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ASA President to Visit San Antonio Chapter April 3rd

You are invited to attend a presentation by ASA President Barry Nussbaum on Monday, April 3rd.

Speaker: Barry D. Nussbaum, President, American Statistical Association

Talk Title: *What Did You Tell the President? Using Statistics to Make a Difference*

Date: Monday, April 3, 2017

Time: 6:00 pm (Mixer begins at 5:30 pm)

Location: JPL 4.04.22
Faculty Center Assembly Room
John Peace Library
University of Texas at San Antonio
Main Campus

Parking: For visitors to the UTSA campus: short-term visitor paid parking spaces are located in the Bauerle Road Garage (\$2.00/hr). For a campus map please visit: <http://www.utsa.edu/maps/main-map.html>.

Abstract: A statistician can make a big difference in influencing decisions and actions in many fields. But this success always depends on the ability to succinctly explain results so decision makers may correctly integrate analyses into their actions. This presentation will demonstrate what to do, and what not to do. Examples will be discussed including analyses used in court cases and material presented to the President of the United States. Further, big data is reviewed in the context of whether Uber is in the big data driver's seat. Finally, the "ASA and you" presents the benefits of ASA involvement.

Daniel Heitjan Wins 2017 Don Owen Award



Left: Chen-Pin Wang, San Antonio ASA Chapter Vice-President and Right: Daniel Heitjan, winner of the Don Owen Award.

At the 2017 Conference of Texas Statisticians, the San Antonio Chapter recognized the 2017 Don Owen Award winner, Professor Daniel F. Heitjan of the Department of Statistical Science at Southern Methodist University and the Department of Clinical Sciences at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Professor Heitjan is an expert in statistical methods for incomplete data, clinical trials, and health economics, and has engaged in substantial collaborative and methods research in oncology, cardiovascular medicine, and smoking cessation. He has published roughly 200 journal articles in statistics and medicine, and has given over 150 invited talks. He has provided statistical consultation to the pharmaceutical and finance Industries.

Professor Heitjan has taught various biostatistics courses and has directed biostatistics graduate programs at the University of Pennsylvania and SMU/UTSW. His 16 doctoral trainees have gone on to careers in academia, industry and government.

Professor Heitjan has served on numerous scientific review committees for the NIH and AHRQ. He has served as an associate editor of leading statistical and scientific journals (*Journal of American Statistical Association*, *Statistics in Medicine*, *Clinical Trials*, *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, and *Annals of Applied Statistics*) and is currently Senior Statistical Editor of *Circulation*, the flagship journal of the American

Heart Association. His involvement in professional activities in statistics includes serving as Program Chair of the 2005 Joint Statistical Meetings, Chair of the ASA Biometrics Section (2009), and President of the Eastern North American Region of the International Biometric Society (2013). He is a fellow of the ASA (1997), the IMS (2012), and the Society for Clinical Trials (2017), only the third person in history to be elected fellow in all three societies.

Dr. Heitjan accepted the award and gave a biographical presentation in which he expressed his gratitude to his mentors — Professor Donald B. Rubin (of Harvard University), Professor J. Richard Landis (of the University of Pennsylvania), and the late Paul Meier — and to his family.

The San Antonio Chapter thanks the Taylor & Francis group for sponsoring this Award, and the 2017 Don Owen Award judges for their efforts in reviewing this year's nominations.

Volunteer Judges Still Needed for the State Science Fair

Texas Science and Engineering Fair

When: April 1, 2017 (Saturday)

Where: Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center, downtown San Antonio

Time: judging is from 9 am to 12 pm.

Breakfast: free

Lunch: free

Parking: free

The award to be given is a Special Award for 'The Best Use of Statistics in a Science Fair Project.' No judging experience necessary.

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