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## Message from the Incoming Section Chair

Elaine Zanutto



Happy New Year! As we enter a year of national political transition, I'm glad to say that the SRMS Executive Committee remains a steadfast and reliable force of positive leadership for our section, and I am honored to serve as Chair of SRMS. Let me start by thanking the 2016 SRMS board members for their excellent service over the past year, and acknowledging the 2017 board members for their generous commitment.

It is great to participate in such a vibrant community of survey researchers and professionals as we face the ongoing and dynamic challenges of response rates, non-random samples, confidentiality,

privacy, big data, internet-enabled devices and social media. The SRMS is here to serve our members as we tackle these and other issues facing our profession.

The annual JSM 2017 is in Baltimore (July 29-August 3) and will include an exciting SRMS program. Consider submitting an abstract for a presentation, poster, or speed session to SRMS. Come socialize and network at the SRMS business meeting and mixer, normally held Wednesday evening. This is a great opportunity to get up-to-date on section activities and to provide input into future activities. Non-members are also welcome to come learn more about the section.

In addition to the short courses, roundtables, and technical sessions at JSM, the SRMS usually hosts a few webinars throughout the year. The webinars and other announcements are emailed to the SRMS membership, and also appear in the section newsletter, and on the section website ([ww2.amstat.org/sections/SRMS](http://ww2.amstat.org/sections/SRMS)). The section website also contains links to the proceedings of our section, past newsletters, and other useful links, as well as the “What is a Survey” series, which we are continuing to update in 2017.

I am happy to report that The Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology (JSSAM), an Oxford journal sponsored by ASA and AAPOR, which aims “to publish cutting edge scholarly articles on statistical and methodological issues for sample surveys, censuses, administrative record systems, and other related data” will continue to be free of charge to SRMS members in 2017.

One of the section’s most important activities is encouraging participation in our profession by students and new professionals. To this end, the SRMS sponsors student travel, paper, and poster awards for the JSM and the E.C. Bryant Scholarship for an outstanding graduate student in survey statistics. If you have students that might be eligible, please let them know about these awards and encourage them to get involved in the SRMS.

My email is [ezanutto@naxionthinking.com](mailto:ezanutto@naxionthinking.com). Please email me if you have ideas for our section. I hope to see many of you at section activities.

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## Report from the Outgoing Chair

Michael Larsen

Dear SRMS,

Happy New Year 2017! It has been an honor and privilege to serve as chair of the Survey Research Methods Section for 2016. A number of SRMS accomplishments are worth noting. I am sure I will leave out something significant, but during 2016 SRMS:

- Presented several webinars during the year on topics of interest to SRMS members
- Organized and supported a very successful SRMS contribution to JSM 2016 in Chicago.
- Provided student travel, student paper, and other awards to members of our section.
- Made substantial progress on the goal of updating the What is a survey document that serves as a connection point for many inside and particularly outside of our profession to survey research.
- Encouraged SRMS members to participate in the O\*NET survey that is used to define the tasks and requirements of a survey researcher.
- Renewed a deal to provide the Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology to section members for free (OK, for a \$3 increase of dues, but still a very reasonable rate!).
- Preserved our open, online proceedings and webpage content as ASA moved to a new webpage.
- Revised our section charter.

A number of SRMS members deserve recognition for their service to the section during the previous year. The business of the section has been handled efficiently and with care by these individuals. I particularly want to thank past chair Michael Elliott for his guidance and suggestions. Board members finishing their terms of service include

- Michael Elliott, past chair for 2016
- Michael Cohen, treasurer for 2016
- Stas Kolenikov, education officer for 2015-16
- Yan Li, program chair for JSM 2016
- Trent Buskirk, publications officer for 2015-16, and
- Jamie Ridenhour, newsletter co-editor.

A number of SRMS members are continuing on the board. Bo Lu also is continuing as SRMS representative to the ENAR program committee. I also want to thank ASA staff liaison Rick Peterson for his help and for discussions during the year. I am encouraged by my experiences

with these individuals and look forward to their ongoing leadership. The continuing SRMS board members include

- Elaine Zanutto, chair for 2017
- Rachel Caspar, secretary for 2016-17
- Tom Krenzke, program chair for JSM 2017
- Howard Hogan and Julia Soulakova, COS representatives
- Dan Liao and Elizabeth Petraglia, newsletter co-editors, and
- Pushpal Mukopadhyay, website editor.

Many of our incoming SRMS officers already have been participating in monthly telephone calls and doing tasks that need doing before the calendar year begins. They include Karol Krotki (chair elect), Steven Pedlow (treasurer), Rebecca Andridge (education officer), Stas Kolenikov (program chair elect), and Tony An (publications officer). One measure of strength of our section is that we are able to field a ballot of outstanding candidates for our open positions.

This is an exciting time for survey research theory and methods in times of big data, changing technology, and major transitions in society. I am sure our section leaders will help ensure that SRMS plays a useful and important role. I encourage all section members to recruit students, colleagues, and others with interests related to those of our section to join and maintain a membership in SRMS. I think our section has a lot to offer.

Hope to see you at JSM 2017 in Baltimore!

Mike

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## JSM 2017

Tom Krenzke

Dear SRMS community,

The 2017 Joint Statistical Meetings will occur in Baltimore, Maryland on July 29 through August 3. Progress has been made on the SRMS program. Here is a list of the SRMS **invited sessions** for 2017 (congrats to the organizers for being selected for the program!):

Session ID	Organizer	Title
213787	Michael Elliott	Session in Honor of Jim Lepkowski's Retirement
213827	Paul von Hippel	Improper Imputation
213867	Natalie Shlomo	Bayesian Adaptive Survey Designs
213892	Yajuan Si	Recent Development of Bayesian Methods in Survey Sampling
213961	Asaph Young Chun	Recent Advancements and Remaining Challenges of Adaptive Design in Surveys and Censuses

To help ensure we have another great program in Baltimore, there is still time to be part of JSM 2017. Here are some opportunities for participation:

**Topic contributed sessions.** Organize and/or participate in a topic contributed session. This type of session provides a full session of a required 5 presentations on a single topic. The deadline is January 11, 2017 for online proposal submission from the session organizer. For more info, click on this link: <https://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2017/topiccontributed.cfm>.

**Speed posters.** Participate in a speed poster session. Speed presentations/posters are becoming more popular among the SRMS community. Online submission of abstracts occurs until February 1, 2017. In addition, the SRMS provides several \$300 awards for the top posters among the speed and traditional posters. For more info, click on this link: <https://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2017/contributedsessions.cfm>

**Traditional posters.** Participate in a traditional poster session. Online submission of abstracts occurs until February 1, 2017. As mentioned above, the SRMS provides several \$300 awards for

the top posters among the speed and traditional posters. For more info, click on this link:  
<https://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2017/contributedsessions.cfm>

**Contributed sessions.** Submit an abstract to present your paper in a contributed session at JSM. Online submission of abstracts occurs until February 1, 2017. For more info, click on this link:  
<https://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2017/contributedsessions.cfm>.

**Roundtables.** The roundtable abstracts are submitted during the "regular" submission period, which is open until February 1, 2017. Roundtables occur either in the morning or during the lunch hour. You are still eligible to be a roundtable discussion speaker while presenting in other sessions. Send Stas Kolenikov an email at [S.Kolenikov@srbi.com](mailto:S.Kolenikov@srbi.com) if you are interested in organizing a roundtable discussion.

**Session chair.** Please send me an email at [tomkrenzke@westat.com](mailto:tomkrenzke@westat.com) if you are interested in being a chair for a contributed session.

The guidelines for participation that can be found here:  
<https://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2017/guidelines.cfm>.

If you have any questions, please let me know. I look forward to seeing you in Baltimore, Maryland (2017)!

Sincerely,

--Tom Krenzke

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## Upcoming Webinars and Short Courses

Stas Kolenikov



We have one scheduled webinar coming up on January 26, 2017.

**Title:** Unequal Probability, High Entropy, and Balanced Sampling Designs: An Overview

**Presenter:** David Haziza, Université de Montréal

**Date and Time:** Thursday, January 26, 2017, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Eastern time

**Registration Deadline:** Tuesday, January 24, at 12:00 p.m. Eastern time

**Description:** Unequal probability sampling designs are widely used in surveys for a number of reasons. In this talk, we present an overview of some important sampling designs, including probability proportional-to-size sampling designs. We discuss the concept of entropy of a sampling design and discuss some well-known approximations of the second-order inclusion probabilities in the context of high entropy sampling designs. These approximations may prove useful at the variance estimation stage. Finally, balanced sampling will be discussed. Implementation through the Cube algorithm of Deville and Tillé (2004) and the rejective procedure of Fuller (2009) will be presented.

### Registration Fees:

SRMS Members: \$60

AAPOR Members: \$60

ASA Members: \$75

Nonmembers: \$95

Each registration is allowed one web connection and one audio connection. Multiple persons are encouraged to view each registered connection (for example, by projecting the webinar in a conference room).

### Access Information:

Registered persons will be sent an email the afternoon of Tuesday, January 24, with the access information to join the webinar and the link to download and print a copy of the presentation slides.

To register, visit <http://www.amstat.org/ASA/Education/Web-Based-Lectures.aspx#UPHEBSD>

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## Nominate Deserving Fellows

David Marker, Chair of SRMS Fellows Committee

Each year the ASA selects up to 62 members to be honored as Fellows. Nine of last year's 62 Fellows were members of the SRMS. We believe there are more SRMS members who are deserving of this recognition. Everyone is encouraged to identify friends and co-workers who would be strong candidates. Anyone can be nominated by getting the application from <https://www.amstat.org/fellows/nominations/index.cfm?>. The deadline for applications is 3:00 AM EST, March 1, 2017.

The role of the SRMS Fellows Committee is to help facilitate this process by identifying worthy candidates and finding people to spearhead their nomination. I am the chair of the Committee, along with members F. Jay Breidt (Colorado State University), Mary Gray (American University), and Elizabeth Stasny (Ohio State University, retired). To be eligible, a candidate must have been a member of the ASA for the most recent 3 years (as of March 1, 2017). Deserving candidates have been active professionally, whether through publications, involvement in the ASA, or other activities. More details can be found at <http://www.amstat.org/ASA/Your-Career/Awards/ASA-Fellows.aspx>

If you have a suggestion on who should be nominated, or are willing to help nominate someone but have questions about how to proceed, please feel free to contact any committee member. My email is [DavidMarker@Westat.com](mailto:DavidMarker@Westat.com).

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## JSM 2016 Award Winners

Tom Krenzke

### Student Travel Awards

Congratulations to this year's award winners:

- Ying Han of the University of Maryland, College Park
- Domonique Hodge of Emory University
- Dongah Kim of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Katherine R. McLaughlin of UCLA
- Lingxiao Wang of the Joint Program in Survey Methodology
- Mengyang Wang of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln
- Zhonglei Wang of Iowa State University

### Student Paper Awards

Congrats to the following students and co-authors for winning the joint SRMS/GSS/SSS student paper award competition during the 2016 JSM. The winning student is the first author for each award-winning paper listed below:

- “General and Specific Utility Measures for Synthetic Data” — **Joshua Snoke, Penn State University**; Beata Nowok, University of Edinburgh; Gillian Raab, University of Edinburgh; Aleksandra Slavkovic, Penn State University; Chris Dibben, University of Edinburgh
- “Analyzing Heterogeneous Causal Mediation Effects in Multi-Site Trials” — **Xu Qin, The University of Chicago**; Guanglei Hong, The University of Chicago
- “Approximate Median Regression for Complex Survey Data” — **Raphael Fraser, Medical College of Wisconsin**
- “Response Propensity and Motivated Under-Reporting: Do Persons Likely to Respond Give Better Answers to Filter and Eligibility Questions?” — **Jessica Wengrzik, GESIS**; Stephanie Eckman, RTI International; Ruben Bach, Institute for Employment Research
- “Modeling Preferential Recruitment for Respondent-Driven Sampling” — **Katherine McLaughlin, University of California at Los Angeles**

### **Winners of the Poster Award Competitions**

Congratulations to the following traditional and speed poster award competition JSM 2016 winners!

- G. Lance Couzens, RTI International; Marcus Berzofsky, RTI International. *Assessing the Impact of Respondent Fatigue in the National Crime Victimization Survey.*
- Ying Han, University of Maryland. *Comparison of MCMC and ADM Methods for Hierarchical Bayesian Estimates in Small-Area Estimation.*
- Phillip S. Kott, RTI International. *Calibration Weighting for Nonresponse with Proxy Frame Information.*
- Yan Li, Joint Program in Survey Methodology; Barry Graubard, National Cancer Institute; Pengyu Huang, Fors Marsh Group; Joseph L. Gastwirth, The George Washington University. *Extension of the Peters-Belson Method to Estimate Health Disparities Among Multiple Groups Using Logistic Regression with Survey Data .*
- Bill Mockovak, Bureau of Labor Statistics. *Assessing the Reliability of Conversational Interviewing.*
- Yanna Yan, University of Michigan; Michael Elliott, University of Michigan; Brady West, University of Michigan; William Waldron, Nielsen. *Generating Correlated Synthetic Binary Indicators of Radio Listening Behavior for Long-Term Projections.*

### **Poster Judges Appreciation**

A special thank you to the following volunteers who judged the traditional and speed poster competitions: Suzanne Dorinski, Mike Elliot, Tom Krenzke, Karol Krotki, Yan Li, Niloofar Ramezani, Julia Soulakova, Elaine Zanutto, Qing Cathy Zhang.

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## 15th Annual Robert Ferber and Seymour Sudman Dissertation Awards

During a ceremony at the Survey Research Laboratory on the Urbana campus on July 14, 2016, four doctoral students were honored for the quality of their work utilizing survey research methodology. The two winners of the 2016 Robert Ferber and Seymour Sudman Dissertation Awards received \$2000 awards and plaques commemorating their achievement. Two other students each received an honorable mention certificate and \$200. Drs. Ferber and Sudman, in whose memory the awards were established, were eminent scholars at the University of Illinois in the field of survey research.



*From left to right: Ben Kern, Sandy Wong, Amanda Cronkhite, and Pongsakorn Suppakittpaisarn.*

**Sandy Wong**, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, is the winner of the Robert Ferber Dissertation Award. Her advisor is Sara McLafferty and her dissertation—*Dis/abling Mobilities: Urban-Rural Experiences of Visual Impairment, Employment, and Well-Being*—investigates the relations of power that impact employment outcomes, well-being, and mobility of individuals who are visually impaired in California. This project asserts that space actively creates and strengthens social processes that marginalize individuals with disabilities and it investigates the extent to which place, distance, time, and access factor into a person’s job prospects and mobility.

**Ben Kern**, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health, is the winner of the Seymour Sudman Dissertation Award. His advisor is Kim Graber and his dissertation—*Barriers to and Facilitators of Physical Education Teacher Change*—will investigate the behaviors of Physical Education teachers regarding changes they have made, those they intend to make, and factors that influence their ability to make pedagogical changes that lead to higher quality physical education instruction.

**Pongsakorn Suppakittpaisarn**, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Landscape Architecture received the Robert Ferber Honorable Mention. His advisor is William Sullivan and his dissertation is entitled *Green Stormwater Infrastructure Design, Preference, and Human Health*.

**Amanda Cronkhite**, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Political Science received the Seymour Sudman Honorable Mention. Her advisor is Scott Althaus and her dissertation is entitled *The Medium Matters: Political Communication and Behavior in Modern Latin America*.

Past winners of the Dissertation Awards can be viewed at: <http://www.srl.uic.edu/ferbersudman/recipients.htm>.

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## Edward C. Bryant Scholarship Application

Application for the [Edward C. Bryant Scholarship](#) is now available. Each year, an outstanding graduate student in survey statistics is awarded the Edward C. Bryant Scholarship to help support the student's graduate education. Application deadline is March 1, 2017. The award will be presented at the 2017 Joint Statistical Meetings.

Please encourage your graduate students to apply for the scholarship no later than March 1, 2017.

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## A Note from Your Council of Sections Representative

Julia Soulakova



Hello, everyone! This is my first year serving as our Section COSR. I was asked to highlight what a COSR does for the SRMS and ASA, hoping that you will consider becoming a COSR in the near future. The terms of office for the SRMS COSR is two years not three as for some other sections. Two years is better than three, because it is the ideal period to get familiar with your duties, have a chance to contribute to the SRMS and ASA, and not get bored. So after two years you are free to move on with your life.

However, I strongly believe that as soon as you join the SRMS Executive Committee you will be eager to remain in it for a much longer time period because there are a lot of exciting things happening at the JSM and year-round, and you will be happy to stay engaged (even if you are already happily married). Anyway, the key mission of the COSR is to be a transmitter (I don't mean an electronic device, see Wikipedia for that one...) between the SRMS, Council of Sections (COS) and ASA. Regardless of your personality you will find something you like. If you love drama and heated discussions, then you will find joy in attending the Executive Committee Meetings and COSR meetings at the JSM (see the pic I took at the last meeting, above). If you have a calm personality, then you will definitely relish occasional written assignments, which you will find very peaceful and relaxing. Some of the topics from the year were enhancing SRMS membership, identifying activities and benefits offered across the Sections, allocation rules for invited sessions and other activities at JSM, and emerging new ASA's Sections and Interest Groups.

Hopefully I have convinced you that serving as a COSR for our Section has a lot of benefits. The decision is yours, but keep in mind that I have one more year to serve and will keep nagging you 😊

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## Interview with Albert Lee, Summit Consulting

Stas Kolenikov

SRMS Education Officer Stas Kolenikov sat down with Albert Lee, the founder of Summit Consulting, to talk about survey training opportunities that the company has been involved with. Stas was intrigued by the frequent appearance of Summit Consulting's name in survey methodology opportunities for young professionals, and decided to meet with Albert and find out more.

SK: Why did you personally decide to go into survey statistics?

AL: It came up in literally in the first project I had when I started Summit. The client needed to do a simple random sampling of administrative data (company receipts) to estimate how much money a company is claiming against certain deductions. I argued that setting the pseudorandom seed in Stata was a better idea than pressing F9 in Excel. I have realized that a niche exists where sampling methods are playing a big role, and made sure to seek opportunities where expertise in them would be required.

We utilize sampling of records heavily in litigation. The ability to exactly reproduce the analysis by both parties is an absolutely necessary requirement in the court; and so is the utilization of the standard, established statistical techniques. We are utilizing more complex stratified and cluster sampling plans as needed, and provide our code along with formulae and explanation of what we are doing when we testify.

We have also used sampling of records in many other projects, including, say, our HUD work, or our work on program evaluation component of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act when we were assessing how the money are being used.

SK: You started as an economist, and you then decided to add survey statistics. Should more economists train themselves in survey statistics? Where would you put relative strengths of the various disciplines that you have been straddling?

AL: My fellow economists should be thinking more deeply about where the data come from. Economists undercount variance.

In the projects that we deal with, I universally see three main components: data management, data analytics, and data dissemination. Historically, these have been siloed. I started in the middle, when "the data" were in a single Stata file, and the only form of dissemination was the report. I quickly realized you have to care about the quality of the data, on the input side, and the

quality of dissemination, on the output side. As our clients' databases grew, we have grown to work with big data, and computer scientists often have the main say regarding how the data are obtained and structured. On the dissemination side, clients require analytics to be on their IT systems. We have developed a data integration tool for DOL, in which all three components were involved. We are entering an era where instead of dumping reports on our clients, we work on tool adoption in which clients continue interacting with the data on their side. We need to figure out how people will be using the data they collect, and develop tools that are fit for that purpose.

In that value chain, the strongest position that survey methodology and survey methodologists hold is in evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the data. Those who are familiar with the total survey error are of course aware of the arrows and boxes in the classical diagram, but are also more attuned to other potential problems that may come up in a life cycle of a data product.

SK: I have seen that you organized events for the young professionals in the DC area. Can you tell me more about it?

AL: I have been involved with DataFest due to my connections with UCLA, who launched DataFests in 2011. DataFests are competitions among groups of undergraduate students to seek insights from a real life data set. We hosted DataFests in DC area in 2015 and 2016, and this was a great experience. We have especially stressed the different angles that the event can provide, the opportunities for young people to participate both as a competitor and as a judge. Running the event has been mutually beneficial as we have been able to hire a few people whom we first spotted out at DataFests. In DC, there is now more going on in the DataFest space. The recent events have been also sponsored by larger companies like AIR and Mathematica.

We have another local educational collaboration, with Montgomery County Community College. We have signed a letter of corporate support to work together on their data science certificate track.

SK: You have other forms of collaborations with JPSM, as well, don't you?

AL: We have established a Sampling and Survey Fellowship for our staff to offer them professional development opportunities with JPSM. It is intended for people who don't need a Ph.D., but needed to boost their survey skills. Usually, we have 2–3 staff enrolled in the Fellowship at any given time. They take JPSM classes, and they also get to work with federal clients as parts of these classes.

JPSM collocated one of our classes in Fall 2015, a class on Big Data. JPSM also offers short courses at our location occasionally. This fall, we hosted a two-day introduction to survey sampling course.

SK: If you were to open your own survey methodology program, what would it look like? What would be the courses, topics, practical components, computing requirements, etc.?

AL: We have been fortunate to have an ongoing communication with JPSM, in which we have an opportunity to voice our opinion regarding the kind of skills we need the applicants to have to be hireable. The niche focus of our company has been on the administrative data, and that is of course somewhat different from the focus of the more traditional survey methodology on household surveys. Still we need our incoming analysts to know efficient sampling designs, know how to compute variances accurately, be able to work in several softwares. Familiarity with questionnaire design, ways to evaluate sampling frames, data collection methods may come into play in discussions of data quality, as well. The purpose of a program is generally to make people aware of all of these things. One single person cannot be good at everything; it takes a team to work on a project.

In terms of specific classes, I would personally love to see a deep class on conjunction of sampling and analytical methods such as regression.

SK: I wouldn't mind seeing a class like that, too. Thanks for sharing your thoughts, Albert!

AL: My pleasure, Stas.

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## A Thank You Letter to SRMS from Committees Involved in Organizing the Fifth International Conference on Establishment Surveys (ICES-V)

Dear Prof Larsen,

It is our pleasure to inform you as chair of SRMS, which has sponsored the event, that the Fifth International Conference on Establishment Surveys (ICES-V) has successfully been held in June of this year. It attracted to Geneva over 300 participants from 43 countries, offering 16 invited sessions, 12 topic contributed sessions, and 20 contributed sessions, with a total of 189 presentations. In addition, the conference held a student contest, six short courses, seven introductory overview lectures, and fifteen software demonstrations.

We would like to acknowledge with pleasure in this letter SRMS for having played an important role in the success of the conference, and in the name of the ICES Committees thank warmly SRMS for supporting ICES-V.

Yours sincerely,

Boris Lorenc and Jean-Pierre Renfer  
Co-chairs, Organizing Committee ICES-V

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## Call for Contributed Presentations at the 2017 ISI Satellite Meeting on Small Area Estimation (SAE2017)

The Scientific Program Committee of the 2017 ISI Satellite Meeting on Small Area Estimation (SAE2017) is inviting submission of abstracts for contributed oral presentations and posters at SAE2017.

### **Abstract submission:**

Online submission is now open at the website of SAE2017: <http://sae2017.ensai.fr/submission>.

### **Oral presentation:**

Each speaker is expected to have 20 minutes for presentation plus 5 minutes for questions.

**Selection Process and Deadline:** All submitted abstracts will be considered at a first-come first-served basis by the Special Topic/Contributed (ST/C) Sessions Committee. Once an abstract is submitted, the Committee has approximately two weeks to make a decision on whether to accept the abstract. The abstract submission will be closed when capacity of the Conference is reached.

For more information, please contact Pr. Domingo Morales, Chair of the ST/C Sessions Committee at [sae2017.submission@ensai.fr](mailto:sae2017.submission@ensai.fr). SRMS is a sponsor of SAE2017.

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## Change to ASA Website and New Location for Most SRMS Material

Trent Buskirk

Greetings from the Publications Office of our section. We wanted to let you all know of a very important change in where our proceedings will be stored, organized and ultimately accessed by our members and other interested parties. From this year and into the foreseeable future the Proceedings from the Survey Research Methods Section can be accessed using this new web address: <http://ww2.amstat.org/sections/srms/>.

Please make a note of this change as previously linked versions of the proceedings may not work as a result of this change. ASA has moved into a new website design that has resulted in the need for this change and we apologize for any inconvenience but do want to alert you that the proceedings are still available and provide a most excellent resource on the current work in survey research methods. We also note that this web address link is included on our Section's Micro Site which is accessible from the "Sections and Interest Groups" link under the Membership tab of ASA's main web page.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year and we hope you continue to benefit from and contribute to the wealth of knowledge contained in our wonderful collection of Proceedings!

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## Your SRMS Officers

Chair: Elaine Zanutto

Chair-Elect: Karol Krotki

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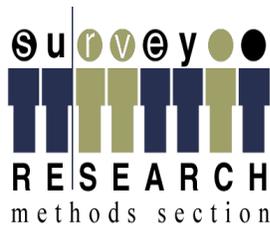
Section Representatives: Howard Hogan, Julia Soulakova

ASA Staff Liasion: Rick Peterson

More information can be found at

<http://ww2.amstat.org/sections/officers.cfm?txtComm=SSRMS>.

Newsletter Editors: Dan Liao and Elizabeth Petraglia



## SRMS Mission Statement

SRMS has 1500 members, of which over 100 are based outside of North America, and is one of the largest ASA Sections. The SRMS mission is to promote the improvement of survey practice and the understanding of survey methods by encouraging both theoretical and applied research on survey-related topics, and by disseminating information on survey methods.

Areas of interest for the Section include all that employ survey methodology as a focus or as a prime tool of investigation. Of special interest are:

- ❖ Theoretical foundations of sampling;
- ❖ Sample design and estimation;
- ❖ Nonsampling errors and data collection methods;
- ❖ Analysis and presentation of survey data;
- ❖ Education of the public and students on the importance of scientific survey research;
- ❖ Publication and dissemination of survey research findings; and
- ❖ Ethics related to survey conduct and standards for survey practice.

**Not a member yet?** Here is how you can join:

- If you are not an ASA member, go to the membership page of the ASA and fill the application at [www.amstat.org/membership/index.cfm?fuseaction=becomeamember](http://www.amstat.org/membership/index.cfm?fuseaction=becomeamember). Then sign up for the SRMS section as part of your membership.
- If you are already an ASA member, just call customer service at 1-888-231-3473 to add SRMS membership.

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The SRMS has produced material and resources that are available on our website including:

- ❖ The “What is a Survey?” series for non-specialists, free of charge
- ❖ The SRMSNET Mailing List
- ❖ List of other related associations
- ❖ Survey Analysis Software (under *Links and Resources*)
- ❖ Universities and Laboratories
- ❖ ...and much more.

For more information, including links to specific officers, check out the SRMS website at: <http://ww2.amstat.org/sections/srms/> (note updated link) or there is also a link from the ASA website at [www.amstat.org](http://www.amstat.org).