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Six Blog Posts You Should Not Miss!

The Evidence Base evidencebase.usc.edu

1. **Let's Redefine Statistical Significance.** Dan Benjamin. July 24, 2017
2. **Rerandomization: What is it and why should you use it for random assignment?** Kari Lock Morgan and Anna Saavedra. June 30, 2017
3. **Financial Side Effects of Medicare: Public Health Insurance and Household Portfolio Choices.** Marco Angrisani. June 20, 2017
4. **The Woes of Collecting Public Opinion: Lessons from an Outlier Election Poll.** Tania Gutsche and Jill Darling. February 15, 2017
5. **Could Shy Trump Voters' Discomfort With Disclosing Candidate Choice Have Skewed Telephone Polls? Evidence from the USC Election Poll.** Jill Darling. February 2, 2017
6. **Can Asking About People's Social Circles Inform Election Predictions?** Mirta Galesic and Wändi Bruine de Bruin. November 7, 2016.

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Using new data sources such as the UAS, ALP, etc. gives researchers an opportunity to explore these and related questions from a new perspective. You may submit completed, ongoing or planned (but already funded) surveys, or completed, ongoing or planned analysis of existing data from the UAS or other sources. In your abstract, please describe what approach you plan to use and the dataset you plan to exploit to answer your research question.

September 1, 2017	Submit abstract for consideration to cesr@usc.edu
December 1, 2017	Authors notified
Winter/spring TBA, 2018	(Date TBA) Short workshop with paper presentations
September 15, 2018	Deadline for Paper submissions
November 30, 2018	Deadline for editorial decisions
January 15, 2019	Deadline for final papers
April, 2019	Special issue published

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SPRING/SUMMER DATA RELEASES: Post-election vote, issues-related attitudes and outlook, political ratings, news sources, fake/real news beliefs, investment choices, work schedule preferences, financial health

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Highlighted Release: UAS Comprehensive File (formerly the *User-Friendly Dataset*) HRS variables asked of all adults*, cognitive tests, and more...

A new version of the UAS Comprehensive file will be available for download in August 2017. It will contain data from respondents that have taken the UAS HRS surveys since the previous administration, and will include methodological improvements in how certain income amounts are calculated for all respondents.

In addition, a UAS Comprehensive Component File will be available, which contains income and wealth measures for the individual components that comprise many of the summary variables found on the UAS Comprehensive file. Both files, and the updated documentation, will be posted on the uasdata.usc.edu website in August. For more information contact us at uas-l@usc.edu.

**With support from the Social Security Administration, The National Institute on Aging, and the Society of Actuaries, UAS has undertaken a project to collect measures corresponding to the University of Michigan's Health and Retirement Study (HRS), and to provide a standardized comprehensive public use data set that includes HRS and other relevant UAS variables. We are also creating a web-based visualization tool that will allow users to interactively explore these datasets on a variety of key indicators through customizable animated charts and tables. We will provide more information in subsequent newsletters as this project unfolds.*

Recent UAS Publications and Conference Papers

[Link to Entire UAS Publications List](#)

Have you sent us your publications? Please forward all citations for papers based on UAS data. Tracking them is a UAS funding requirement. We will feature your research here and add your citation to our permanent online list.

- Bruine de Bruin, Wändi, et al., "[Effects of Anti-Versus Pro-Vaccine Narratives on Responses by Recipients Varying in Numeracy: A Cross-Sectional Survey-Based Experiment.](#)" **Medical Decision Making** 0272989X17704858. (2017)
- Lynn, Peter, and J. Å. Annette., "[Mounting Multiple Experiments on Longitudinal Social Surveys: Design and Implementation Considerations.](#)" **Understanding Society at the Institute for Social and Economic Research** No. 2017-05 (2017)
- Alattar, Laith, Jeremy Elder, and David Rogofsky., "Is Debt Good or Bad for a Comfortable Retirement? Exploring the Relationship between Consumer Debt and Retirement Preparedness." **American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI) Conference** Albuquerque, New Mexico April 23 (2017)
- Bruine de Bruin, Wandí, & Galesic, Mirta., "Origins of false consensus effect in win expectations for the U.S. Presidential Election 2016." **18th General Meeting of the European Association of Social Psychology** Granada, Spain. July 6 (2017)
- Bruine de Bruin, Wandí, Wallin, Annika, Parker, Andrew M., Strough, JoNell, and Hanmer, Janel., "Effects of pro- vs. anti-vaccine narratives on responses by recipients varying in numeracy: A cross-sectional survey-based experiment." **Annual European conference of the Society for Risk Analysis** Lisbon, Portugal. June 21 (2017)
- Galesic, Mirta, & Bruine de Bruin, Wandí., ". Perceptions of social circles shape and reflect voting intentions: A longitudinal survey." **American Association for Public Opinion Research.** New Orleans, LA. May 19 (2017)

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Please include in all publications based on UAS Data

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