Why Attend?
In January, AALS President William Hines announced that the theme for 2005 is Empirical Scholarship. This emphasis highlights the growing importance of empirical work in the legal academy. This course will provide the formal training necessary to design and conduct rigorous empirical studies and to use statistical software to manage and analyze data. It will also enable participants to critically evaluate the empirical work of others.

Who Should Attend?
Any legal scholar interested in conducting or evaluating empirical legal research should attend. Participants are not required or expected to possess prior background, knowledge, or experience with empirical inquiry. Attendees required to bring their own laptop.

When and Where?
The three-day workshop 9-10-11 May 2005 will be held at Washington University School of Law. Registration Fee: $765. Registration includes lunch each day and course materials.

What?
Topics covered will include:

- Designing empirical studies on legal topics
- Using theory to motivate legal research
- Identifying variables of interest & collecting data
- Building & managing databases using statistical software
- Understanding logic of statistical inference in legal contexts
- Accessing public databases with information on law and courts

Meet the Faculty…

PRIMARY INSTRUCTORS

LEE EPSTEIN, Edward Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor of Political Science & Professor of Law, is one of the leading experts on the Supreme Court, as well as on the use of empirical methodology. In addition to numerous books and articles in the field of political science, she has published widely in law reviews such as the Chicago Law Review, California Law Review, NYU Law Review and Yale Journal of Law & Policy. Her well-known piece, “The Rules of Inference,” coauthored with Gary King, is one of the seminal articles on the topic of empirical legal research.

ANDREW D. MARTIN, Associate Professor of Political Science and Professor of Law, is an expert in quantitative political methodology and Bayesian statistics. He has co-authored several articles on legal topics that have appeared in the Columbia Law Review, California Law Review, North Carolina Law Review, Emory Law Journal, and other top political science and law journals. In 2001, he was awarded the Harold Gosnell Prize for the best work in quantitative political methodology.

FACILITATORS

Pauline Kim, Professor of Law, is noted for her empirical scholarship in employment law, including articles published in Cornell Law Review and University of Illinois Law Review. She is also one of the principal researchers on the Supreme Court Forecasting Project (wustl.wustl.edu), which compares the differing ways in which legal scholars and political scientists assess and predict Supreme Court decision-making. The results of the project are published in the Columbia Law Review.

Nancy Staudt, Professor of Law, specializes in taxation and has publications in many law journals, including the New York Law Review, USC Law Review, Georgetown Law Journal, Vanderbilt Law Review, and the Emory Law Review. Her current works-in-progress include empirical studies of tax decision-making in both the U.S. Supreme Court and in Congress. She is the recipient of two National Science Foundation grants, most recently a mid-career training grant for further study in statistics.

Katherine Barnes, Associate Professor of Law, is an expert on statistical evidence and forms of proof. In addition to her law degree, she has a Ph.D. degree in statistics, for which she wrote a dissertation on “Bayesian Inference in Spatial Clustering Models for Crime Data.” She recently authored an empirical study on racial profiling that is forthcoming in the Duke Law Journal.

QUOTES FROM PAST PARTICIPANTS...

“Probably the most educational three days I have spent in a long time.”

“The workshop was just fantastic.”

“Excellent combination of theory and hands-on use of tools. The quality of instruction was excellent.”

“Extremely helpful in introducing basic rules of inference, hypothesis testing and descriptive statistics.”
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WHEN
Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday – 9-11 May 2005
Class Sessions: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

WHERE
Washington University School of Law – Anheuser-Busch Hall – Room 401.

REGISTRATION FEE
Registration fee of $765 must be paid in advance, payable by check or credit card. Tuition includes course materials, lunch daily, and transportation between the hotel and Anheuser-Busch Hall.

ACCOMMODATIONS
A block has been reserved at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel. Special rate: $149 plus tax. Please call: 314.633.3000 or 877.587.2427 for reservations.

TRANSPORTATION
Transportation will be provided between the Chase Park Plaza Hotel and Anheuser-Busch Hall. Transportation to/from the airport is participant’s responsibility. Suggestion: Special rates secured with County Cab: $22.60.

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