Mandated by the U.S. Constitution, the Census has provided a complete count of the total U.S. population every 10 years since 1790. These data are critical for understanding demographic change, for apportioning congressional seats, and for allocating federal dollars to states and communities. Join us online as we hear from experts on the collection and use of Census data.

Keynote address 12:00pm - 1:15pm

"It's None of Their Damn Business: Privacy and Disclosure Control in the U.S. Census, 1790-2020"

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University of Minnesota

Diana Magnuson
Bethel University

Steven Ruggles is Regents Professor of History and Population Studies at the University of Minnesota and Director of the Institute for Social Research and Data Innovation. He is the creator of IPUMS, the world's largest population database. Ruggles has published extensively on historical demography (especially multigenerational families, single parenthood, divorce, and marriage) and on methods for population history. He served as President of the Population Association of America (2015).

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Michael Hawes 1:15pm - 2:00pm

"Once, Only Once, and in the Right Place: Updates on the 2020 Census"

Michael Hawes is the Senior Advisor for Data Access and Privacy at the U.S. Census Bureau. He is responsible for outreach and engagement with the Census Bureau's data users on issues relating to the impact of privacy protection methodologies on the accessibility and usability of Census data.

Margo Anderson 2:00pm - 3:00pm

"The Ghosts of Census Past and Their Relevance for 2020"

Margo Anderson is Distinguished Professor Emerita of History & Urban Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She specializes in American social, urban and women's history. Her research has focused on the history of social sciences and the development of statistical data systems, particularly the Census.

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