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“Reflections on Latent-Class Modeling”

by

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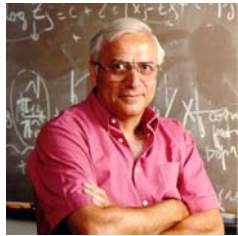
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“Reflections on Latent-Class Modeling”

‘Cliff Clogg made major research contributions to latent-class modeling for contingency table data over an extended period of time. In this lecture, I will re-examine some of the history of such models, discuss some recent developments and alternative modeling approaches for large sparse tables, and introduce some new social science applications’

Stephen E. Fienberg

A reception immediately following the lecture will be held in Thomas Building, Rooms 331 (Clifford Clogg Memorial Library) and 330 (Lounge).



Stephen E. Fienberg

Stephen Fienberg is originally from Toronto and did his undergraduate training at the University of Toronto before going to Harvard University where he received his Ph.D. in 1968.

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Clifford C. Clogg



A native of Oberlin, Ohio, Clifford C. Clogg earned his B.A. degree in sociology from Ohio University in 1971, an M.A. in sociology and an M.S. in statistics in 1974, and his Ph.D. in sociology in 1977, all from the University of Chicago. He joined Penn State as an assistant professor of sociology in 1976 and rapidly moved through the ranks until he was designated a Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Professor of Statistics in 1990.

Dr. Clogg was nationally and internationally known for his work in quantitative methods and demography, particularly on the analysis of rates, standardization methods, and latent structure analysis. He wrote extensively on the statistical analysis of categorical data, covering loglinear models, cohort analysis, association models, and mobility tables. His research had received continuous funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF) since 1979. Dr. Clogg served on the NSF advisory panel for the sociology program and on the NSF advisory panel for measurement, methods and statistics in the social sciences.

His honors included being named a Fellow of the American Statistical Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. He was elected a member of the Sociological Research Association in 1987 and received the Paul F. Lazarsfeld Award from the Methodology Section of the American Sociological Association for his technical contributions to social research. He also received a Special Creativity Award from the National Science Foundation and a Significant Achievement Award from Ohio University.

Dr. Clogg provided considerable editorial service to the *Journal of the American Statistical Association* culminating in the coordinating and applications editorship (1989-1991). In addition, he was an active member of the American Sociological Association, the Population Association of America, and numerous other professional societies.

This extraordinary level of external involvement did not keep Professor Clogg from being a key contributor to his two departments at Penn State. Besides fulfilling a double set of department duties, he supervised a total of twelve master degree students and thirteen Ph.D. students in statistics and sociology. These students now hold a variety of positions in government and academe.

