

# Women in *Statistics and Data Science*

**September 30-October 2, 2020**

*virtual*   
**conference**

Join us  
*online* this fall!

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*Statistics and Data Science*  
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*Register today!*

**WSDS** will convene virtually to celebrate women in statistics and data science and bring together leaders from academia, government, and industry. We aim to provide a unique, online environment conducive to women sharing and growing their knowledge, influence, and community.

The program will combine technical, educational, and professional development sessions with diversity and networking activities. Technical talks and educational workshops will highlight the work of rising stars and senior women, as well as showcase burgeoning areas in statistics and data science.

All activities—**designed to appeal to women at any stage of their career**—will balance speakers across academia, government, and industry.

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# Attend from *anywhere!*

**WSDS WILL BE DELIVERED ONLINE** through a virtual platform and customized so you have the best experience possible. The platform will provide easy access to sessions and exciting virtual opportunities to network and engage throughout the meetings. We encourage synchronous participation to get the most out of your virtual experience—which will include sessions with live chat, polling, and Q&As.

For added flexibility, most sessions will be recorded and available on demand after the conference. Celebrate your success and find unique opportunities to **grow your influence, your community, and your knowledge.**





# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

The Women in Statistics and Data Science Conference program offers courses, concurrent sessions, speed sessions, a virtual EXPO, and many opportunities to network.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Short Course\*  
Half-Day Course 1
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Short Course\*  
Half-Day Course 2

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

- Available all day
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- 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Opening Remarks and Plenary Presentation 1
- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

E-Poster Q&A
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions
- 12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Break
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

E-Poster Q&A
- 1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions
- 2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions
- 4:15 p.m. – 5:30 pm

Plenary Presentation 2
- 5:35 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Opening Mixer – Virtual Networking Event

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

- Available all day
- Available all day
- Available all day
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Plenary Session 3
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

E-Poster Q&A
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Break
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

E-Poster Q&A
- 1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Break
- 3:35 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Celebrating Women in Statistics and Data Science  
Virtual Happy Hour

Times are tentative and subject to change. \* Denotes a ticketed event that requires an additional fee.



# PLENARY SPEAKERS

**Michelle Dunn**  
National Security Agency



A Journey in Data  
Science Leadership

**Lauren F. Klein**  
Emory University



Data Feminism

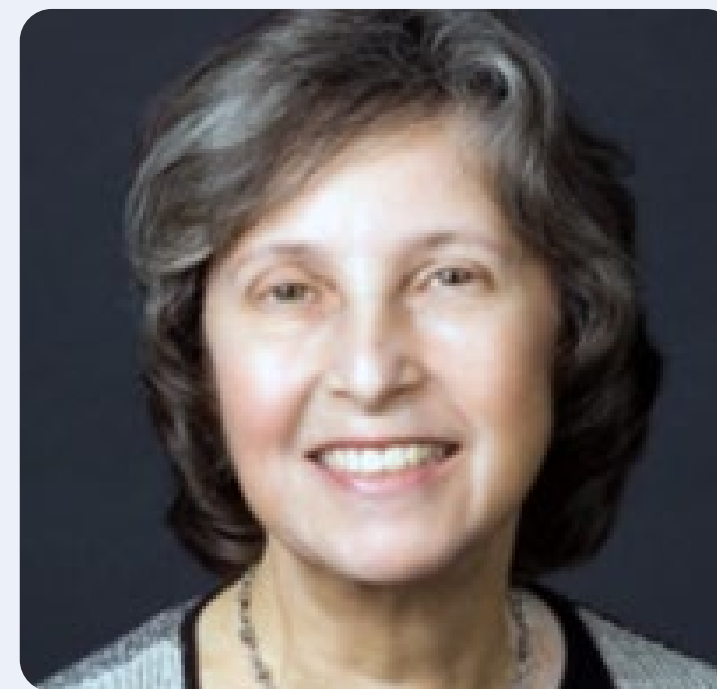
**Catherine D'Ignazio**  
Massachusetts Institute  
of Technology



**Lynne Billard**  
University of Georgia



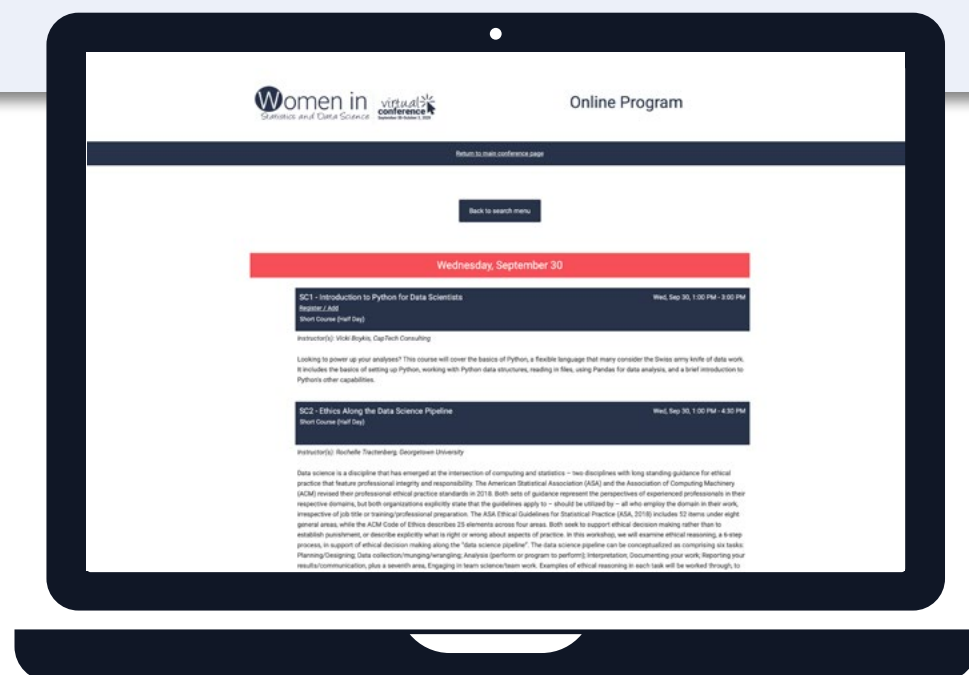
**Susan Ellenberg**  
University of Pennsylvania  
Perelman School of Medicine



**Nancy Reid**  
University of Toronto

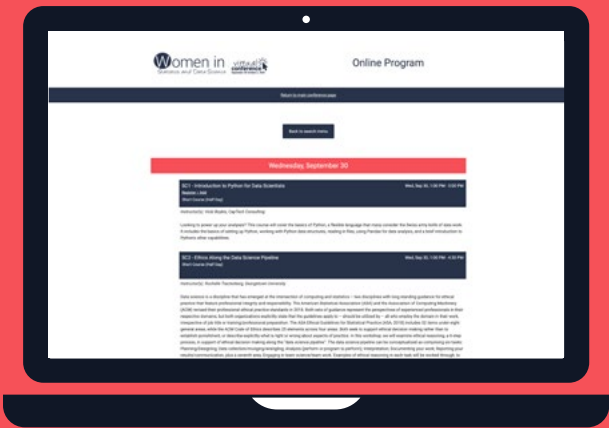


Florence Nightingale David Award Winners



View the *complete* program online!





CHECK OUT THE  
ONLINE PROGRAM  
AND SEE WHAT ELSE  
WSDS HAS IN STORE  
FOR YOU THIS YEAR.



# HALF-DAY SHORT COURSES

Wednesday, September 30

## SHORT COURSE 1\*

***Introduction to Python for Data Scientists***  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Instructor:** Vicki Boykis, CapTech Consulting

Looking to power up your analyses? This course will cover the basics of Python, a flexible language that many consider the Swiss army knife of data work. It includes the basics of setting up Python, working with Python data structures, reading in files, and using Pandas for data analysis, as well as a brief introduction to Python's other capabilities.



### SHORT COURSE ADD-ON FEES

	Through August 20	After August 20
ASA Member	\$120	\$135
New Member	\$120	\$135
Nonmember	\$135	\$160
Student	\$75	\$90

## SHORT COURSE 2\*

***Ethics Along the Data Science Pipeline***  
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Instructor:** Rochelle Tractenberg, Georgetown University

Data science is a discipline that has emerged at the intersection of computing and statistics—two disciplines with long-standing guidance for ethical practice that feature professional integrity and responsibility. The American Statistical Association (ASA) and Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) revised their professional ethical practice standards in 2018. Both sets of guidance represent the perspectives of experienced professionals in their respective domains, but both organizations explicitly state the guidelines apply to—should be used by—all who employ the domain in their work, irrespective of job title or training/professional preparation.

The ASA Ethical Guidelines for Statistical Practice (ASA, 2018) includes 52 items under eight general areas, while the ACM Code of Ethics describes 25 elements across four areas. Both seek to support ethical decision-making, rather than establish punishment or describe explicitly what is right or wrong about aspects of practice.

In this workshop, we will examine ethical reasoning—a six-step process—in support of ethical decision-making along the “data science pipeline.” The data science pipeline can be conceptualized as comprising six tasks—planning/designing, data collection/munging/wrangling, analysis (perform or program to perform), interpretation, documenting your work, and reporting your results/communication—plus a seventh area, engaging in team science/team work. Examples of ethical reasoning in each task will be worked through to promote engagement with the ethical practice standards of the ASA and ACM.

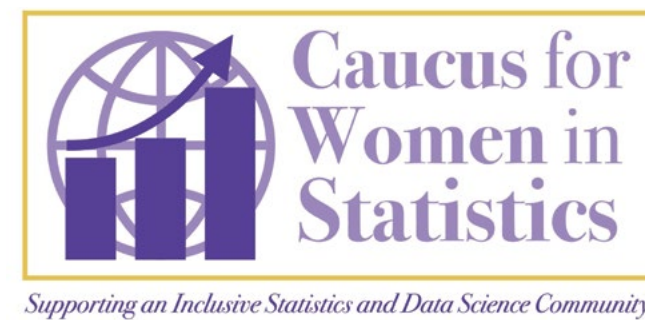
Another “pipeline” to consider is that of describing a career trajectory or set of roles comprising responsibilities of the individual, instructor, mentor, and supervisor. Stakeholder analysis will be used to support reasoning and communication about ethical practice, as well as initiating discussions in the classroom and workplace.





# VISIT THE WSDS *Virtual EXPO!*

The ASA Women in Statistics and Data Science Conference will have a virtual exhibit hall—a great place to meet representatives from targeted companies and organizations, as well as other attendees, and build connections.



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## REGISTRATION FORM

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Print or type all information and retain a copy for your records.
- Use a separate form for each registrant.
- Mail form with payment to WSDS Registration, 732 N. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Fax form (credit card payment only) to (703) 997-7299.

Purchase orders will not be accepted. No exceptions.  
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**TOTAL CONFERENCE CHARGES** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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