a mistake. When I fell asleep again, I slept for nine hours straight. It was done.

Colleen Porter
Gainesville, FL

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From: Jeffrey Kerwin <JeffreyKerwin@WESTAT.COM>

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Very entertaining! Thanks for sharing. -jeff

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Sent: Thursday, September 02, 2010 7:08 AM

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Some time later, I felt dizzy, and didn't trust myself to keep working. Our procedures required that a faculty or senior staff be in the room at all times. I called the PI and asked him to come down for a few minutes. His eyes lit up when he saw that we were doing something he could handle, and he started ripping strips and sealing with enthusiasm. I went up to my office, ate the barely warm but filling soup, visited the bathroom, drank some water, felt somewhat better. But I took the elevator one flight back, instead of the stairs.

When I returned, the PI still stayed and finished another box or so. My cell phone rang. It was the CPA from university treasury management, whose visit we had been awaiting all day. "I know that I said I was going to visit, but I have a deadline on Wednesday, and I'm not going to make it over," she explained. "It was important that you be willing to have me visit, but that was never a problem for you guys. You had it so together from the first time I saw your application. Actually, I DID want to come over, to see how you do it, so I can pass on tips to other researchers."

Okay. As I explained this to the team, one person squinted, "So if you say you are going to follow the rules you can get away with whatever?"

It was too late for us to try whatever, had we been so inclined. We sealed the last envelope, and waited for pickup. We sent the students up to my office with empty boxes and paperwork, then released them. Our protocol only required two people after sealing. And we waited. Then called our secretary and asked her to check on the status of our pickup. And we waited. The person who finally came was not happy, complaining that he was supposed to be going on vacation. Yeah well. He started scanning. Beep, beep, beep. We offered to wheel down our cart so that at least it would go out in one trip downstairs instead of three. Beep, beep, beep. He ended up with 1,198 and we were sure there were 1,200....oh well, the system should pick it up.

My husband drove us home by way of a Chinese place that doesn't use msg or overcook the veggies. We ate, and I went to lie down and nap, except that I kept jerking awake with nightmares that someone would object to sending cash and contact the university counsel or whatever. I flipped open the laptop and watched some streaming Grey's Anatomy, assuring myself that at least nobody would die if I made a mistake. When I fell asleep again, I slept for nine hours straight. It was done.

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For those of us who conduct employee surveys, yesterday's Dilbert is priceless, i.e. first you laugh, then you cry. For everyone else, laughter only.

<http://www.dilbert.com/2010-09-01/=20>

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I am looking for a freelance, or small firm, focus group moderator to help
think through a new research venture that, if practically and financially
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feasible, could develop into a long-term/ongoing research project.

I am thinking freelance/small firm because of the need for flexibility and very competitive pricing (meaning relatively low pricing), both of which I have found to generally be more available through smaller research companies.

But having said that, I am open to any recommendations you may have.

Please feel free to respond directly to me, or to provide my contact info (below) to those you would recommend.

By way of background: We are looking to add a qualitative component to a large ongoing tracking survey. So the goal here is to talk with an experienced and motivated moderator to flesh out what is possible (right now our thinking is 4 FGs per quarter and 25 or so IDIs per month) and to come up with a reasonable budget estimate for 2011. We are not looking for detailed bids or anything at this point, just some help trying to scope out what we could do and what it would cost.

In particular, it would be great to find someone with experience among the 50+ population (especially those 65+) and with both a quantitative and qualitative background (including experience in cognitive interviewing).

As always, thanks in advance to the collective mind/experience of AAPORNet for your help.

Best,

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"It is a popular delusion that the scientific enquirer is under an obligation not to go beyond generalization of observed facts...but anyone who is practical"

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acquainted with scientific work is aware that those who refuse to go beyo=
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facts, rarely get as far." -- Thomas Huxley

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Of potential interest to this group....

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/08/100830094932.htm>

ScienceDaily (Aug. 31, 2010) - A new study from North Carolina State University shows that genetics play a key factor in whether someone is willing to take a survey.

"We wanted to know whether people are genetically predisposed to ignore requests for survey participation," says Dr. Lori Foster Thompson, an associate professor of psychology at NC State and lead author of a paper describing the research. "We found that there is a pretty strong genetic predisposition to not reply to surveys."

For the study, the researchers sent out a survey to over 1,000 sets of twins - some fraternal, some identical -- and then measured who did and did not respond. The researchers were interested in whether the response behavior of one twin accurately predicted the behavior of the other twin. "We found that the behavior of one identical twin was a good predictor for the other," Foster Thompson says, "but that the same did not hold true for fraternal twins.

"Because all of the sets of twins were raised in the same household, the only distinguishing variable between identical and fraternal twin sets is the fact that identical twins are genetically identical and fraternal twins are not."

Understanding survey response behavior is important because managers and

people who study organizational behavior rely on survey data to better understand issues ranging from leadership to job stress. "We need to get representative data in order to form accurate conclusions," Foster Thompson says, "for science and for business practice.

"A lot of research has been done to evaluate how surveys can be written or presented to encourage participation," Foster Thompson adds. "Much less work has been done to evaluate the personal characteristics of potential respondents -- and the role those characteristics play in determining whether someone will actually fill a survey out."

The research raises a number of additional questions, "but basically we want to know why or how genetics affect people's predisposition to take surveys," Foster Thompson says. "Is the linkage between genetics and survey response explained by personality, attitudes toward employers, or something else entirely?"

The paper, "Genetic underpinnings of survey response," will be published in a forthcoming issue of the Journal of Organizational Behavior. The paper was co-authored by Dr. Zhen Zhang of Arizona State University and Dr. Richard Arvey of the National University of Singapore.

The above story is reprinted (with editorial adaptations by ScienceDaily staff) from materials provided by North Carolina State University.

Journal Reference:

1. Thompson et al. Genetic underpinnings of survey response. Journal of Organizational Behavior, 2010; DOI: 10.1002/job.692

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ScienceDaily (Sep. 1, 2010) Old-fashioned snail mail with a postage stamp might be the answer for federal officials struggling to keep the waters off the U.S. coast from being overfished.

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Results of the study were presented as "A Pilot Test of a Dual Frame Mail Survey of Recreational Marine Anglers" in August at the 2010 annual meeting of the American Statistical Association in Vancouver.

Other researchers included Nancy Mathiowetz, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; J. Michael Brick, Westat; William R. Andrews, NOAA Marine Recreational Information Program; and Seth Muzzy, ICF/Macro.

(I already Twittered a shorter version)

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Leo "Twitted?" Simonetta

Director of Research, Art & Science Group

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Subject: seeking experts in behavioral change,
particularly pro-environment behaviors
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Dear All,

I have a client (a mktg comm. firm) that does a fair amount of work with government agencies and non-profits in the environmental space. In any event, this client is looking for an academic researcher whose specialty or sub-specialty is behavioral change when it comes to environmental attitudes and behaviors. What motivates such things. They would like to harness this expertise to assist in the creation of campaigns aimed at increasing awareness and changing behavior.

If anyone comes to mind, please offer suggestions.

Thanks so much!

Melissa

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Announcement: Posted on Behalf of TESS

I'm writing to bring to your attention to a great resource for Public=20
Opinion Research. Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)=
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is an NSF-supported infrastructure project that enables scholars=20
(including graduate students, post-docs, and faculty) to conduct original=
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experiments on nationally representative samples at no cost to the=20
investigator.

TESS proposals are peer-reviewed and successful projects that are fielded=
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using a nationally-representative internet survey panel (Knowledge=20
Networks). This platform offers the opportunity for surveys of the genera=
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United States population, as well as specific subpopulations that are=20
often challenging for researchers to study.

The application process is simple, and the turn-around time is generally=20=

quite fast -- and our expanded capabilities mean that scholars can now=20= conduct more complicated experiments than in the past.

To learn more about our capabilities and eligibility, visit our website a=
t:

<http://tess.experimentcentral.org>

Best,

Jeremy Freese (Northwestern) and Penny Visser (University of Chicago)
Principal Investigators, TESS

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"In a surprising development, we see . a dead heat between [Canada's opposition] Liberals and [ruling] Conservatives.

"There is clear evidence as to why the Conservatives have squandered a comfortable 11-point lead at the beginning of the summer .The government's ill-received decision to end the mandatory long-form census.

"When asked whether they felt that the privacy intrusion of the census justified a voluntary census or whether the lack of representativeness would cost us vital data, a clear majority (56%) picked the latter (26% felt the mandatory form was a violation of privacy)...Opposition to this decision is strongest among the university educated."

<http://www.ekos.com/admin/articles/FG-2010-09-02.pdf>

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Subject: Huge federal data privacy bill
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I wanted to alert you all to a new comprehensive data privacy bill in Congress, Rep. Rush's H.R. 5777. You'll find MRA's brief summary, topline explanation of our concerns, and an extensive analysis of every impactful part of the bill:

http://www.mra-net.org/ga/documents/mra_Rush_privacy_bill_memo_8-10.pdf
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It has already been the subject of hearings in the House and the Senate is developing a similar bill. I've been having a lot of meetings with staff in the House and Senate to make our case.

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If you're interested in meeting with your Congressman or Senators in defense of the research profession on this bill, please get in touch with me -- especially if they sit on the House Energy & Commerce Committee or Senate Commerce Committee.

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Cheers,
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Subject: Hispanic response rates
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Quite a few members have written asking me to share what I learned about Hispanic response rates with everyone on the list. Briefly, I did not learn very much. Several people had the same experience I have had, where on the telephone you get great Hispanic cooperation as long as you have good Spanish/English interviewers and a flexible call back schedule. In fact, many of us thought their willingness to complete an instrument was better than the non-Hispanic. As for cooperation or response rate to email or mail surveys, there did not seem to be much information. There is a common concern that the rate is lower among Hispanics and people had trouble getting even close to census figures for the Hispanic proportion of the population with such methods. I have had this same experience even with a list sample where all Hispanic households were known in advance and we send an English and a Spanish version of the instrument through the mail and did substantial follow up. Thanks again to all who sent me information.

Steve Johnson, PhD
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Job Posting: Operations Manager at the Univ. of Chicago Survey Lab

The University of Chicago Survey Lab has an immediate need for an Operations Manager. The Operations Manager oversees all aspects of survey operations for projects run from the central office (manages the phone shop and mail or web surveys), including the hiring, training and management of interviewing staff, drafting and pre-testing of questionnaires, formatting and programming instruments into software, recruiting respondents, receipt control, sample and data quality management and on-going project progress reports.

Other tasks include Sawtooth programming and teaching programming tasks to shop supervisors, loading samples and questionnaires into CATI & SensusWeb system, writing SPSS output programs, running CATI reports and managing data in SPSS. The candidate must be able to work occasional evenings and weekends to manage phone shop projects.

Education

Bachelor's degree or higher in the social sciences required. Master's level course work required. Master's degree strongly preferred. Specific training in survey research methods preferred.

Experience

At least one year of experience with survey or interview work required. At least one year experience managing staff required. Programming experience preferred. Specific experience with Sawtooth software (SensusWeb and Sawtooth CATI) preferred. Experience with qualitative data collection (fieldwork, open-ended interviewing and focus groups) preferred. Experience with SPSS strongly preferred.

For more information on the University of Chicago Survey Lab please visit: <http://surveylab.uchicago.edu>.

For more details about the position and how to apply please visit: <http://jobopportunities.uchicago.edu>.

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The introduction to Simon Jackman's book provides a very nice outline of the rationale for a Bayesian approach and can be read as a primer.

Nick

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From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of Jan Werner
Sent: 30 August 2010 00:58
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Subject: Re: Good intro to Bayesian methods?

The two commonly mentioned textbooks on Bayesian methods seem to be:

Gelman, Carlin, Stern & Rubin, "Bayesian Data Analysis," 2nd Ed. 2004,
Chapman & Hall/CRC

and

Jeff Gill, "Bayesian Methods - A Social and Behavioral Sciences
Approach," 2nd Ed. 2008, Chapman & Hall/CRC

I find Gill's book an easier read, particularly for social scientists, but I would also suggest reading Gelman's review of the Gill book on Amazon.com for his comments on the differences between the two.

My personal recommendation would be Simon Jackman, "Bayesian Analysis for the Social Sciences," 2009, Wiley. In my opinion, the Jackman book provides less of a textbook but a broader overview and reference than the others. I also enjoy Jackman's opinionated writing. Others may not

Jan Werner

Woody Carter wrote:

> In a blurb sent around by statistics.com, the on-line statistics course vendor, the following claim appeared:

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> "Classical statistical inference sets up artificial 'hypotheses' to test, but the answers often do not contribute much to the decision-making process. Bayesian methods, by contrast, are aimed at optimizing decisions, in light of costs and benefits."

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> What's a good introduction to these miracle methods?

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> Woody

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I am looking for survey data on evolution/creationism in Latin America. It's easy to find US and European data but so far I have been unable to locate data for Latin America.

Any hints would be appreciated.

This is for a class on political culture so top line data would be fine...

Thanks,

--tom

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Jackman's introduction provides a very readable discussion of why one might want to use Bayesian statistics -- from the point of view of a true believer. But you need to read at least the first chapter of his book for some indication of what is needed in practice.

For a simpler, yet more comprehensive, short (15 pages) overview of Bayesian statistics, along with a discussion of their differences from frequentist inference, I'd recommend reading "The Bayesian Approach to Statistics" by Anthony O'Hagan in the "Handbook of Probability - Theory and Applications," Tamas Rudas, Ed. (Sage, 2008).

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Jan Werner

Allum, Nick wrote:

> The introduction to Simon Jackman's book provides a very nice outline
> of the rationale for a Bayesian approach and can be read as a
> primer.

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> Nick

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> -----Original Message----- From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu]
> On Behalf Of Jan Werner Sent: 30 August 2010 00:58 To:

> AAPORNET@ASU.EDU Subject: Re: Good intro to Bayesian methods?

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> The two commonly mentioned textbooks on Bayesian methods seem to be:

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> Gelman, Carlin, Stern& Rubin, "Bayesian Data Analysis," 2nd Ed.
> 2004, Chapman& Hall/CRC

>
> and

>
> Jeff Gill, "Bayesian Methods - A Social and Behavioral Sciences
> Approach," 2nd Ed. 2008, Chapman& Hall/CRC

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> I find Gill's book an easier read, particularly for social
> scientists, but I would also suggest reading Gelman's review of the
> Gill book on Amazon.com for his comments on the differences between
> the two.

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> My personal recommendation would be Simon Jackman, "Bayesian
> Analysis for the Social Sciences," 2009, Wiley. In my opinion, the
> Jackman book provides less of a textbook but a broader overview and
> reference than the others. I also enjoy Jackman's opinionated
> writing. Others may not

>
> Jan Werner _____

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> Woody Carter wrote:
>> In a blurb sent around by statistics.com, the on-line statistics
>> course vendor, the following claim appeared:

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>> "Classical statistical inference sets up artificial 'hypotheses' to
>> test, but the answers often do not contribute much to the
>> decision-making process. Bayesian methods, by contrast, are aimed
>> at optimizing decisions, in light of costs and benefits."

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>> What's a good introduction to these miracle methods?

>>
>> Woody

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Back in July, I thought about posting on AAPORnet. I wondered if the
"International" Koran burning day was really as widespread as a local preacher
made it out to be, and whether anyone was polling on it.

I didn't realize until last week that no, it isn't the least bit widespread and that my beloved adopted hometown, where I have spent half my life, is getting a major black eye over this.

I don't know if anyone has done a serious survey on this issue. Yesterday our former mayor claimed that 99% of residents were opposed, but I suspect she was making that up. The scientist side of me finds this a fascinating case study in media effects and patterns of information flow, that the words of one person in a small town can cause deaths on the other side of the globe. That one can be living in the midst of a big news story, and not even know about it without cable TV or the New York Times.

The human side of me is just appalled. As a veteran who fought for the rights of all Americans, I wonder whether this really is protected speech. As the mother of a diplomat, I know this is making her job harder. As the wife of a minister, it makes me sad to see such hate perpetrated in the name of deity. (No, I didn't divorce the entomologist; our faith has a tradition of lay ministry at the local level.)

This summer, I spent a few wonderful weeks in Indonesia, and we were hoping to go back there as humanitarian service missionaries. My husband speaks the language quite well, and people assumed that we were from the Netherlands or Germany, since that is the source of most of their white-skinned blue-eyed tourists. When they found out we were from the US, big grins and their eyes lit up: "Obama dari Jakarta!" Even in the tiniest towns, they were so proud that one of their own had been elected our president. Sigh. All that goodwill evaporating amidst protests.

When we travel abroad, we bring a small book of photos of our home, family, church, car, office--a glimpse into our everyday lives. It is often an eye-opener, because foreigners sometimes get the impression that all Americans are as rich as in the movies, and they are shocked to see us using bicycles to get to work, and our humble cinder-block house. I usually put a map of the US in the front, with Florida highlighted, and then a map of Florida showing Disneyworld with our town to the north.

But I think I won't use the map anymore.

Colleen Porter
somewhere in FL

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If this is not what you wanted to hear, the best I can do is to apologize.

_Mansour.

From: AAPORNET on behalf of Tom Bowerman
Sent: Sat 9/11/2010 12:42 PM

To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU

Subject: response bias variation in single issue vs. omnibus survey instruments

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Tom,

Many omnibus typically randomize inserts to at least partially combat question order effects between inserts. So in so much as 'insert order' is kept as a variable, one could explore whether estimates are different when they come first rather than later in the omnibus....and you have piqued my interest so this is something I am going to take a look at!

In general I think most of us have worked on single issue surveys where we feel question A is going to bias question B....but as well q.B is going to bias q.A., and there is no good solution. I have also seen situations where, be they custom or omnibus surveys, questions of one topic are put in front of a sensitive topic to 'disarm' the respondent to answer more honestly (at least that is the hope).

In short I think it is hard to categorize this as omni vs. Custom-single-issue. There are people out there (I consider myself one) who take care to make sure that if there are clear issues of bias within omnibus that all parties involved are notified. Occasionally, we have delayed inserts for this reason, placing one in a week later.

In the end the devil is in the details...multiple topics can help or hurt depending on the topics at-hand, I would think.

Sorry I am not answering your question though re: citations! Perhaps I can share something after looking at my own data...AAPOR 2010 perhaps!

David Dutwin
SSRS

On Sep 11, 2010, at 12:46 PM, Tom Bowerman <tom@POLICYINTERACTIVE.ORG> wrote:

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Hi,

While that may be true generally of omnibus surveys, I think Tom may have a point.

A long time ago I ran a standalone survey on gambling with an omnibus survey a month later which covered gambling also. The standalone survey was targeted at gamblers and had screening questions to establish eligibility for the main questionnaire. The same criteria were used in the omnibus survey to route to specific questions. The incidence of 'gamblers' was far higher in the omnibus survey (and closer to external data) than for the standalone.

At the time I put this down to interviewers on the standalone giving too much information on the survey topic in advance to elicit response. My assumption was that respondents having information did not want to associate themselves with an undesirable behaviour, or self screened themselves thinking we were looking for extreme cases. On the omnibus this was just a small section and so interviewers were unlikely to give away the topic of gambling.

I'm afraid I can't cite any figures as the survey was not for public release.

Joe

Joe Stead

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----- Original Message -----

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I wanted to send a quick thank you to everyone who responded to my request for a freelance/small firm focus group moderator.

I have received many, many responses (yet another testament to the power of AAPORNet), and while I will try to get back to everyone, I wanted to offer at least this global thank you. Among the wealth of responses, I am confident that we'll find a solution to our current research need.

Best,

John

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-----Original Message-----

From: John Fries [<mailto:jfries@AARP.ORG>]
Sent: Thursday, September 02, 2010 8:34 AM
To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU

Cc: Fries, John

Subject: Looking for a Freelance/Independent Moderator

I am looking for a freelance, or small firm, focus group moderator to help think through a new research venture that, if practically and financially feasible, could develop into a long-term/ongoing research project.

I am thinking freelance/small firm because of the need for flexibility and very competitive pricing (meaning relatively low pricing), both of which I have found to generally be more available through smaller research companies.

But having said that, I am open to any recommendations you may have. Please feel free to respond directly to me, or to provide my contact info (below) to those you would recommend.

By way of background: We are looking to add a qualitative component to a large ongoing tracking survey. So the goal here is to talk with an experienced and motivated moderator to flesh out what is possible (right now our thinking is 4 FGs per quarter and 25 or so IDIs per month) and to come up with a reasonable budget estimate for 2011. We are not looking for detailed bids or anything at this point, just some help trying to scope out what we could do and what it would cost.

In particular, it would be great to find someone with experience among the 50+ population (especially those 65+) and with both a quant and qual background (including experience in cognitive interviewing).

As always, thanks in advance to the collective mind/experience of AAPORNet for your help.

Best,

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Subject: Re: response bias variation in single issue vs. omnibus survey instruments
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A really long time ago--the mid-1980s--a firm I worked for did a 1.25 hour= telephone interview on perceptions of Transcendental Meditation in advanc= e of a trial. Most of us were surprised to find that about one in three= of our respondents practiced TM. Put another way, one in three of the re= spondents who stayed with the 1.25 hour survey practiced TM. JAS

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-----Original Message-----

From: Fahimi, Mansour <mfahimi@M-S-G.COM>
To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
Sent: Sat, Sep 11, 2010 8:14 pm
Subject: Re: response bias variation in single issue vs. omnibus survey in= struments

Tom,

I do not have any references to share, nor do I have any empirical evidenc= e=20 directly related to your interesting hypothesis. Nonetheless, I like to= point=20 out a potentially confounding factor that deserves contemplation. Having= had=20 some form of involvement with at least three omnibus surveys in the past,= I yet=20 have to see one that is designed and executed with the level of care most= of us=20 are accustomed to. By nature, omnibus surveys are expeditious and designe=

d to=20
zap in-n-out to cater to timelines that are often unwise. That is, there=
is an=20
inherent sloppiness associated with such surveys that can render them=20
incomparable with well designed and executed non-omnibus type surveys.

If this is not what you wanted to hear, the best I can do is to apologize.

_Mansour.

From: AAPORNET on behalf of Tom Bowerman
Sent: Sat 9/11/2010 12:42 PM
To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
Subject: response bias variation in single issue vs. omnibus survey instru=
ments

Do single issue surveys induce issue sensitivity or response bias, compare=
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omnibus survey instruments? I am looking for methodological discussion=
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subject. I asked this question back in May and received practically no=
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response in what seems like a fairly important methodological question. =
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searched for literature on the topic with little success.

For example, is self-reported church attendance higher in a survey exclusi=
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about religion than in a survey about various social behaviors? Does=
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survey focused exclusively on environmental issues show proportionally hig=
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within the context of competing topical concerns such as economy, jobs, pr=
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fuel, education, crime, etc.? I seek citations or analysis affirming or=
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refuting the hypothesis that single issue surveys prime the respondent or=
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subject or act on it. I am seeking evidence or discussion about the poss=
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sensitivity priming bias capacity of single issue surveys, and the consequ=
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argument that embedding issues of high social interest in omnibus survey=
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instruments is more effective in predicting behavior than narrower single-
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instruments.

The tendency for researchers to use single issue instruments for brevity,=
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parsimonious and economic reasons is understandable. But are response=
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frequencies sufficiently comparable to mixed issue social survey instrumen=
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give researchers confidence that properly designed single issue instrument=
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don't unduly sensitize respondents with consequent skewed results?

Tom Bowerman, Project Director

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The question raised about response differences for the same questions in different types of surveys raises a host of complex questions. Among them are:

1. Does the overall theme of a topical survey creating a meta-context effect that alters respondent behavior? (do answer this, it would be helpful to not only compare omnibus to topical surveys, but to alter the position in the surveys to see if respondents are increasingly influenced with each succeeding question).
2. Does respondent attention differ when questions vary as opposed to those in which a common theme is maintained?
3. Does the kind of theme matter? A question about smoking could be thematic in both a survey on youth lifestyles and a survey on health. Possibly with different consequences.
4. Is there differential response bias when the intro varies from one describing a variety of topics of interest to an intro that telegraphs the theme of the survey?
5. Would these effects be uniform across topics? That is, would any effects elicited by careful randomized experiments be the same for questions on health, consumer behavior, politics, or personal finance?

In light of this, insight is likely to be incomplete and based on imperfect studies here and there.

In that context, I can say that on the question of evolution and creationism, our careful examination of exactly these questions (based on previous polls, not a careful randomized experiment) suggests that context effects are discernible but very small in magnitude. Thematic polls focusing on religion (newsweekly's "Christmas polls" and Pew's Religion and Public Life Polls) show slightly increased support for creationism (roughly 5%) compared to omnibus polls and those with a scientific theme. Details are in Chapter 2 of our recent book on evolution:
<http://www.cambridge.org/us/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9780521148863>

That being said, it's an empirical question as to whether similar magnitudes would be found for other topics.

- Eric

Eric Plutzer, Professor of Political Science
and Academic Director, Survey Research Center
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to mid-size projects. Devise or modify processes to solve problems,=20
considering computer application structure, technical capacity and desire=
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result. Prepare detailed specifications from which programs will be writt=
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or modified, and design, code, test, debug and document those programs.=20=

Provide guidance and training to less experienced analyst/programmers.=20=

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design concepts; logic and analytical ability; communication,=20

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systems, applications or business area knowledge and systems analysis and=

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design.

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Subject: Position available: General Manager/Chief of Staff

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-Leora

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I would like to encourage AAPOR members to consider applying for this position.

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Best Regards,

Kenneth W. Steve, M.S.

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From: Appel, Peter (RITA)=20

Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 2:23 PM

To: List-RITA-All

Subject: BTS Director position -- Now Posted on USAjobs.gov

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Dear Colleagues:

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The U.S. Department of Transportation is seeking a Director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). BTS, which is part of DOT's Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), is charged with advancing rigorous analysis and the deployment of cross-cutting technologies to improve our Nation's transportation system. The Director position would lead the BTS, which is responsible for leading the development of high quality transportation data and information. As a federal statistical agency, BTS provides an objective source of statistical analysis for decision making at all levels.=20

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RITA is looking for a dynamic and visionary leader who can apply their expertise in the collection, analysis, and use of transportation statistics towards positioning BTS as an integral part of a Department of Transportation that bases its very significant investment and policy decisions on sound science and rigorous analysis. In addition to possessing superior technical acumen, candidates must demonstrate an ability to lead a diverse team and promote cross-office collaboration in the pursuit of achieving organizational excellence.

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If you know someone interested in this Washington, D.C. based leadership

role with relevant experience and proven results please refer them to the link below:=20

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The Link to access this Vacancy announcement is:

<http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=3D90676597&JobTitle=3DDirect=or%2c+Bureau+of+Transportation+Statistics&q=3Dbureau+of+transportation+statistics&where=3D&brd=3D3876&vw=3Db&FedEmp=3DN&FedPub=3DY&x=3D0&y=3D0&AVSDM=3D=2010-09-13+13%3a27%3a00>
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Thank you for your assistance.

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Sincerely,

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Peter H. Appel

Administrator

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From: Jan Werner <jwerner@JWDP.COM>
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Subject: On trusting political pollsters more than non-partisan polls
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Writing in CQ Politics, Stuart Rothenberg states his reasons for finding political pollsters more credible than non-partisan polls.

<http://www.cqpolitics.com/wmspage.cfm?docID=news-000003731119>

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CQ POLITICS NEWS
Sept. 13, 2010 – 11:53 p.m.

As Polls Go, I Really Prefer the Partisan Stuff

By Stuart Rothenberg, Roll Call Contributing Writer

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For years, I have complained about national and local news anchors who don't seem to understand what polls mean and what a margin of error is. But increasingly, for me at least, it's the proliferation of polls — and polls of questionable value — that are the problem.

Some observers assume the worst offenders are campaign pollsters, who presumably cook their numbers to show whatever they want to show. Not true. When I'm presented with two polls, one conducted by a well-regarded Republican or Democratic pollster and the other by a "nonpartisan" pollster or state media outlet, I often place greater weight on the partisan pollster's numbers, especially if I regard the pollster highly.

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Nonpartisan pollsters simply have less at stake in getting the right numbers in their polls. Sure, there is personal pride involved, but usually those pollsters are conducting surveys for local media outlets that simply want numbers to put in their newspapers or on local TV news. Often, these nonpartisan pollsters were established to promote an educational institution's visibility.

Campaign pollsters have much more at stake. Their numbers drive campaign

strategy, with victory or defeat of their candidate hanging in the balance. Their numbers have to be correct.

While I agree with much of Rothenberg's basic argument, he omits one critical point: What a campaign pollster tells the press is dictated by the needs of the client, not the public. So even if partisan polls are often more reliable, what is reported in the press may not be.

Jan Werner

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Rothenberg "In the 2006 midterms, exit polling showed the Ohio electorate to be 49 percent male and 79 percent white. That's a problem."

My understanding of exit poll demographics is that they should be used with great caution. Exit polls are cluster samples, often only 25-45 precincts are selected for interviewing statewide. That alone is a reason not to expect exit polls to describe statewide voter demographics.

Add to that adjustment based on actual vote returns they can be expected to vary from election to election; e.g., from 10% African-American to 17% here in Illinois in recent elections.

Nick Panagakis=20

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Some observers assume the worst offenders are campaign pollsters, who=20
presumably cook their numbers to show whatever they want to show. Not=20
true. When I=E2=80=99m presented with two polls, one conducted by a=20
well-regarded Republican or Democratic pollster and the other by a=20
=E2=80=94nonpartisan=E2=80=94 pollster or state media outlet, I often place=
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weight on the partisan pollster=E2=80=99s numbers, especially if I regard t=
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pollster highly.=20

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Nonpartisan pollsters simply have less at stake in getting the right=20
numbers in their polls. Sure, there is personal pride involved, but=20
usually those pollsters are conducting surveys for local media outlets=20
that simply want numbers to put in their newspapers or on local TV news.=20
Often, these nonpartisan pollsters were established to promote an=20
educational institution=E2=80=99s visibility.=20

Campaign pollsters have much more at stake. Their numbers drive campaign=20
strategy, with victory or defeat of their candidate hanging in the=20
balance. Their numbers have to be correct.=20

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While I agree with much of Rothenberg's basic argument, he omits one=20
critical point: What a campaign pollster tells the press is dictated by=20
the needs of the client, not the public. So even if partisan polls are=20
often more reliable, what is reported in the press may not be.=20

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Dear colleagues:

I am shopping around for a call monitoring system that we can use in our
20-station CATI lab. All I need is a system that would allow the call roo=
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supervisor to unobtrusively listen to interviews for quality control
purposes.

We don't need any of the bells and whistles, such as recording of
conversations, and we're not looking to tie this into an automated dialer=
or predictive dialer. Also, our lab uses phone lines, as opposed to voice=
over IP.

Please reply off-line. I am eager to hear any recommendations for other call-monitoring systems (or cautionary tales...). Thanks in advance=
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for your help.

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AAPOR and the Survey Research Methods Section of American Statistical Association are proud to announce the next webinar in their new web-based=
training program.=20

Small Area Estimation

Partha Lahiri, PhD,=20
Joint Program in Survey Methodology (JPSM) at the University of Maryland

Tuesday, October 19, 2010, 1-3pm EST,=20
<http://www.amstat.org/sections/SRMS/webinar.cfm>

Abstract:=20
Direct survey estimates of various socio-economic, agriculture, and health=
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statistics for small geographic areas and small domains are generally hig=
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imprecise due to small sample sizes in the areas. To improve on the precision of the direct survey estimates, small area estimation techniques are often employed to borrow strength from related information that can be extracted from one or more existing administrative and/or census databases.

In this talk, I will first discuss the main concepts and issues in small-

area estimation and then illustrate the effectiveness of small area estimation techniques in different applications. The talk will be presented

at a level appropriate for individuals who are new to small area estimation,

but also include discussion of research topics of interest to more experienced researchers.

Biosketch:

Partha Lahiri is a Professor of the Joint Program in Survey Methodology (JPSM) at the University of Maryland, College Park, and an Adjunct Research

Professor of the Institute of Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann

Arbor. Professor Lahiri's research on small-area estimation has been widely

published in leading journals such as *Biometrika*, the *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, the *Annals of Statistics* and *Survey Methodology*. Professor Lahiri has served as member, advisor, or consultant

to many organizations, including the U.S. Census Advisory committee, a National Academy of Science panel, the United Nations, the World Bank, and

the Gallup Organization. He has served on the Editorial Board of many international journals, including the *Journal of the American Statistical*

Association and *Survey Methodology*. Dr. Lahiri has been honored by being

made a Fellow of the American Statistical Association and the Institute of

Mathematical Statistics and an elected member of the International Statistical Institute.

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connection. The section encourages multiple persons to view each registered

connection.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rick Peterson at t=
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Census: 1 in 7 Americans live in poverty

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/09/16/AR2010091602698.html>

or
<http://tinyurl.com/28zsem2>

By HOPE YEN
The Associated Press
Thursday, September 16, 2010; 11:15 AM

WASHINGTON -- The ranks of the working-age poor climbed to the highest level since the 1960s as the recession threw millions of people out of work last year, leaving one in seven Americans in poverty.

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We are planning to field a survey that will be offered to people with disabilities. Making the survey accessible is obviously important. We anticipate that the primary mode will be web with e-mail invitations, but there will be alternate modes for those who prefer paper or perhaps some kind of audio approach (maybe telephone, maybe audio files on the web, we are not sure). There are technical issues but also other "soft" issues. We're just starting in on researching this topic. Does anyone have a few words of wisdom or favorite resources they recommend? Thanks,

Jim

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Subject: Blackberry (R) Survey Technologies
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Greetings Colleagues:

I'm trying to gather whatever wisdom or expertise might be available about conducting short survey questionnaires on Blackberry Mobile Platforms, particularly among populations of highly mobile and busy executives.

To be more specific, I'm looking for information about specific strategies and approaches for administering a survey of approximately 10 questions to a population all of whom will have Blackberry devices of some keyboarded variety. I am wondering if anyone has any guidance about the relative trade-offs among different technologies available on these devices (or recommendations for platforms, technologies, or vendors).

Thank you in advance for any guidance!

Chase

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In Field Methods 2003, we had an article about CASI for special populations
Reference De Leeuw, E., Hox, J., & Kef, S. (2003). Computer-assisted
self-interviewing tailored for special populations and topics. Field
Methods, 15, 223-251

Will go to my files (am at home now) and locate a copy for you.

Good luck

Edith

At 01:47 PM 9/16/2010 -0400, Jim Ellis wrote:

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Klaag niet dat de rozen doornen hebben,
Maar verheug u dat doornen rozen dragen

Do not moan about roses having thorns
Rejoice at thorns bearing roses

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I'm working on a health survey which will be longitudinal over one year and be conducted by phone, to a known list of respondents. I'm thinking that the advance letter should have a small cash incentive of \$1, but perhaps \$5 is better. Then for each phone survey I have been reading that \$10 is better than \$5. But how much better is \$15 or \$20?
<http://poq.oxfordjournals.org/content/56/4/442.full.pdf> by J.James and R. Bolstein "Large monetary incentives and their effect on mail survey response rates, published in 1992. Other experimental designs I've heard at AAPOR do indicate that at some point there are declining marginal returns to response and cost per complete, but many of these studies are for mail.

Any thoughts here?
Thanks
Leora

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Hi I just moved to Santa Barbara area and I am trying to find an internship or job in Santa Barbara area. Does anyone happen to know some companies or organizations which are doing health services research or pharmaceutical consulting?

Thanks for your help.

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The 2008 National Annenberg Election Survey (NAES) telephone data set is now available to scholars on the Annenberg Public Policy Center web site, www.annenbergpublicpolicycenter.org. NAES, the largest academic public opinion survey of the American electorate, includes 57,967 telephone interviews conducted with adults across the U.S. over the course of the 2008 presidential primaries and general election campaigns, and 3,737 re-interviews as part of its post-election telephone panel. These data served as the basis for the innovative and highly praised new book, *The Obama Victory*. Scholars from all over the world can access and download =

the data set and codebook for their research projects from our web site.

The available data set includes the 2008 national rolling cross-section telephone survey and post-election telephone panel survey. In the data set, you will find information about the electorate's beliefs, attitudes, intentions, media habits, and behaviors relevant to the 2008 presidential

campaign. Specific areas covered in NAES include, evaluations of candidates' issues stances and character traits, the electorate's stances on issues, evaluations of the state of the nation and economy, extent of candidate support throughout the campaign, political participation, media sources for campaign information, presidential endorsements, party conventions, candidate debates, voting behavior, and a full slate of demographic questions.

If you are affiliated with an academic institution or research organization you are eligible to download the NAES data. To access these important and relevant data, go to the Annenberg Public Policy Center web site, register, and click on "Data Sets" on the left-hand side of the homepage.

Additionally, NAES conducted an online 5-wave panel survey that will be available later this month.

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Charles M. Blow,

New York Times Op-Ed Columnist=20

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Tuesday, October 5, 2010=20

The New York Times, 620 Eighth Avenue (40th and 41st Streets)

Registration and Networking, 6-6:30 pm=20

Program, 6:30-8 pm

Have you ever wondered where Charles Blow gets the inspiration for his columns? Why does he use graphics to advance his arguments? The Visual Op-ed Columnist for The Times will discuss his application of polling to convey the messages in his Saturday column.=20

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Mr. Blow joined The New York Times in 1994 as a graphics editor. He was graphics director for nine years, and then the paper's Design Director for News before leaving in 2006 to become the Art Director of National Geographic Magazine. Two years ago, he returned to The Times as an Op-Ed columnist.=20

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Free admission for NYAAPOR members; Non-members - \$25.00

Refreshments will be served

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Space is limited, so RSVP early. You MUST RSVP to NYAAPOR so a list of attendees can be provided to The New York Times security. Only those on the security list will be admitted.=20

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PLEASE RSVP TO: info@nyaapor.org
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NYAAPOR thanks Universal Survey Center for sponsoring this event.=20

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<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/new-poll-presents-the-2008-electrates-views-on-government-103435039.html>
or
<http://tinyurl.com/2666m4g>

New Poll Presents the 2008 Electorate's Views on Government

Today Project Vote released a new report summarizing the results of a telephone survey of 1,947 Americans who cast ballots in 2008, analyzing their views on the role of government, government spending, and the budget. The poll is unique in that it not only surveys the historic 2008

electorate, but also includes special samples of black voters, low-income voters, and youth voters, and compares these groups both to a national sample and to self-identified "Tea Party" sympathizers.

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and Beyond 10/15
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Below is the announcement for the next DC-AAPOR Seminar:=20

Title: Workshop on Understanding Presidential Elections: 2008 and Beyond=

Date/Time: Friday, October 15, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Location: KFF Barbara Jordan Conference Center 1330 G Street, NW,
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Speakers: Vincent L. Hutchings, Josh Pasek, Michael Mokrzycki, David
Rothschild, Michael W. Traugott, Tasha S. Philpot, Seth E. Masket, and
moderated discussions by D. Sunshine Hillygus, Nancy Mathiowetz, & Michae=
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McDonald.

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Description: The authors of the latest special issue of Public Opinion
Quarterly will present up-to-date research on presidential elections and =

the quality and role of polling during campaigns. This workshop focuses on the future of non-coverage bias in pre-election polls, poll performance, and the dynamics of racial prejudice and turnout. Contributing authors from the special issue will summarize recent findings and present up-to-date information on their election research and engage one another in an engaging workshop forum.

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Please go to <http://www.dc-aapor.org/2010workshop.php> for information, the workshop agenda as well as RSVP and payment instructions.

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Reply-To: Shap Wolf <shapwolf@GMAIL.COM>
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Shap Wolf <shapwolf@GMAIL.COM>
Subject: Re: Trouble sending a post
X-To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
X-cc: "J. Ann Selzer" <jannselzer@aol.com>
In-Reply-To: <AANLkTin75MaY=VijzyZF6iys9esN_VY6+HeZFA16Ej3X@mail.gmail.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Message-ID: <AANLkTinV8_AQrR+go_z8Fk2GDNjEfqo=VpvmKC7kC22@mail.gmail.com>

Yes, aapornet-request@asu.edu is the correct address. I responded to your note on 15 July; it must have been mislaid along the way.

Perhaps the problem is of enough general interest that I'll recap briefly to the list:
AAPORnet has a list of rules, refined over the years, to keep test and out of office messages from accidentally being posted to the ~1300 subscribers. When a posting trips the filters, the sender is supposed to receive a response with enough information to figure out what was rejected, as well as the address of the AAPORnet managers, who can offer further help.

Also, anytime you have trouble posting from your e-mail program, going to the archives at <http://lists.asu.edu/archives/aapornet.html> is a good way to get around any problems. You can start a new thread or respond to an existing thread from there, and all the error-checking is done in real time.

Best,
Shapard Wolf

AAPORnet volunteer administrator

On Tue, Sep 21, 2010 at 8:33 AM, J. Ann Selzer <jannselzer@aol.com> wrote:

> I tried contacting aapornet-request@asu.edu to get help, but maybe that
> is not the right address for this. If someone from AAPOR is monitoring can
> you contact me offlist to resolve my issue with having a post rejected?
> Thanks! And sorry for putting this on the list. JAS
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>
> J. Ann Selzer, Ph.D
> Selzer & Company
> Des Moines, Iowa 50309
>
> For purposes of this list, use JAnnSelzer@aol.com
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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>

From: Liz Hamel <LizH@KFF.ORG>

Subject: Join PAPER in San Francisco this December

X-To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Message-ID: <EAA528E5428C424485F3AA133FFCCB3909BD360D@mp-mail2.kff.org>

Dear AAPOR colleagues,

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Hope to see you there!

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Liz Hamel

PAPOR 2010 conference chair

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Ginger Blazier <gblazier@DIRESEARCH.COM>
Subject: Re: Join PAPOR in San Francisco this December
X-To: Liz Hamel <LizH@KFF.ORG>, AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
In-Reply-To: <EAA528E5428C424485F3AA133FFCCB3909BD360D@mp-mail2.kff.org>
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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Message-ID: <001f01cb59e2\$73e48c30\$5bada490\$@com>

Also, just to add in, we are enthralled that both of the PAPOR short courses have been approved for PRC contact hours, in the Research category.

GINGER BLAZIER, PRC | PAPOR Past President

-----Original Message-----

From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of Liz Hamel
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2010 3:22 PM
To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
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From: Rachel Levenstein <mlev@ISR.UMICH.EDU>
Subject: Job posting at Carnegie Mellon
X-To: aapornet@asu.edu
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Message-ID: <033996C1E203EA42BD0BE60E5E6621450788FE1D@isr-mail1.ad.isr.umich.edu>

A friend sent me this information for a junior tenure track position at CMU. Please forward to anyone who might be interested.

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: baruch <baruch@cmu.edu>
Date: Wed, Sep 22, 2010 at 8:08 AM
Subject: [Jdm-society] A job posting
To: jdm-society@mail.sjdm.org

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND DECISION SCIENCES AT CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY seeks candidates to fill a junior tenure-track position in decision making and public policy.

Candidates should have a strong commitment both to applying decision-making research to public policy and to creating the scientific foundations for such applications. Their letter of application should describe a research program designed to influence public policy and contribute to basic knowledge. Although policy interests could be in any area, the department has strengths in environment, energy, health, safety, finance, national security, and risk. Teaching would support the department's educational programs.

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Carnegie Mellon University
Department of Social and Decision Sciences
Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890.

Please submit applications by December 1.

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From: Steve Mockabee <Stephen.Mockabee@UC.EDU>
Subject: job opening
X-To: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Dear colleagues:

The following position may be of interest:

Assistant Professor: American Politics

The Department of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati seeks to hire an Assistant Professor in the area of American politics for a tenure-track appointment to begin September 1, 2011. We seek candidates whose research focuses primarily on American elections and public opinion, and shows potential to attract external funding. The candidate will be expected to conduct research, teach 2 quarters per quarter at the graduate or undergraduate levels, and make service contributions to the mission of the department. The successful candidate will understand the nexus between public opinion, political institutions, and public policy. The successful candidate will also have the ability to teach quantitative research methods at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. A.B.D. will be considered, but Ph.D. must be in hand at the start of the appointment. Apply online at: www.jobsatuc.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=75931 Applications should include a letter of interest and curriculum vitae. Please send a writing sample, evidence of successful teaching and three letters of recommendation to: Prof. Stephen Mockabee, Chair, American Politics Search, Department of Political Science, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0375. Review of applications will begin Oct 1 and continue until the position is filled. The University of Cincinnati is an equal opportunity /affirmative action employer. Women, people of color, people with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply.

Stephen T. Mockabee, Ph.D.
Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director
Department of Political Science
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From: "Geisen, Emily McFarlane" <egeisen@RTI.ORG>
Subject: SAPOR Conference Reminder
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<82445F3B44AE7240813F5C6D87D4F3670A9D5E8D@RTPWEXC18.RCC_NT.RTI.ORG>

Below is a reminder about the upcoming SAPOR conference:

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The Southern Association for Public Opinion Research (SAPOR) conference will be held on October 6-8, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Brownstone in Raleigh, North Carolina. Don't forget to register by October 1 to receive the discounted registration costs. You may also register at the conference.

<http://www.southernassociationforpublicopinionresearch.org/2010conference/registration.htm>.

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* Keynote Talk: A Few Major Trends of the Past Decade: 2000-2009 by Howard Hogan at the U.S. Census Bureau

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* Short Course: Practical Tools for Nonresponse Bias Analysis, taught by Kristen Olson of the University of Nebraska and Jill Montaquila of Westat

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* Program Guide: The tentative program guide, with presentation abstracts, is now available online:
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SAPOR Conference Chair

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>

From: jennifer dineen <jneccidineen@YAHOO.COM>

Subject: Accessing Public School Teachers

X-To: aapornet@asu.edu

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Message-ID: <871066.86020.qm@web81605.mail.mud.yahoo.com>

A colleague from our School of Education contacted me looking for advice. In an effort to test a new measure her group conducted a SAQ (via email) of public school teachers and found that had difficulty gaining access and, once they had access to the teachers, responses. She is looking for a recommendation for a field house with expertise surveying this population and/or recommendations for effective strategies. Many thanks in advance, Jennifer Necci Dineen, Ph.D., Director, Graduate Program in Survey Research, University of Connecticut.

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