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Appreciation for Retiring *Editors*



Jianqing Fan

Princeton University

Co-Editor, 2024–2026

Journal of the American Statistical Association, Theory and Methods



Gilbert Fellingham

Brigham Young University

Editor-in-Chief, 2024–2026

Journal of Quantitative Analysis in Sports



David Matteson

Cornell University

Editor-in-Chief, 2021–2026

Data Science in Science



Annie Peiyong Qu

University of California, Santa Barbara

Co-Editor, 2024–2026

Journal of the American Statistical Association, Theory and Methods



Dylan Small

University of Pennsylvania

Co-Editor, 2024–2026

Journal of the American Statistical Association, Theory and Methods



Minge Xie

Rutgers University

Editor, 2024–2026

The American Statistician



American Statistical Association *Grants & Scholarships*

ASA Pride Scholarship



Hannah Ming-Yah Goldfarb
Stanford University

Douglas A. Zahn Grant



Sarah Peskoe
Duke University

Dorothy Marie Lamb and Annette Lila Ryne Memorial Scholarship



Sydney White
High School Senior
2025 Awardee



Sayda D. Karim
Wake Forest University
2026 Awardee

Edward C. Bryant Scholarship for an Outstanding Graduate Student in Survey Statistics



Ujjayini Das
University of Maryland





Gertrude M. Cox Scholarship in Statistics Award



Early Career Award

Iris Horng, University of Pennsylvania

For her exceptional research and leadership in building programs with lasting impact, extending well beyond the statistics community. Through an extraordinary work ethic and a commitment to action, she consistently identifies challenges and transforms them into opportunities that inspire the next generation of statisticians.



Advanced Stage Career Award

Rachel Gonzalez, University of Michigan

For being a truly well-rounded star whose breadth, leadership, and initiative far exceed what we typically expect at this career stage. Through eloquent communication of research, an ability to engage nonstatisticians, and a contagious enthusiasm that elevates those around her, she represents the next generation of leadership in our community.



Gertrude M. Cox Scholarship Honorable Mention

Pragati Kore, Baylor College of Medicine

For her outstanding achievements in research and presentations, coupled with a deep commitment to service and giving back—particularly through outreach to the next generation. She exemplifies leadership and rigor through her high standards for statistical contributions in genomics and her service as an effective liaison between trainees and faculty leadership.



Kayla Irish, University of Washington

For her well-rounded and well-balanced record of excellence across research, teaching, and mentorship. She is already demonstrating the breadth, impact, and leadership we typically associate with much more senior scholars, signaling clear future success.

American Statistical Association

Grants & Scholarships



Dr. Jean Dickinson Gibbons Endowed Scholarships

Ellery Galvin, University of Colorado, Boulder



John J. Bartko Scholarship Award

Breanna Brown, University of Washington



Lester R. Curtin Award

Kimberly A. H. Webb, University of Pittsburgh



Lingzi Lu Memorial Award

Yizheng Wang, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

For strong academic promise in statistical methodology and machine learning, with interests in federated learning and multi-task learning. For demonstrated enthusiasm for applying statistical methods to real-world problems and engaging with the broader data science and statistics community.

Norman Beery Memorial Scholarship



Dennis Baidoo

The Ohio State University
2025 Awardee



Tyson Stickney

University of Vermont
2026 Awardee



Sushma Upadhayay

Bucknell University
2026 Awardee

American Statistical Association *Awards*



Bob Riffenburgh Award

Dave Osthus, Los Alamos National Laboratory

For innovative applications of statistical methods across scientific fields, especially the transfer of discrepancy modeling from engineered systems to infectious disease forecasting, and advances in quantifying and communicating uncertainty in predictions.



Excellence in Statistical Reporting Award

Molly Smith, *Bloomberg News*

For championing credible, objective, accurate, and timely federal statistics and bringing attention to the threats to federal statistics from actions of the current administration and weaknesses preceding the administration. By making federal statistics her “beat,” she stands out among current journalists for her sustained focus on the importance of federal statistics and the need to maintain their value.



Ryan McNeill, Reuters

For his sustained record of rigorous, transparent, and high-impact statistical journalism that integrates sophisticated methods with disciplined communication. Through combining a variety of techniques, Ryan demonstrates methodological rigor and pairs technical sophistication with clarity and restraint, ensuring that conclusions are carefully bound by the data while advancing statistical standards institutionally.



Harry V. Roberts Statistical Advocate of the Year Award

Erica Lynn Groshen, Cornell University

For her transformative role in advancing understanding of how employers shape labor market outcomes, improving employment and earnings in 21st-century labor markets, and analyzing dynamics of modern contracts. A nationally recognized leader in the statistical community, she is a prominent advocate for the independence, modernization, and scientific integrity of the federal statistical system.



American Statistical Association *Awards*

Jackie Dietz Best Journal of Statistics and Data Science Education Paper Award

Nicole Dalzell, Wake Forest University; **Allison S. Theobald**, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; **Zoe Rehnberg**, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

For the paper, "Illustrating a Framework for Evaluating Inclusivity in Teaching Through Student Data Analysis Projects"



Journal of the American Statistical Association Reproducibility Award

Greg Ridgeway, University of Pennsylvania

For the paper, "A Conditional Ordinal Stereotype Model to Estimate Police Officers' Propensity to Escalate Force"



Mentoring Award

Erin E. Blankenship, University of Nebraska Lincoln

For exceptional and sustained contributions to mentoring across the statistical sciences; for fostering the growth of students, early-career statisticians, and colleagues at all stages; and for creating a lasting culture of support, leadership, and service, reflected in the many mentees who have built successful careers and now mentor others, thereby strengthening the profession and its impact on society.



Outstanding Statistical Application Award

Augustine Wigle, McGill University, and **Audrey Béliveau**, University of Waterloo

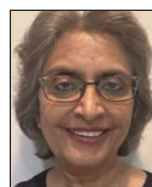
For the paper, "Estimating Methane Emissions from the Upstream Oil and Gas Industry Using a Multi-Stage Framework"

Karl E. Peace Award for Outstanding Statistical Contributions for the Betterment of Society



Amy Braverman, California Institute of Technology

For the leadership in pioneering statistical methodology for principled uncertainty quantification and climate data fusion that directly inform climate monitoring, air quality risk assessment, and associated policy-relevant science for the society as a whole.



Nalini Ravishanker, University of Connecticut

For the international leadership, dedicated mentorship, and capacity building, with a particular emphasis on industry professionals and national statistical offices in developing countries.



Katherine K. Wallman Award for Transformative Impact on Federal, State, or Local Statistics

David S. Johnson, International Association for Research in Income and Wealth

Katherine devoted her career to the proposition that official statistics should serve the public above all. David has lived that proposition, leading and undertaking consequential research for major social and economic statistics programs at the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Panel Study on Income Dynamics, and Committee on National Statistics. His deep expertise, legendary collegiality, and excellent organizational skills have enabled him to improve the measures policymakers and the public rely on to understand the state of household income and spending, poverty, health expenditures, and consumer prices in America.



Samuel S. Wilks Memorial Award

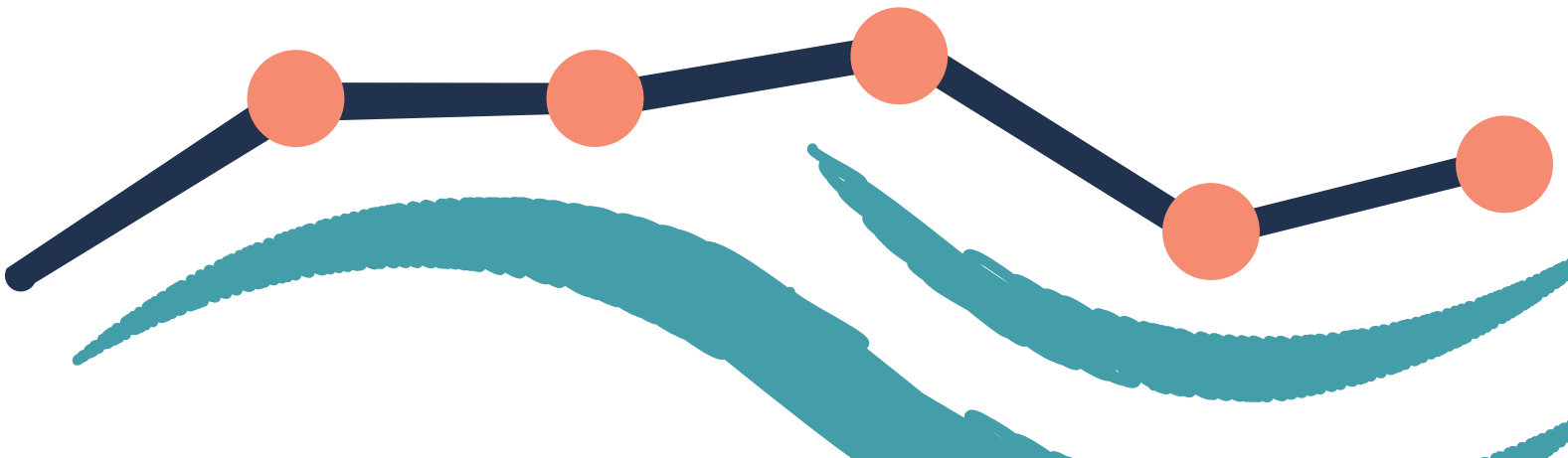
Heping Zhang, Yale University

For outstanding contributions spanning statistical methodology and applications. From the independent development of random forests and outstanding work on generalized linear model diagnostics to leading more than 10 pivotal randomized controlled trials in reproductive medicine published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *The Lancet*, *JAMA*, and *BMJ*, Dr. Zhang has exemplified a model of statistics as both a rigorous science and a great mechanism for human good.

Statistical Partnerships Among Academe, Industry, and Government (SPAIG) Award

DOOR Biostatistics Center, Milken Institute School of Public Health; Antibacterial Resistance Leadership Group (ARLG); and the US Food and Drug Administration

For addressing antibiotic resistance through advancements in clinical trial methodology for four regulatory indications for bacterial infections.





American Statistical Association

Awards



W. J. Dixon Award for Excellence in Statistical Consulting

James J. Cochran, The University of Alabama

For statistical consulting at a grand scale through his work with Statistics Without Borders; the many international organizations he has provided with pro bono consulting services; and the numerous journalists he has assisted with data collection, analyses, and interpretation.



Waller Education Awards

Distinguished Career Education Award

Richard D. De Veaux, Williams College

For his innovation in statistics curriculum, including building a successful statistics program at Williams College; pioneering the introduction of machine learning to the discipline; helping to craft curricular guidelines in undergraduate data science education; and his textbooks, which have had broad impact on statistics students.



Early Career Education Award

Alana Unfried, California State University, Monterey Bay

For exceptional innovation in assessing student and instructor attitudes toward statistics and data science; for shaping the national dialogue on introductory statistics and data science through leadership in professional organizations; and for sustained excellence and creativity in the classroom.



American Statistical Association

Founders



Alexandra L. Hanlon

For more than two decades of dedicated service to ASA chapters and governance; for leadership of the Philadelphia Chapter as treasurer, vice president, and president; for nine years of progressive service on the Council of Chapters Governing Board, serving as vice chair for District 3, then as chair-elect, chair, and past chair, and then as the Council of Chapters representative to the ASA Board of Directors; for service on and chairing the Committee on Nominations; for leading the ASA Membership Needs Survey Initiative; and for continuing service on the Karl E. Peace Award Committee and the Development Committee.



Donna E. LaLonde

For more than a decade of distinguished and wide-ranging service to the ASA as a senior member of ASA staff; for translating presidential initiatives into durable institutional programs; for vigorous support of the Committee on Professional Ethics, the SPAIG Committee, and the JEDI Outreach Group; for transformative leadership in statistics education at all levels and positioning ASA as a national leader in data literacy; for securing substantial NSF funding to support the National Data Mine Network and other key ASA programs; for broadening the ASA's communications reach and member engagement; and for serving as co-executive editor of *CHANCE* magazine.



Cynthia R. Long

For sustained dedication to the ASA spanning more than two decades; for deep and progressive service to the Teaching of Statistics in the Health Sciences Section, serving successively as program chair, chair-elect, chair, past chair, and Council of Sections representative; for service as publications officer for both the Biometrics Section and the Statistical Consulting Section; for service on the Committee on Meetings; and for distinguished service as Council of Sections representative to the ASA Board of Directors.



American Statistical Association *Fellows*



Jonathan Bradley,
University of Missouri

For extraordinary research contributions in Bayesian analysis, spatial statistics, and spatio-temporal statistics and for exceptional mentoring and service to the profession.



Lane F. Burgette, RAND

For his outstanding contributions to statistical policy research, especially in strengthening Medicare payment policy through rigorous statistical analysis, and for exemplary service to the profession.



Snigdhansu Chatterjee,
University of Maryland Baltimore County

For seminal contributions to resampling and small area estimation, notably the generalized bootstrap; for impactful leadership applying statistics to climate change, AI, and policy-relevant science; and for sustained, dedicated professional service.



Sixia Chen, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

For influential contributions to survey sampling, missing data, and data integration; for advancing multiply robust and modern imputation methods; and for outstanding leadership, mentoring, and professional service.



Andrea J. Cook,
Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute

For influential team-oriented leadership; for innovative and pragmatic methods development; and for inspiring others to excel in research on the design and conduct of pragmatic clinical trials and post-market safety studies using real-world health care data.

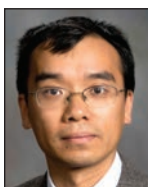




David J. Corliss,

Grafham Analytics

For excellence in research collaboration across major industries; for pro bono operations ensuring ethical analytics and data for social good; and for service to the Conference on Statistical Practice, the Detroit Chapter, and the larger ASA.



Xinwei Deng, Virginia Tech

For pioneering contributions to experimental design and statistical learning, advancing integrated design and uncertainty quantification frameworks for complex engineering systems.



Carolina Franco, NORC at the University of Chicago

For outstanding contributions to the field of small area estimation and for elevating its international impact through pioneering research, dedicated leadership, and exemplary service.



Jennifer L. Green,

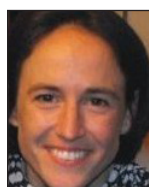
Michigan State University

For outstanding contributions to the statistical preparation of K-12 teachers and graduate teaching assistants, the refinement of methodology to assess the effectiveness of K-12 teacher professional development, and service to the profession.



Rooe Gutman, Brown University

For fundamental contributions to causal inference, missing data, and record linkage methods and for sustained statistical leadership in health policy research.



Dorit Hammerling,

Colorado School of Mines

For seminal applications of statistics to climate science; for the use of statistics for supporting Earth system modeling; and for innovative solutions for detecting methane emissions in the energy industry.





Lulu Kang,

University of Massachusetts Amherst

For significant contributions to statistics, especially in design and analysis of experiments, uncertainty quantification, and statistical learning; for dedicated service to the profession; and for excellence in teaching, education, and mentoring.



Theresa Youngjoo Kim,

National Institute on Aging

For exceptional clinical trials management of aging health systems research, excellence in mentoring for the largest ASA chapter, commitment to the US civil service, and protecting federal statistics within the US Department of Health and Human Services.



Dehan Kong, University of Toronto

For exceptional contributions to the development of statistical methods for complex biomedical data, particularly in neuroimaging, genetics, and genomics; for outstanding mentorship; and for remarkable service to the statistical community.



Jingyi Jessica Li,

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

For pioneering statistical methods for single-cell and spatial transcriptomics and high-dimensional inference; for leadership advancing statistical rigor in biomedical data science; and for outstanding mentoring, teaching, and professional service.



Judy X. Li, AstraZeneca

For statistical leadership in the pharmaceutical industry and regulatory review, translating rigorous methods into successful submissions and life-saving therapies, and for service to the Biopharmaceutical Section and the general statistical community.



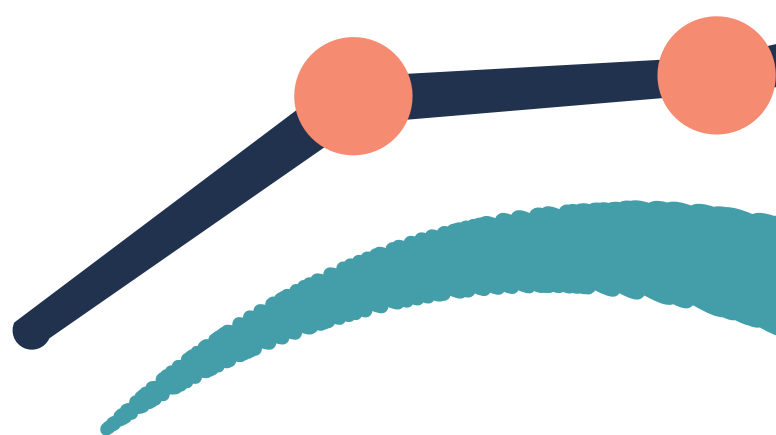
Benmei Liu, National Cancer Institute

For pioneering statistical methods in cancer surveillance, translating complex data into reliable population estimates via small-area estimation for public health policy, and empowering statistical researchers through leadership and education.



Jingyi Liu, Eli Lilly and Company

For outstanding leadership in statistical innovation with repeated impact on regulatory-quality evidence generation; for foundational contributions to covariate adjustment and probability of study success; and for distinguished ASA and cross-sector service.



**Miguel Marino,**

Oregon Health & Science University

For leadership in applied biostatistics and health policy research; for advancing the use of electronic health records to study primary care and health equity; and for exemplary service to the statistical profession.

**Volodymyr Minin,**

University of California, Irvine

For pioneering Bayesian and computational statistical methods in phylodynamics and infectious disease modeling; for exemplary mentorship of doctoral students; and for impactful contributions to public health through interdisciplinary collaboration.

**Lisa B. Mirel,** National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

For exceptional statistical leadership and transformative scientific contributions that have driven the modernization of the federal statistical system and increased the accessibility of federal statistical data for data-driven policy and research.

**Pushpal Mukhopadhyay,**

US Energy Information Administration

For contributions to the development of statistical software, especially the SAS SURVEY procedures; for original contributions to methods and computing for imputation, survival analysis, and small area estimation; and for service to the profession.

**Susan Murray,** University of Michigan

For impactful contributions to biostatistical methodology, national lung allocation policy, and pulmonary research; for outstanding mentoring of both biostatistics students and junior pulmonary research faculty; and for service to the ASA.

**Amy Nowacki,** Cleveland Clinic

For outstanding teaching and mentoring of statistics advancing clinical research, excellence in research in statistics pedagogy and collaborative medical research, exemplary service to medical education, and outstanding service to the ASA.

American Statistical Association *Fellows*



Rebecca Nugent,
Carnegie Mellon University

For outstanding leadership and innovation in statistics and data science pedagogy, influential contributions to the development of statistical methods and practice, and exceptional and enthusiastic service to the profession and the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine.



Herbert Pang, Genentech/Roche

For advancing hybrid randomized trial design methodologies in regulatory settings; for high-impact translational cancer research; for innovative methodologies in statistical genomics and bioinformatics; and for outstanding service to the profession.



Sharina D. Person, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School

For outstanding leadership in collaborative biostatistics and team science, excellence in mentoring students and investigators, influential contributions to health services and health equity research, and service to ASA and the profession.



Eric Rancourt, Statistics Canada

For outstanding contributions in survey methodology in the context of official statistics, statistical management and leadership of research and applications, and significant service to the profession.



Sandra Esi Safo,
University of Minnesota

For significant contributions to statistical and machine learning methods for multiview learning; for dedication to education and mentoring across career stages and disciplines; and for far-reaching service advancing the profession and society.



Kendra K. Schmid,
University of Nebraska Medical Center

For excellent contributions and impactful leadership in an academic setting; for service to the statistics profession; for outstanding research in statistical education; and for team science research in biomedical studies.



Weijie Su,
University of Pennsylvania

For pioneering contributions to the statistical foundations of large language models; for fundamental advances in differential privacy and high-dimensional statistics; and for innovative improvements to machine learning peer review.



Loni Philip Tabb, Drexel University

For excellent and sustained contributions to spatial and spatio-temporal methodology and its application to mapping and monitoring health inequities over time; for broad dissemination of statistical knowledge; and for leadership in advancing diversity within the profession.



Simon Urbanek,
The University of Auckland

For research and development in statistical computing and graphical tools that support efficient, highscale collaborative science; for enormous technical contributions to the R ecosystem; and for service to the ASA and to the profession.



Jo Adrienne Wick,
University of Kansas Medical Center

For notable contributions to furthering biostatistics education and educational leadership; for data coordination leadership; for publications in high-impact medical journals; and for longstanding service to the ASA.



Jeffrey R. Wilson,
Arizona State University

For excellence in Bayesian methods and correlated data with time-dependent covariates; for leadership and mentoring that have shaped education and interdisciplinary collaboration worldwide; and for service to the profession that has increased inclusion.



Dacheng Xiu,
The University of Chicago

For fundamental and highly influential contributions to the integration of statistics and machine learning in business, finance, and economics and for outstanding service to the profession through teaching, mentorship, and editorial leadership.



Gongjun Xu, University of Michigan

For path-breaking advancements in the behavioral sciences, exceptional theoretical and methodological contributions to latent variable modeling, high-dimensional inferences, survival analysis, and outstanding mentoring and service to the profession.



Yanxun Xu, Johns Hopkins University

For significant contributions to Bayesian and applied statistics, impactful interdisciplinary collaboration in medicine and public health, and leadership in the statistical profession.



Shu Yang,
North Carolina State University

For pioneering advances in clinical and observational study design and analysis using real-world data and causal inference; for dedicated mentorship; and for leadership in collaboration across academia, the pharmaceutical industry, and United States regulatory agencies.



Binbing Yu, AstraZeneca

For contributions to cure modeling in cancer epidemiology and clinical trials; for development of methods and tools for presentation of cancer burden and trends for cancer surveillance; and for driving statistical innovation in pharmaceutical research and development.



American Statistical Association *Fellows*



Qingzhao Yu, Louisiana State University Health - New Orleans

For visionary leadership in creating research infrastructure, statistical consulting, and education; for pioneering research in mediation analysis and Bayesian methods; and for dedicated service to the ASA and to the broader scientific community.



Anru Zhang, Duke University

For exceptional contributions to high-dimensional statistics, generative modeling, health data science, and optimization; for groundbreaking work in statistical tensor learning; and for exemplary leadership in professional service and mentorship.



Hui Zhang, Northwestern University

For innovative statistical methods for count and microscope imaging data, impactful contributions to biomedical and clinical research, leadership of major biostatistics cores, and service to the statistical profession.



Jiwei Zhao, University of Wisconsin-Madison

For foundational contributions of semiparametric theory in missing data and distribution shift, innovative work bridging statistical methods and clinical applications, especially in patient-reported outcomes, and outstanding service to the profession.



Yingqi Zhao, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

For pioneering statistical learning frameworks that have transformed individualized decision-making, clinical trial design, precision medicine, cancer early detection, real-world data analysis, and sustained leadership and service to the ASA.



Vadim Zipunnikov, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

For the development and dissemination of rigorous, scalable, and translational statistical methods for digital health technologies and for leadership in building a national community advancing wearable and mobile health analytics.

Special Lectures



ASA President's Address

Jeri Mulrow, Westat

Where Personal Purpose Meets Collective Action: ASA's Vision Forward



David R. Cox Foundations of Statistics Award

Peter McCullagh, The University of Chicago

What Is a Regression Model?



Deming Lecturer Award

Sallie A. Keller, University of Virginia

Rethinking Statistical Quality in a Data-Rich World: A Comprehensive Life Cycle Framework



Gottfried E. Noether Awards

Noether Distinguished Scholar

Runze Li, Penn State University

Test of Multivariate Independence and Its Power Enhancement



Noether Early Career Scholar

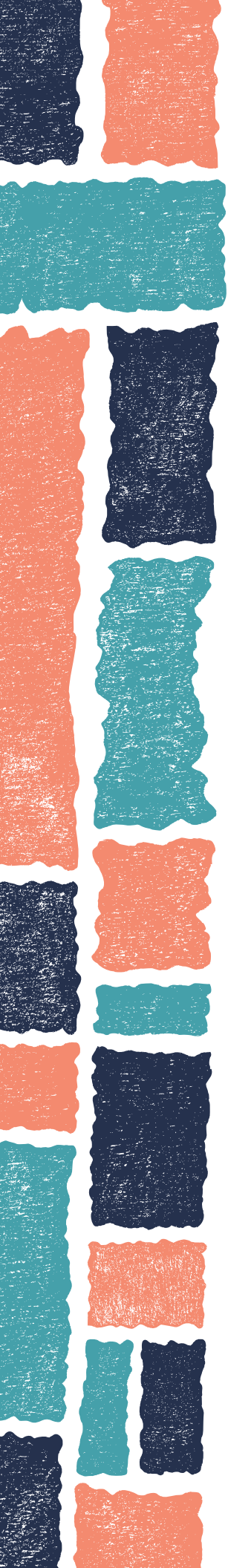
Arun Kumar Kuchibhotla, Carnegie Mellon University

From Theory to Practice: Modernizing Inference for Independent and Dependent Data



Pragya Sur, Harvard University

Modern Machine Learning Through the Eyes of a Statistician



Special Lectures



Monroe G. Sirken Award in Interdisciplinary Survey Methods Research

Barry I. Graubard, Scientist Emeritus, National Cancer Institute, Biostatistics Branch

Intersection of Sample Survey Research and Biostatistics in Public Health and Epidemiology

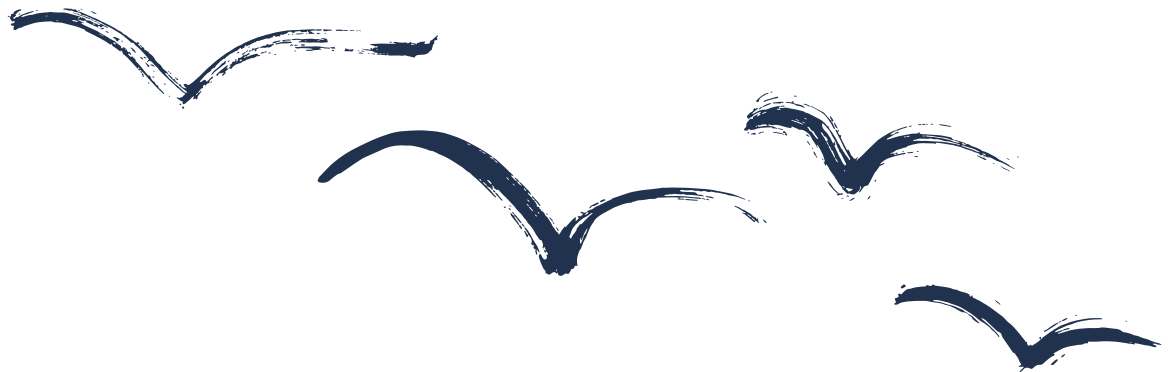
For his interdisciplinary contributions bridging survey methodology, epidemiology, cancer research, and related fields. With more than 530 peer-reviewed publications in leading scientific journals, he has established a foundational standards framework for the design, conduct, and analysis of national surveys.



President's Invited Speaker

Peggy Carr, National Center for Education Statistics

From Lived Experience to Public Trust: Stewardship, Service, and the Future of Federal Education Data



Section, Chapter, and Other

Awards

2026 Recipients of the Outstanding Chapter Service Awards

Jonathan Auerbach, Washington Statistical Society

For outstanding service and leadership to the Washington Statistical Society as president, university representative coordinator, and Hansen Lecture committee member.

Rhonda Bacher, Florida Chapter

For exceptional leadership and service as the president of the Florida Chapter from 2023 to 2025.

Margaret Betz, Central Indiana Chapter

For exceptional contribution and service to the Central Indiana Chapter over the years and serving in various roles (president, past president, and chapter representative). She has motivated several students and professionals to become ASA and chapter members.

Robert Buscaglia, Arizona Chapter

For multiple years of leading the planning committee for the annual ASU/UA/NAU DataFest competition; for being the driving force behind NAU's participation during those years; and for going on to lead NAU to host their own DataFest.

Rao Chaganty, Virginia Chapter

For outstanding service and leadership as president of the Virginia Chapter of the ASA, including organizing high-impact programs, mentoring members across career stages, and advancing the mission and visibility of the ASA.

Dipnil Chakraborty, Princeton/Trenton Chapter

For leadership as chapter president.

Sy Han (Steven) Chiou, North Texas Chapter

For exceptional dedication to the ASA North Texas Chapter, including leadership as president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, and for outstanding contributions that have strengthened the chapter and enriched the statistical community.

Ashley Clark, Cincinnati Chapter

In recognition of her 10 years' outstanding service and leadership to the Cincinnati Chapter of the American Statistical Association.

Jeremy Gaskins, Kentucky Chapter

For over 10 years of outstanding service in key leadership roles, he initiated student presentation sessions, mentored members, and strengthened chapter engagement and overall impact.

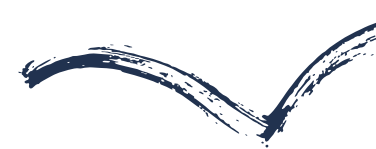
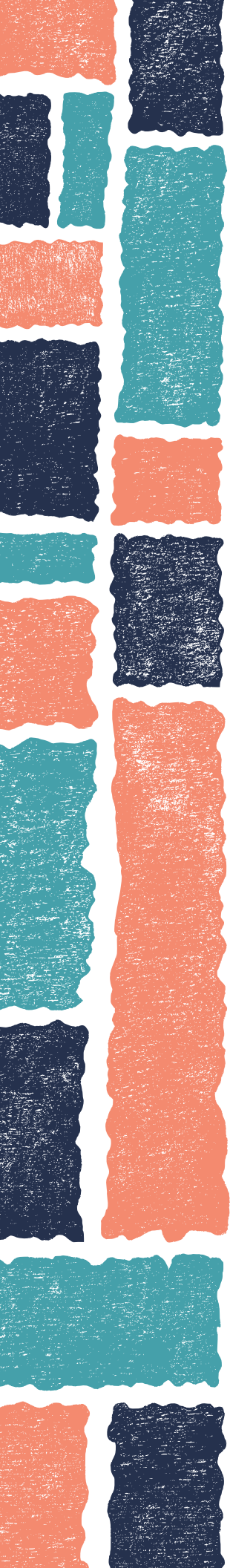
Tyler George, Iowa Chapter

For service and leadership to the Iowa Chapter of the ASA in secretary/webmaster and president roles, including our annual chapter meeting and planned traveling course.

Amber Hackstadt, Mid-Tennessee Chapter

For dedicated service as treasurer of the Mid-Tennessee Chapter from 2021 to 2025.





Section, Chapter, and Other *Awards* 2026 Recipients of the Outstanding Chapter Service Awards

Wei-Ting Hwang, Philadelphia Chapter

For her valuable long-term contributions to the Philadelphia Chapter, including her outstanding services as secretary (two terms), president, and webmaster, as well as her continued efforts advising the board for better operations.

Yiran Jia, San Diego Chapter

For outstanding service in strengthening and expanding the chapter community through student outreach, membership growth, career development initiatives, and fostering connections between academia and industry.

Kit Kennedy, Colorado-Wyoming Chapter

For serving as Council of Chapters representative and going above and beyond in helping organize the chapter's fall meeting, as well as serving as president of the MSU Denver Statistical Science club.

Olga Korosteleva, Southern California Chapter

In recognition of many years of devoted service to the Southern California Chapters of the American Statistical Association president, treasurer, webmaster, e-newsletter editor, and event coordinator, who leads with strength, authenticity, kindness, and passion.

Min Li, Sacramento Chapter

For dedication and generous long-term volunteer service as a chapter officer of the Sacramento Chapter.

Tianxi Li, Twin Cities Chapter

For excellence in service to the ASA Twin Cities Chapter, including launching the Minnesota K-12 Data Visualization Poster Competition and his leadership in the organization of the 2026 ASA Midwest Regional Conference in Statistics and Data Science.

Martial Longla, Alabama-Mississippi Chapter

For outstanding leadership and service as vice president of the ASA Alabama-Mississippi Chapter; for organization of the 2026 Annual Conference; and for hosting an ASA traveling course, significantly enhancing chapter engagement and regional impact.

Min Lu, South Florida Chapter

For distinguished service to the ASA South Florida Chapter through leadership in organizing an impactful session at our regional meeting and establishing a regional data challenge that advances student engagement.





Gayla Olbricht, Mid-Missouri Chapter

For exemplary service to the ASA Mid-Missouri Chapter, including over a decade of leadership as vice president, secretary, chapter representative, and president, and for sustained chapter activities and engagement across the Mid-Missouri region.

Steve Olson, Chicago Chapter

For being instrumental in our mission to promote statistical knowledge among the Chicago community in his various roles, including vice president, workshops and conferences, Council of Chapters, and president.

Kumudu Pathiraja, New Jersey Chapter

For outstanding service to the ASA NJ Chapter for more than 20 years as a webmaster. She streamlined and actively manages the ASA NJ Chapter website for wider reach and dissemination of statistical content and chapter events.

Louis Primavera, New York City Chapter

For outstanding leadership, scholarship, and excellence in advancing health sciences and clinical psychology and for devoted service as an officer of the New York City Chapter to generate profound professional impact in statistics and data science.

Zhao Ren, Pittsburgh Chapter

In recognition of distinguished service and dedication over many years to the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Statistical Association.

Fernanda Schumacher, Columbus Chapter

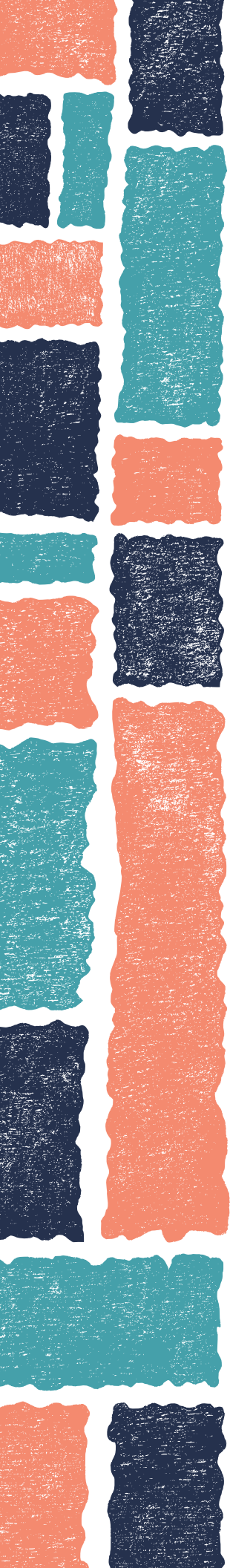
For her work as communications officer and her consistent initiative, creativity, suggestions, positivity, and readiness to volunteer in any way needed.

Debra Stiver, Nevada Chapter

For exceptional support of Nevada Chapter success since 2003 by bringing enthusiasm, wisdom, and passion for statistical practice to many board and volunteer roles, including president, chapter representative, northern vice president, and newsletter editor.

Theresa Utlaut, Oregon Chapter

For her sustained and impactful service and leadership in the Northwest Science Expo, regional faculty and student mentorship, efforts connecting academia and industry, and national ASA service.



Section, Chapter, and Other *Awards*

2026 Recipients of the Outstanding Section Service Awards

Elise Roberts

Statistics in Defense and National Security

Elise Roberts' dedication, through multiple formal and informal roles, expanded the impact of the section. Her efforts ensure the section runs seamlessly, communicates frequently, and benefits its members through website, webinars, mentoring, newsletter, and increased social media presence.

Darcy Steeg Morris

Government Statistics

For exceptional service in sustaining JSM programming, revitalizing the newsletter, and strengthening communication and engagement across the section.

Zhihua Su

Statistical Learning and Data Science

For outstanding leadership and sustained service as webinar coordinator of the ASA Section on Statistical Learning and Data Science from 2021–2025, which fostered broad community engagement through dedication, responsiveness, and organizational excellence.

Mei-Cheng Wang

Lifetime Data Science

For her outstanding contributions to the section over the past 12 years, including service as a founding executive committee member, chair of the LiDS Interest Group, organizer of the inaugural LiDS conference, sustained contributions to LiDS conferences, and other roles benefiting LiDS members.

Sharon M. Stern

Social Statistics

For leadership of the Social Statistics Section, where she has served as chair, publication officer, and Council of Sections representative, and for notable shows of initiative in the execution of these duties.

Michael Schuckers

Statistics in Sports

For continued service to the section and stabilizing presence as a mentor.

Kristen Olson

Survey Research Methods

For her remarkable contribution of enthusiasm, professionalism, and time to the section through multiple services as program chair, Council of Sections representative, member of organizing, fellows and awards committees, as well as presentations of webinars and work as editor.

Carol Haney

Text Analysis

For her invaluable contributions since the section's founding, indispensable role in the section's functioning, and innovative ideas she has brought to its direction.



2026 Section Awards

Roger Herriot Award

Presented jointly by the Government Statistics Section, Social Statistics Section, and Washington Statistical Society

Terrance Savitsky

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Student Travel Award

Entejar Alam
Soumadeep Bhowmick
Souradipto Ghosh Dastidar
Emma Landry
Yann McLatchie
Yue Ma
Somjit Roy
Yueming Shen
Ziyi Song
Yihong Xu

BIOMETRICS

Annie T. Randall Innovator Award

Shu (Joy) Jiang

David P. Byar Award

Rakheon Kim

Early Career Paper Award

Ethan Ashby
Rebecca Deek
Qi Xu

BIOPHARMACEUTICAL

Student Paper Award

Winner: Lang Lang
2nd Place: Sizhu Lu
3rd Place: Yuhan Qian
Honorable Mentions
Amartya Kumar Maulik
Sihyung Park
Ruoyuan Qian
Maximilian Schuessler
Shiyu Wan
Zhiyu (Roman) Yan
Yao Zhao

Student Scholarship Award

Xinwei Huang
Fangfang Jiang
Yi Liu
Christina Magana-Ramirez
Peijin Wang
Yao Zhao

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS

Arnold Zellner Thesis Award in Econometrics and Statistics

Sid Kankanala
Honorable Mentions
Christopher Douglas Walker
Filip Obradović

Best Student Paper Award

Peiyao Cai
Xuanyu Chen
Pangpang Liu
Xiao Liu

Julius Shiskin Memorial Award for Economic Statistics

Paul Schreyer

STATISTICAL COMPUTING

John M. Chambers Statistical Software Award

Harriet Mason

STATISTICAL COMPUTING & GRAPHICS

Student Paper Award

Yujie Ran
Beenu Sareena
Adam Struzik
Sarah Wang

STATISTICAL CONSULTING

Best Topic-Contributed Session for JSM 2025

Alex Dahlen

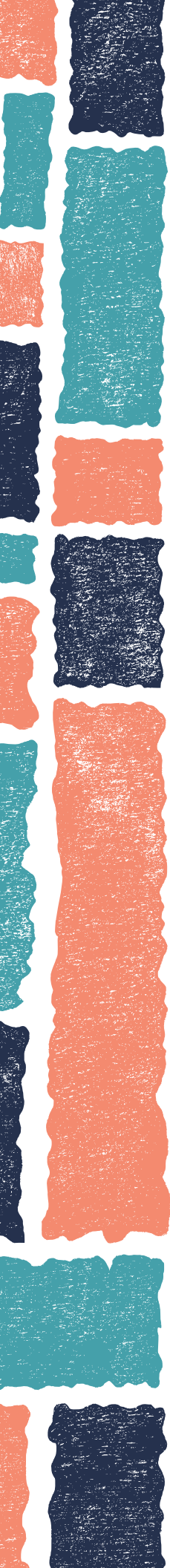
Best Topic-Contributed Session for JSM 2026

H. Dean Johnson

Outstanding Mentor Award

Ming Wang





2026 *Section Awards*

STATISTICS AND DATA SCIENCE EDUCATION

Speed Session Award

Alana Unfried

Honorable Mentions

Kristen McQuerry

Visruth Srimath Kandali

STATISTICS IN DEFENSE AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Student Paper Award

Andrew Cooper

Lauren Milne

Amy Vennos

Zachary White

STATISTICS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Early Investigator Award

Won Chang

Francis Hui

Distinguished Achievement Award

Ying Sun

Student Paper Competition

Katherine Kreuser

Xindi Lin

Maha Moussa

Honorable Mentions

Yanran Li

Stephen Tivenan

STATISTICS IN EPIDEMIOLOGY

Norman Breslow Early Career Award

Yilin Song

Early Career Award

Xi Fang

Olivia McGough

Alexander Dombowsky

STATISTICS IN GENOMICS AND GENETICS

Distinguished Student Paper Award

Xiang Li

Zhaoheng Li

Gabriela Vasconcelos

Zitian Wu

Sicong Yao

GOVERNMENT STATISTICS

Pat Doyle Award

Melissa A. Cidade

HEALTH POLICY STATISTICS

Student Paper Award

Martha Barnard

Jiayi Hu

Lingxuan Kong

Jose Ramon Palacio

Constantin Schmidt

STATISTICS IN IMAGING

Student Paper Competition

Yiting Wang

Runner-Ups

Xinyuan Tian

Wei Zhao

Jingsong Zhou

STATISTICAL LEARNING AND DATA SCIENCE

Leo Brieman Senior Award

Tony Cai

Leo Brieman Junior Award

Yuxin Chen

Anru Zhang

Student Paper Award

Young Hyun Cho

Patrick Kramer

Ziqi Liu

Nan Lu

Zhiyu Xu

Wenjin Zhang

Honorable Mentions

Sophia Lu

Gözde Sert



LIFETIME DATA SCIENCE SECTION

2026 Outstanding Student Paper Award

Han Lu
James Peng
Yuchen Qi
Shike Xu
Yue Zhan

STATISTICS IN MARKETING

Doctoral Dissertation Research Award

Anya Shchetkina

Finalists

Xixi Hu
Zipei Lu
Lan Luo
Ariel Ningyin Xu

MENTAL HEALTH STATISTICS

Student Paper Award

Mengqi Lin
Elsa Palumbo

Honorable Mentions

Yuting Duan
Sohyeon Kim
Crystal Zang

NONPARAMETRIC

Student Paper Award

Yizhe Ding
Tianyi Ma
Ruijia Zhang

PHYSICAL AND ENGINEERING SCIENCES

Physical and Engineering Sciences Award

Edward Bowen
Kevin Choi
Xinwei Deng
Laura Freeman

QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY & PHYSICAL AND ENGINEERING SCIENCES

Student Paper Award

Pouya Ahadi
Anna Flowers
Kexin Xie
Minshen Xu
Ying Zhang

Shewell Award

Maria Weese

QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY

Mary G. and Joseph Natrella Scholarship Award

Jace Ritchie
Kexin Xie

RISK ANALYSIS

Student Paper Award

Jaidev Goel
Shixuan Wang
Yunyi Wang

Honorable Mentions

Srikar Katta
Haoling Wang

STATISTICS IN SPORTS

Significant Contributor Award

Ryan Elmore

Student Travel Award

Elliott Kervin

SURVEY RESEARCH METHODS

Student Paper Award

Sean Tomlin
Jungang Zou

Student Travel Award

Yanhao Lu
Sergio Daniel Martinez
Arisa Sadeghpour
Shubo Zhang

TEACHING OF STATISTICS IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES

Best Contributed Presentation Award

Lynette Smith

Distinguished Achievement Award

Laila Poisson

Outstanding Teaching Award

Janet Tooze
Ada Youk

Young Investigator Award

Lee Kennedy-Schaffer

TEXT ANALYSIS

Student Paper Competition Award

Lijinhua Zhang

Significance Magazine
and the *Young Statisticians Section*
of the *Royal Statistical Society*

**2025 Statistical Excellence Award
for Early-Career Writing**

Zhaoxi Zhang, University of Edinburgh

for "Early Scottish Statisticians and Their Lasting Legacy"

Runners-Up

Sarah Lotspeich, Wake Forest University

for "Interweaving Probability and Crochet: A Stati-Stitchin's Guide"

Becky Griffiths, University of Exeter

for "The Semmelweis Effect: How Many Lives Can Hand Hygiene Save?"





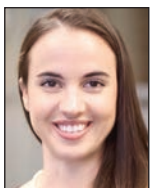
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Special Lectures



Grace Wahba Award and Lecture

Jane-Ling Wang, University of California at Davis



Medallion Lecture I

Genevera Allen

Inference for Interpretable and Unsupervised Machine Learning



Medallion Lecture II

David Blei, Columbia University-Data Science Institute

A Fresh Look at Empirical Bayes



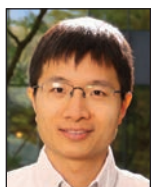
Medallion Lecture III

Lester Mackey, Microsoft Research New England

Learning Softmax Mixture Ensembles for AI Applications



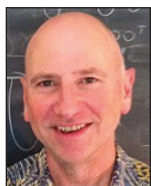
Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies Awards



2026 Presidents' Award

Weijie Su, University of Pennsylvania

For statistical foundations of generative AI, including the watermarking, alignment, and rankings of LLMs; for advances in privacy preserving data analysis applied to the 2020 US Decennial Census; for improving peer review in machine learning; for foundational work in convex optimization; and for wide ranging contributions to deep learning theory and high-dimensional inference.



COPSS Distinguished Achievement Award and Lectureship

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Causal Inference Meets Optimal Transport

For original and path-breaking contributions in the theory and practice of statistics, including nonparametric, causal, and Bayesian inference; for advancing methods in machine learning, genetics, and astrostatistics; as an outstanding expositor of statistical thinking; and for innovative textbooks on all of statistics.



Elizabeth L. Scott Award

Amy Herring, Duke University

Informed Clustering of Multi-View Data

For her outstanding leadership in statistical societies; for supporting the careers of many early-career researchers; for being a conscience in our community; for sustained and manifold contributions to Bayesian statistics; and for impactful global collaborations in maternal and child health.



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The University
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Yale
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Alex Luedtke
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