

## **Katherine Jenny Thompson Appointed Statistics Editor of *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology***

ALEXANDRIA, VA (May 26, 2021) – The board of directors of the American Statistical Association (ASA) and executive council of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) welcome Katherine Jenny Thompson of the US Census Bureau as the next statistics editor for the *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology (JSSM)*. Thompson will serve a three-year term beginning in July.

"The demand for more timely and more accurate measures of the population and the economy is continuously increasing. The survey research methods community is rising to the occasion on numerous fronts, ranging from implementing flexible data collection methods to improved missing data treatments through the development of blended data products," Thompson said. "The *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology* provides a forum for disseminating these important findings by publishing information on cutting-edge research and applications. I am honored to be joining the journal. I look forward to working with the journal's editorial team and authors, continuing in the *JSSM's* established tradition of excellence."

Thompson is a survey statistician with more than 30 years of professional experience. She is currently the senior mathematical statistician in the Associate Directorate for Economic Programs of the Census Bureau. Her practical and theoretical experience covers all areas of sample survey design, including sample selection, estimation, variance estimation, analysis, statistical data editing, imputation and quality control. She has published research in and refereed for many journals and currently serves as associate editor of the *Journal of Official Statistics*. She was elected an ASA Fellow in 2017.

"Thompson's theoretical and practical experience with survey research methods makes her an ideal statistics editor for *JSSM*," said Patricia Moy, AAPOR president. "Her vision, to develop and implement statistically sound generalized solutions to shared problems, highlights the ever-increasing role that data play in today's society. The journal and its readers—indeed, the field—will benefit tremendously from her editorship."

The *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology* is sponsored by AAPOR and the American Statistical Association. It publishes cutting-edge scholarly articles about statistical and methodological issues for sample surveys, censuses, administrative record systems and other related data.

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