

# *Inaugural Newsletter of Statistics Without Borders*

## **JSM 2012**

SWB members submitted a topic contributed session proposal and abstracts for the JSM 2012.

If approved, the session title will be

Capacity building for statistics, research design, and evaluation in developing nations

**Session Description:** The session will emphasize training new statisticians and developing new statistical methods for humanitarian service organizations in the developing world. Although academic statisticians have interest in developing new methods, global health initiatives and developing nations are unlikely to benefit from such innovation since the statistical expertise they have access to—and the audiences to which they must communicate—might not be aligned with methodological advances. Capacity building for basic and robust statistics, research design and evaluation are all key features of Statistics Without Borders as well as other groups providing statistical services for global health and developing nations.

Session Chair: Justin Fisher,

Speakers:

James Cochran, Department of Marketing and Analysis, College of Business, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA Title: "Report on Current Statistical Capacity Building Efforts in Albania, Ethiopia, Kenya, Papua New Guinea, and Madagascar"

Hsin-Yi Weng, MPH; Larry George; PhD; Xiaoming Sheng, PhD, University of Utah, Department of Pediatrics, Salt Lake City, UT Title: "Survival Estimation from Current Status Data"

Ryung Kim, Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Population Health, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, NY Title: "Analysis of the Mobile Phone Survey of the Haitian Population"

Rochelle Tractenberg, Collaborative for Research on Outcomes and Metrics, and Departments of Neurology and Biostatistics, Bioinformatics & Biomathematics, Georgetown University, Washington, DC Title: "Trust before t-tests: building partnerships to promote capacity building in global health efforts"

Discussant – Chris Barker, Communications Director - Statistics Without Borders

## 2011 Officers and Positions

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Gary Shapiro	Chair
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## SWB Elections

The Voting is underway, and ends on Jan 30, 2012.

### Election Candidates

Chair:	Mary Gray	Justin Fisher
Vice Chair:	Rebecca Scherzer	Jerzy Wieczorek
Secretary:	Dongseok Choi	Sowmya Rao

## SWB presentations from the 2011 JSM

<http://community.amstat.org/StatisticsWithoutBorders/Resources/Publications/>

## Other Resources

<http://db.tt/YmBG2nHb> - links to JSM 2011 presentations, project list, SWB Minutes, SWB manuals

on linkedin

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Statistics-Without-Borders-3961084>

on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Statistics-without-Borders/118114963213>

## Executive Committee Meetings

The EC meetings take place approximately monthly. The Minutes may be posted on the SWB website.

## Members of the New Projects Committee

Mark Griffin  
Sowmya R Rao  
Dominique Haughton  
Sreelatha Meleth  
Dennis Sandell  
Justin Fisher  
Tim O'Brien  
Mary Gross  
Grace Zawistowski  
Monica Anand  
Carlos Arruda Accioly  
Ella Revzin  
Hsin-yi (Cindy) Weng  
Margaret Linan  
Cathy Furlong

## SWB business meeting.

Joint Statistical Meetings, San Diego, 2012 – Tuesday July 31.