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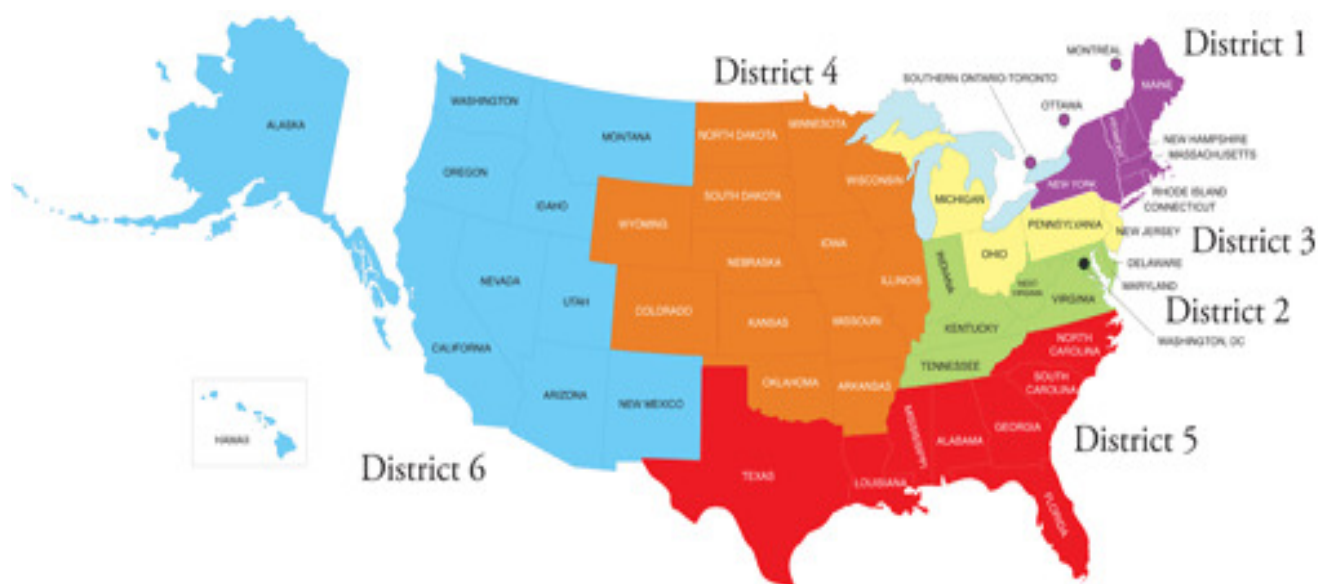


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A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the spring 2014 issue of **Chapter Chatter**, the newsletter for and about ASA chapters. The COCGB established this publication to foster improved communications i) between the COCGB and chapters, and ii) among chapters by providing a forum for spreading news throughout the statistics community about ASA chapter initiatives and activities.

A midsummer issue of **Chapter Chatter** is planned to be sent a couple weeks before JSM2014. Send articles and share your plans for the ASA 175th Anniversary, Boston, as well as any other item that should be disseminated in the greater ASA chapter community.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions about this newsletter (its content, format, distribution, etc.). I am interested in suggestions on how to facilitate more effective communication between chapters and enable you to use the COCGB as a resource. Finally, please send me information about guest speakers, short courses and seminars, symposia, and other exciting events that are planned for by your chapter so that I can inform other chapters about your activities through this newsletter.

I hope you enjoy this issue of **Chapter Chatter**.

ASA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RON WASSERSTEIN TO THE COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS

During 2014, it is easier than ever for chapters and chapter members to find out what is going on at the ASA and in the statistics profession. There are now FOUR great places to look. Here they

are, in order that they came into existence:

- (1) Amstat News online



(<http://magazine.amstat.org>)

Amstat News has been around since the 70's, became a colorful magazine in the 90's, and in the 00's ASA launched the online presence of the magazine.

Amstat News Online has the full contents of the print magazine plus bonus content, and has the additional feature that readers can comment on the articles.

(2) ASA website

(<http://www.amstat.org>)

Originally created in the 90's, the website remains the number one place for fast-breaking news. When you visit, be sure to check out "Statisticians in the News" and other informative features.

(3) Significance website

(<http://www.significancemagazine.org/view/index.html>)

Significance magazine was launched in 2004, and the ASA joined the RSS in publishing it in 2010. While you can get access to the delightful content of Significance magazine through this website, the best feature is the additional content covering the world of statistics from a variety of lenses. New material is added almost daily. Look for a major update to this site soon.

(Speaking of the world of statistics, check out <http://worldofstatistics.org>, the successor to the International Year of Statistics.)

(4) The 175th anniversary blog
Throughout 2014, I will write about the activities of the ASA in the "ASA at 175" blog

(<http://www.amstat.org/asa175/blog/index.cfm>). A new blog appears roughly

every other day, and covers "all things ASA." Here you will find the most in-depth and behind the scenes coverage of the ASA.

Here's a bonus location for ASA information: Log in to ASA Members Only, then click on "My Volunteers Activities" then on "Informational Slides about the ASA." You'll find slide sets that explain important activities of your association. You are welcome to download them and share the information with others.

So, now you have four (or even five) great sources of information about the ASA. Have a specific question for which you can't find the answer? Then go to source #6, and write me at ron@amstat.org

UPDATES FROM THE COCGB CHAIR JOHN STEVENS

Since JSM 2013, the Council of Chapters Governing Board (COCGB) has been working to continue developing our chapters and build the profession through fostering member involvement in various activities using the local chapter structure. For this issue of *Chapter Chatter*, I'd like to briefly review some items of potential interest to our chapter officers. Based on feedback received from several chapters, and after discussions at JSM, last fall we revised the Council of Chapters Charter to allow more flexibility in the Chapter Representative position. The revised charter clarifies that annual report filing and JSM business meeting attendance can be delegated to other chapter officers (even to a temporary officer). We hope that this flexibility will lead to greater completion of annual reports and representation at our JSM business meetings. (Speaking of the Council of Chapters Charter, I'd like to make sure our chapter officers are also aware of the Chapter Officer Handbook and

Responsibilities and Procedures documents.)

In early March, the Council of Chapters Governing Board heard from members of the ASA Board of Directors about the following issues and opportunities that should interest many chapters:

Nat Schenker (2014 ASA President) asked for help in identifying struggling chapters that may benefit most from the ASA's Chapter Visitation Program. He also encouraged chapters to consider what they could do to reach out to (and involve) local, isolated statisticians, who have much to offer if given the opportunity.

David Morganstein (2015 ASA President) discussed using the chapter structure of the ASA to provide a natural mentoring of early-career statisticians (including, but not necessarily focusing on, the previously mentioned isolated statisticians). Chapter officers with related interest or expertise should contact David.

Ron Wasserstein (ASA Executive Director) encouraged chapters to be aware of the ASA 175th Anniversary,

and possibly use this to promote chapter activities.

Jeff Myers (ASA Public Relations Director) discussed possible resources for chapters, and chapter officers should feel free to contact Jeff regarding PR at the local level.

Looking ahead to JSM 2014, chapter officers (especially Chapter Representatives) can look forward to the following:

Council of Chapters Business Meeting and Breakfast (Tue. 8/5, 7-10 AM)

Chapter Officer Appreciation Reception and Workshop (Tue. 8/5, 4-6 PM)

More information will be sent out to chapter officers in early summer. There will also be a Council of Chapters Invited Panel during the Tue. 10:30-12:20 session, titled “Challenges and Opportunities for Statistics in the Next 25 Years”, so please encourage your chapter members to attend.

Finally, thank you so much to all of you chapter officers who do so much to keep your chapters active, organized, and vibrant for the statisticians in your area.

NEW GSTAT ACCREDITATION UNVEILED

Rick Peterson, ASA Continuing Education & Chapters and Sections Associate

The ASA recently announced the launch of a new level to its voluntary, individual statistician accreditation program.

Called Graduate Statistician or GStat, the newly unveiled accreditation is designed for individuals who have attained the education requirements for the Professional Statistician (PStat®) level, but do not yet possess the experience and expertise required for

that higher level. Eligibility requirements for GStat include ASA membership, attainment of an advanced degree in statistics—a master’s or doctorate—from an accredited university, and adherence to ASA’s Ethical Guidelines for Statistical Practice. Learn more in this ASA at 175 blog post or this ASA press release.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON COC TRAVELING COURSES

The Council of Chapters Traveling Courses provides low cost, local courses for ASA Chapters. The Council of Chapters sponsors this activity by covering speaker travel expenses, speaker honoraria, and course materials. Chapters in turn cover advertising, local arrangements including hotel and local travel and registration with \$25 for each attendee or \$500 minimum, whichever is larger, returned to the ASA. The Traveling Course committee is made up of at least one member of each of the six Chapter Districts and ASA staff liaisons. The Travel Course committee meets once a year at the JSM to review the current year course activities and discuss course offerings for the next calendar year. Committee members confirm/secure speakers resulting from

the JSM committee meeting as timely as possible.

Once the courses and speakers are confirmed, an announcement with the upcoming courses, course abstracts and applications are distributed via e-mail to all Chapters. This announcement is typically in the Fall with applications due back to ASA by the end of the year or January.

The Committee Chair, in consultation with ASA, awards courses to Chapters and works with the speakers and Chapters to select dates for each course. Each course is typically given more than once in one trip by the speaker. The courses are awarded according to geographical proximity to keep travel cost low, with special consideration given to smaller Chapters and Chapters that have not hosted a traveling course recently.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER OF ASA

By Alexandra L Hanlon, Vice-Chair, District 3

In June of 2011, James Joseph became the first student representative to the

Philadelphia Chapter of the ASA. He immediately sought new opportunities to

engage our student community by embracing free, online tools such as social media and online surveys. Early success inspired the chapter to use these tools to capture the attention of the larger statistical community. James is happy to share the Chapter's progress in hopes of better promoting statistics to increase its contribution to human welfare.

In early 2013, the Chapter's Facebook page was launched with the help of Kanishkan Variketta, a National Junior Honor Society volunteer and eighth grade student at Penndale Middle School. Kanishkan was inspired by the International Year of Statistics, which invited statisticians to celebrate the storied past of our science and its coming of age (the Information Age, that is). He used the scrolling timeline on the Philadelphia Chapter's Facebook page to chronicle milestones in the history of statistics that date all the way back to the year 1614!

Although interacting on social media like Facebook is the number one activity of online Americans, the Chapter is only beginning to learn about its audience in this way. Social media is an ideal vehicle for attracting other quantitatively-

oriented people into our professional society, especially students' most of whom would not otherwise have known about our field, our chapter, or what either can potentially offer them.

Conversely, social media allow us to learn more about current and prospective members: what they like and support, what they're looking for and expect from us, and what we can offer them. By continuing to promote material that is educational, informative, and up-to-date, we have gradually earned the eyes and ears of more than 400 fans and followers across Facebook and Twitter.

Our Chapter began to see the benefits of a growing social media presence last May while organizing our first annual career panel. We sought panelists by engaging local organizations via Twitter; we promoted our events directly to local students on Facebook to build our audience both on- and off-line; and we shared a recording of our high school event after offering live streaming coverage to members of the Philadelphia Area Statistics Teacher's Alliance.

In early January 2014, two additional motivated students joined James as

Student Representatives: Paige Fisher of Drexel University and Thao Nguyen of West Chester University. Their goal is to devise and implement a modern communication strategy for our chapter. Once a week, student representatives meet in an online conference room to review and revise the latest rendition of our social media strategy based on the

past weeks' performance, best practices, and good old' experimentation. Readers may follow our progress at our new blog, Statistically Speaking. Better yet, help energize our future by rallying alongside our extended community on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

ACTIVE YEAR FOR SYRACUSE CHAPTER OF ASA

By Trijya Singh, Syracuse Chapter Secretary

The 2013- 2014 academic year was a particularly active one for the Syracuse Chapter of the American Statistical Association. In November 2013, the chapter organized a panel discussion at Onondaga Community College on the topic. "Use of Technology in Teaching Statistics", as a continuation to last year's panel discussion titled, "Strategies and Challenges in the Teaching and Learning of Statistics" held at Le Moyne College. The panelists this year included Dr. Caitlin Cunningham (Le Moyne College), Dr. Trijya Singh (Le Moyne College), Dr. Melissa Smith (Cornell University) and Dr. Robin Lock (St. Lawrence

University). The event was well attended by educators from all over the central New York area.

In October 2013, the Syracuse ASA invited Dr. Dongliang Wang from SUNY Upstate Medical University to deliver a talk at SUNY-ESF. His talk was titled, "A Weighted Harrell-Davis Distance Test with Applications to Censored Data". The chapter annual meeting will be on April 22, 2014 at the Whitman School of Management (Syracuse University). After election of officers, Dr. Pooler-Eisenbies from SUNY-ESF will deliver a talk, "Bayesian hierarchical modeling of multi-site longitudinal data: A study of horseshoe crab spawning

activity in the Delaware Bay from 1999 to 2012". The meeting will be followed

by a social event at Panda West Restaurant.

GAISEing into the Statistics Common Core

By Stephanie Casey, Statistics Education Advisor, Ann Arbor Chapter of ASA

Stephanie Casey led the Ann Arbor Chapter of ASA efforts to provide professional development for inservice teachers in order to prepare them to teach the statistics standards of the Common Core State Standards. With chapter members: Andrew Ross, Brenda Gunderson, Karen Nielsen and



Mackenzie Fankell, as well as monetary support from the chapter, they successfully planned and carried out the 3-day seminar "GAISEing into the Statistics Common Core" for 32 grades 6-12 mathematics teachers from southeast Michigan June 16-28, 2013. The seminar was deemed a success by the participants as well as the

presenters. All of the participants who responded to the evaluation survey identified the seminar as excellent and a great learning experience. More than 80% of the respondents reported more confidence [agree/strongly agree] in their ability to do the statistical processes included in the standards addressed in the seminar.

Recent work has led to opportunities to share the chapter's efforts with the broader ASA community through an ASA education webinar and article in Amstat News. The seminar team is has also gone

on the road in 2014, leading



seminars for Kent County mathematics teachers, and is schedule to present seminars to teachers attending the Annual Conference of the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

WASHINGTON STATISTICAL SOCIETY (WSS)

By Phil Kalina, WSS Communications Officer

The Washington Statistical Society (WSS) held an award presentation and its annual dinner on June 25, 2013. Together with RTI International, WSS presented the Gertrude Cox award to Frauke Kreuter, Associate Professor at the University of Maryland, in recognition of her significant contributions to statistical practice. Dr. Kreuter delivered the keynote address, “Big Data in Survey Research - Analyzing Process Information (Paradata)” before an audience of about fifty. Later that afternoon, more than seventy-five members and guests enjoyed the annual dinner. Keith Rust presented President’s Awards to Darryl Creel, Dan Jacobs, and Dan Liao for their many years of outstanding service to WSS. To recognize and support area students for their statistics accomplishments, WSS presented the Curtis Jacobs Memorial Prize for Outstanding Statistics Project to Vince Kubala, Joey Watts, and Gunnar Arnesen (advised by Rolf Arnesen) of Huntingtown High School in Huntingtown, Maryland, for their proj

etc., “Testing Texas hold ‘em personalities,” and to Avani Mahesh (advised by Michael Font) of Chesapeake Math and IT Academy in Laurel, Maryland, for “My style my time my way – is there a relationship between learning style and time of day preference?” Awards were also presented to K-12 students who were



winners in the WSS Poster Competition and to outstanding statistics graduate students at area universities.

WSS selected the 1973 Exact Match Study as the 2013 winner of the Roger Herriot Award for Innovation in Federal Statistics. To recognize that historic interagency team effort, alumni of the Exact Match Study, subsequent users of the resulting data, and others attended a special session on September 17, 2013.



Fritz Scheuren of NORC at the University of Chicago was the chair. Michael Messner of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and others spoke. Jill Montaquila presented the Award Certificate to Bertram Ketzenbaum of the U.S. Social Security Administration, who explained how research into areas such as the relationship between marital status and disability claims is still facilitated by the 1973 work. WSS presented several seminars over the past several months including “Nonresponse Modeling in Repeated Independent Surveys in a Closed Stable Population—Did the Local Election Officials (LEOs) Roar in 2012?” by Tim Markham and Eric Falk of the Defense Manpower Data Center and “Unseasonal Seasonals?” by Jonathan Wright of Johns Hopkins University.

For the Morris Hansen Lecture on January 7, 2014, Stephen E. Fienberg, Ivan Fellegi, former Chief Statistician at Statistics Canada, and Robert Groves, Provost, Georgetown University presented “Envisioning the 2030 U.S. Census.”

Last month, J. Michael Brick of Westat and JPSM delivered the WSS

President’s Invited Lecture, “On Making

Inferences from Non-Probability Samples.”

Nancy A. Bates, Senior Researcher at the U.S.



Census

Bureau, chaired this event at the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

To learn more about the Washington Statistical Society, see <http://washstat.org/> , <http://meetup.com/WashStat/> , or <http://twitter.com/WashStat>. You can see our video recognizing ASA’s 175th Anniversary at <http://amstat.org/asa175/sendagreeting.cfm>.

ASA ANN ARBOR AND DETROIT CHAPTERS JUDGE 2014 SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN SCIENCE FAIR

By Karry Roberts, Detroit Chapter Secretary
Photos by Huiyong 'Thomas' Zheng, Ann Arbor Chapter

Continuing our long-standing annual tradition, the Ann Arbor and Detroit Chapters of the ASA met in Ann Arbor, Michigan as a Special Awards Judging Team on March 14, 2014 at the Southeast Michigan Science Fair. To encourage the use of statistics within the scientific method, we judge all science project posters at the fair focusing on the students' use of statistics.



This year our team of 11 judges included Anamaria Kazanis, John Gillespie, Huiyong (Thomas) Zheng, and Frank Murdock from the Ann Arbor Chapter, and Lance Heilbrun, Rob Kushler, Ellen Barnes, Bern DeBacker, Karry Roberts, Kathy Peterson and Bob

Peterson from the Detroit Chapter. Initially, we each took a zone and reviewed all posters therein, giving Certificates of Recognition for any basic use of statistics, and Certificates of Merit for more extensive use of statistics. We also gave copies of Significance magazine to several of the certificate recipients. After judging our individual zones, we then jointly reviewed the best posters found by each of us as potential candidates for our top awards. The winners received a statistical book and an Award of Excellence certificate signed by all of us. This year's Awards of Excellence were given for the following projects:

High School Division:

- "A preliminary to RNA Interference: Which genes can make up for IRFG deficiency to prevent Van der Woude syndrome?" by a team of two students, one from Huron High School and one from Pioneer High School.

Middle School Division:

- “Finding the ultimate tensile strength of different types of pasta” by a student from Clague Middle School.
- “Who has faster reflexes? Boys or girls?” by a student from St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School.
- “A Key to Understanding the Development of Learning and Memory: Homeschooled Goldfish” by a student from St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School. After reviewing a total of 287 science project posters in the high school and middle school categories combined, we gave 59 Certificates of Recognition, 4 Certificates of Merit, and 5 Awards of Excellence.

We enjoyed the opportunity to foster the use of statistics in our community



and to share an evening together with colleagues from both chapters.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Ottawa Chapter

Student Research Day in September
Public Event (Panel discussion) on Big Data (International Year of Statistics) in early November

Panelists at Big Data event: Dr. Khaled El Emam -Canada Research Chair in Electronic Health Information
Dr. Shirley Mills - Associate Professor School of Mathematics and Statistics, Carleton University
Dr. Jacomo Corbo John Lawford - Executive Director and

General Counsel, Public Interest Advocacy Centre
Kathryn Mills - Manager, Canada Border Services Agency.

Southern Ontario-Toronto

Organized:

- career event as part of our annual event
- student poster presentations and competitions

- a joint event with Buffalo-Niagara chapter.
- several business analytics seminars for industrial members on the following topics:
 - Title: Creating Business Value with Big Data: Winning with Analytics at Monster Worldwide
Speaker: Jean-Paul Isson - Monster Worldwide (January 24, 2013)
 - Title: Using Advanced Predictive Modelling and Pattern Recognition in Business Analytics
Speaker: Eric Cai - Predictum, Inc. (March 14, 2013)
 - Title: Using Data Analytics for Decision Support in the Emergency Department
Speaker: Ian Moore and Les Blackwell - MetricAid (April 25, 2013)
 - Title: The Power of the Latitude and Longitude: An Application of Spatial Techniques to Audience Measurement Data
Speaker: Derrick Gray and Ricardo Gomez-Insausti - BBM Canada (May 21, 2013)
 - Title: An introduction to Bayesian Networks to manage Operational Risk
Speaker: John Amrhein, M.Sc. P.Stat. (SSC) PStat® (ASA) (November 22, 2013)

We are setting up a website for SORA - Southern Ontario Regional Association - home for both the ASA chapter and the SSC chapter as well as a local group TABA - Toronto Area Biostatistics Association.

Albany Chapter

Held an after-work Social Hour in the spring at a local pub and was pleasantly surprised at how well attended it was, especially by younger professionals who were unfamiliar with the chapter. We ended up with increased interest in the chapter, as well as leads on presenters for the winter.

Syracuse Chapter

Mar 22 - Dr. Caitlin Cunningham, Department of Mathematics, Le Moyne College, Markov Chain Methods for Analyzing ChIP-Seq
 Oct 29 - Dr. Dongliang Wang, Assistant Professor of Public Health and Preventive Medicine at State University of NY UpState Medical University, A Weighted Harrell-Davis Distance Test with Applications to Censored Data
 Nov 13 - Panel Discussion on Use of Technology in Teaching Statistics Dr.

Caitlin Cunningham, Le Moyne College
Dr. Robin Lock, St. Lawrence University
Dr. Trijya Singh, Le Moyne College
Dr. Melissa Smith, Cornell University.

Montreal Chapter

Sponsored a «get together» in the spring of 2013 was attended by 50 persons. Our LinkedIn group of interest was inaugurated then. Some interaction was observed, but not much. How to generate interest with such a network? Or other types of websites?

After the get together we thought of organizing talks on subjects of common interest.

Philippe Nieuwbourg from Decideo.CA attracted only 5 persons on the subject of the applications of Big Data.

This winter, 2 talks are planned on the R graphic facilities and R-Studio which are of interest for our academic membership (and others).

We are organizing the talks in collaboration with better organized research groups on quantitative methodologies (CIQSS, GRIÉMÉtic) from the Université de Montréal.

Washington Statistical Society

For the second year in a row, the WSS co-sponsored a mini-conference preview/review that highlighted papers from the national AAPOR and JSM conferences. The conference has been very well attended and allowed people who could not travel to the conference due to tight federal budgets to attend and hear the research. In 2014, the WSS will co-sponsored a social event with DC-AAPOR that is tied to the annual FEDCASIC conference at the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C. Also, in 2013 WSS began a more aggressive student membership drive spearheaded by our new Student Representative who serves on the WSS Board. He made presentations to 4-5 math/statistics university departments around the DC area.

2014MAR26 - WSS President's Invited Lecture: 'On Making Inferences from Non-Probability Samples', Speaker: J. Michael Brick, Westat and JPSM, Chair: Nancy Bates, WSS President

2014JAN7 - 23rd Annual Morris Hansen Lecture: 'Envisioning the 2030 U.S. Census', Speaker: Stephen E. Fienberg, Discussants: Ivan Fellegi, former Chief Statistician, Statistics

Canada, and Robert Groves, Provost, Georgetown University.

2013NOV19 - Talk: 'Remarkable Robustness of Ordinary Least Squares in Randomized Clinical Trials', Speaker: David R. Judkins, Abt Associates, Chair: Dan Liao, WSS Methodology Section Chair.

2013NOV16 - Seminar: 'The 1973 Current Population Survey-Internal Revenue Service-Social Security Administration (CPS-IRS-SSA) Exact Match Study'.

Virginia Academy of Sciences Chapter

We had high school students enrolled in AP Statistics present their original research at our annual meeting

2013 Speaker: Chris Gennings, Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University

2014 Guest Speaker: Eric Vance, Assistant Professor, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

This year we are planning to create an award in the name and honor of Dayanand Naik (Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Old Dominion University), who passed away in the fall of 2012. Dr. Naik was a long-

time member and officer of the Virginia Academy of Sciences Chapter of the ASA.

Central Indiana Chapter

ASA traveling course by Brad Carlin. Topic: Bayesian Methods for Data Analysis, Meta-Analysis, and Adaptive Trials

Western Tennessee Chapter

10/25/13 Mehmet Kocak, UTHSC:

'Practical SAS Programming'

11/15/13 Mary J. Kwasny,

Northwestern:

'Future of Statistics'

1/24/14 Stanley Pounds, St. Jude

Children's Research Hospital:

'Bioinformatics and statistical genetics'

2/28/14 Gurcan Bicken, AutoZone:

'Lifetime value of customers'

3/28/14 Mehmet Mendes, Canakkale:

'BIG Data Analysis'

4/25/14 Thomas Nunnikhoven

International Paper: 'Statistical

Challenges in industry'

Seminars 1st quarter:

February 7, 2014 Speaker of the day:

Dr. Stanley Pounds of St. Jude

Children's Research Hospital.

Title: Excuse me, could you repeat that please?

March 06, 2014. Speaker of the day: Dr. Hongyuan Wang of AutoZone.

Title: Estimating Attrition Using Survival Analysis

Eastern Tennessee Chapter

Program with approximately 45 attendees, joint sponsorship event from the ASA Chapter, the Medical School Biomedical Department and a University Mathematics/Biology quantitative interest group. The central theme was to provide students and faculty in the sciences/mathematics and other interested professional individuals with exposure to research and employment possibilities not readily available in this geographic area.

The Chapter will likely plan a repeat event of the nature for later in 2014, as the joint sponsorship event is especially of interest to students in the various disciplines.

Mid Tennessee Chapter

The Kentucky Chapter held its spring 2013 meeting in Lexington. About 30 persons were in attendance. Following dinner and a brief business meeting,

Dongfeng Wu gave a presentation on her research. She is an associate professor in Biostatistics and Bioinformatics at the University of Louisville.

Kentucky Chapter

The Kentucky Chapter held its fall 2013 meeting in Louisville. About 20 persons were in attendance. Following dinner and a brief business meeting, Joe Bible and Yubing Wan gave presentations on their research. Mr. Bible and Mr. Wan are Ph.D. students in Biostatistics and Bioinformatics at the University of Louisville.

The Kentucky Chapter is tentatively planning to hold its spring 2014 meeting in Lexington.

Pittsburgh Chapter

Wrote article for local newspaper regarding activities of local statisticians, in recognition of the International Year of Statistics.

Cleveland Chapter

AP Statistics Review for students
Our annual spring conference last year was given by Marepalli Rao on "An Arboretum of Graphics." Our fall

workshop was on "Statistical Computing with R and Bioconductor" held jointly with the University of Akron.

Dayton Chapter

Cosponsored a Biostatistics symposium with Wright State University April 23, 2013.

Southwestern Michigan Chapter

Our membership social/outside speaker/business meeting on 4/3/2013 was covered in the May Chapter Chatter. After the event, we received one nomination each for the outgoing treasurer and secretary. These new officers are now listed as such on the ASA site. Many thanks to Rick Peterson for his help.

Ann Arbor Chapter

One and three day GAISEing into the Statistics Common Core Seminars, We have embraced the educational initiative at K-12 level: "GAISEing into the Common Core of Statistics" To that effect, we are sponsoring a series of seminars/workshops at state level to educate teachers on the teaching of statistics.

21JAN2014 – Anamaria Kazanis, President of the Ann Arbor Chapter of ASA hosted an informational booth at the 'Statistics Career Fair' held by the Department of Statistics of the University of Michigan. Fair was attended by students from the Departments of Statistics, Economics, Informatics, and the School of Business. Upon conversation with Ms. Kazanis, several students submitted new and other renewal membership applications to ASA.

The Ann Arbor Chapter of ASA and the Department of Statistics of the University of Michigan presented:
13FEB2014 - Josh Pasek: 'Big Data: Revolution or Meaningless Buzzword',



5DEC2013 – Walter W. Hill: 'Should Obama Have Won in a Landslide in

2008'



Detroit Chapter

Three presentations to AP Statistics students; and organizing of the Statistics component of a conference for K-12 math teachers.

JSM 2013 Conference: two attendees; one oral presentation.

Our four speakers and topics at our Chapter Meetings during 2013 were as follows:

1/15/13: Stephanie Casey, Ph.D., from the Department of Mathematics at Eastern Michigan University gave a presentation entitled: "Meeting the Needs of Future Teachers in your Statistics Class: Addressing Statistical Knowledge for Teaching".

2/12/13: Paul Traub, M.B.A., from the Detroit Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago gave a presentation entitled: "U.S. and Michigan Economic Outlook and Data".

10/8/13: Yazan Roumani, Ph.D., from the Department of Decision and Information Sciences in the School of Business Administration at Oakland University gave a presentation entitled: "Modeling Patient Flow in a Network of Intensive Care Units (ICUs)".

11/13/12: Vasily V. Krivtsov, Ph.D., from the Department of Reliability Engineering, Risk Analysis and Applied Statistics at Ford Motor Company gave a presentation entitled: "Reliability Analysis of "Sibling" Components". All 4 of our Chapter meetings in 2013 were webcast using Elluminate software, with 1 of the 4 speakers presenting remotely.

New Jersey Chapter

The Chapter created a Virtual Summer Internship for AP Statistics students. This was a pilot program which we will expand in 2014.

The New Jersey Chapter of the ASA and Bayer Pharmaceuticals co-sponsored a benefit/risk workshop at Bayer I November 2013. Nearly 100 attendees heard informative talks about FDA's current plans for incorporation of a structural approach to benefit-risk in its review process and pragmatic

considerations for endpoint selection and display in cardiovascular benefit-risk assessment by Bennett Levitan. They also heard a case study using BRAT framework and quantitative methods for benefit-risk assessment by Christoph Dierig, and examining benefit and risk simultaneously at the individual patient level by Christy Chuand-Stein. The speakers and Gary Koch addressed questions from the audience during the panel discussion.

Please visit the chapter website:
<http://www.amstat.org/chapters/newjersey/>

Princeton-Trenton Chapter

Members of our Chapter serve as Reviewers of the NJ Science Fair. In October, Dr Fanhui Kong from CDER, FDA gave a talk, on: "Testing Treatment Effect in Schizophrenia Trials with Heavy Patient Dropout"

Chapter also held a picnic in October at a local municipal park and invited family members.

Chicago Chapter

Two awards were given and 10 monthly newsletters sent.

The chapter sponsored ICHPS (International Conference on Health Policy Statistics).

Statistician of the Year Award: Larry V Hedges, Northwestern University.
Statistical Advocate of the Year: Roger W Hoerl, Union College, formerly General Electric.

Kansas-Western Missouri Chapter

Spring chapter Meeting Speaker: Professor Hui Zou in the School of Statistics at University of Minnesota
Presentation: Variable Screening and the Kolmogorov Filter.

ASA Council of Chapters Short Course presented by: Richard De Veaux
Presentation: Successful Data Mining in Practice

October Chapter Meeting Speaker: Richard De Veaux
Presentation: Data Mining Methods Applied to Sports Data
Dr De Veaux gave on the best short courses that I have ever seen.

Colorado-Wyoming Chapter

Submitted application for ASA Traveling Course on logistic regression
Chapter meetings with speakers were held at NCAR in Boulder (April) and the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora

(October). For each meeting, about 8-12 speakers from local institutions gave presentations related to their research; talks were both methodological and applied in nature. There were roughly 40-50 in attendance for these meetings. We also provided judges for the state level science fair for middle and high school students at CSU.

Iowa Chapter

Student poster session at our annual chapter meeting in November

Northeastern Illinois Chapter

Full-Day Workshop – May 2013: Bran Carlin – “Bayesian Methods for Data Analysis, Meta-Analysis, and Adaptive Clinical Trials” (ASA Travelling Course)
Full-Day Workshop, Tuesday, October 2013 • Dr. Ajit Tamhane of Northwestern University – “Allocating Recycled Significance Levels in Group Sequential Procedures for Multiple Endpoints”
• Dr. Cyrus Mehta of Harvard University – “Population Enrichment Designs for Molecularly Targeted Therapies in Oncology”
• Dr. Charles Liu of Cytel Inc – “New Methods and Developments in Innovative Trial Designs using EAST” •

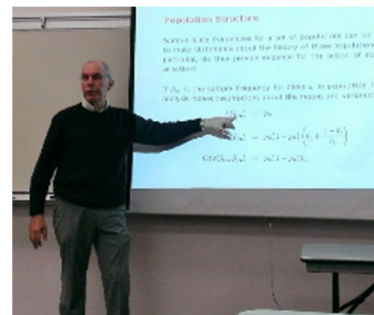
Dr. Erik Nordheim of the University Of Wisconsin at Madison “What Makes a Good Statistical Consultant”

Central Arkansas Chapter

On November 22nd, 2013, we invited Dr Shaoyu Li from St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital to give us a talk on the topic about gene-gene interaction.

Puget Sound Chapter

Bruce Weir, Chair of the Dept. of Biostatistics at the University of Washington, presenting at our Puget Sound Chapter meeting



Oregon Chapter

Oregon State and Portland Chapter
The Department of Statistics at Oregon State University hosted ASA President Marie Davidian in October 2013 to celebrate the International Year of Statistics. Davidian gave a seminar titled ‘The Right Treatment for the Right Patient (at the Right Time)’. It was attended by close to 100 students,

faculty, and the public, and followed by a reception. Davidian also spoke at the Oregon State Chapter of the ASA and gave the same seminar to the Portland Chapter. The celebration brought

together three ASA presidents: Peter (Tony) Lachenbruch, Davidian and Sastry Pantula, as Lachenbruch and Pantula now live in Corvallis, Oregon.

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