**HSRMC** 

Williamsburg, Virginia March 4-7, 2020

## Welcome to Williamsburg!

- ▶ 11<sup>th</sup> Health Survey Research Methods Conference
- Co-chairs
  - ► Paul Beatty, Census
  - ▶ Brad Edwards, Westat

#### **Steering Committee**

- Timothy Beebe, U. of MN
- Stephen Blumberg, NCHS/CDC
- Karen Bogen, Mathematica
- Sadaq Chowdhury, AHRQ
- Michael Davern, NORC
- David Dutwin, NORC

- Jennifer Dykema, U of WI Survey Center
- Tim Johnson, NORC retired
- Kathy Piscopo, SAMSHA
- Lisa Thalji, RTI
- ▶ John Loft, RTI

And Lesly Ger from Westat, conference coordinator

#### Many Things Set Us Apart

- Invitation only
- All sessions plenary
- Heavy emphasis on discussion
- All attendees are participants
- Out-of-the-way location
- Strong government presence

#### Why Williamsburg, Why Now?

- Williamsburg fits the out-of-the-way dimension
- ► Easy to get to from DC, but far enough away to qualify for out-of-town travel for federal agencies
- Site of two previous HSRM conferences
- Pretty in late winter
- 2020 is a long time since 2011
- Old business model no longer worked
- A co-chair (Gordon Willis) dropped out
- ▶ But found a new co-chair, found \$30,000, forged a hybrid business model

## The First Ten

Honorific	Location	Year	Gap (Yrs)
Invitational	Airlie, VA	1975	
Biennial	Williamsburg, VA	1977	2
Biennial	Reston, VA	1979	2
4 <sup>th</sup>	Washington, DC	1982	3
5 <sup>th</sup>	Keystone, CO	1989	7
6 <sup>th</sup>	Breckenridge, CO	1995	6
<b>7</b> <sup>th</sup>	Williamsburg	1999	4
8 <sup>th</sup>	Peachtree City, GA	2004	5
<b>9</b> <sup>th</sup>	Peachtree City, GA	2007	3
10 <sup>th</sup>	Peachtree City, GA	2011	4

#### Objectives from the First

- Identify methodological issues and problem areas for health survey research and the state of the art
- Identify the types of research problems that should be a high priority for research funding
- Identify policy issues that can be advanced with research funding
- Communicate the results to health researchers who use survey methods, to government agencies, and to others in the health research community.

# Presenters and Discussants in that First Williamsburg Meeting

- Lu Ann Aday
- Ronald Anderson
- Thomas Bice
- Norman Bradburn
- Charles Cannell
- Jack Elinson

- Daniel Horvitz
- William Kalsbeek
- Judith Lessler
- Kent Marquis
- Seymour Sudman
- John Ware

## Topics in 1977

- Response Rates
- Total Survey Design
- Respondent Burden
- Standardized Measures
- Health Survey Research and OMB
- ► Ethics of Social Research on Health