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## Message from the Incoming Section Chair

Karol Krotki



Happy New Year to all SRMS members and welcome to the start of another exciting year in the field of survey research. I am honored to be the SRMS incoming chair and will dedicate my efforts in 2018 to growing and strengthening the SRMS.

First, I would like to thank outgoing members of the Council for all their good work during the past year. As you know, these are volunteer positions that require considerable time, effort, and dedication. Fortunately, we have Section members who are willing to carry this extra load. Some heartfelt thanks.

Next, I welcome the Council members for 2018 both those who served last year and those who are joining. I think we have a solid team that will work diligently to take

care of SRMS business throughout the year and will be responsive to members' needs and suggestions.

The highlight of the year will be the 2018 JSM in Vancouver, Canada on 28 July – 2 August. SRMS will be prominent on the program with various invited sessions, topic contributed sessions, contributed sessions, poster session, and roundtables. As members of SRMS, please consider participating formally in this conference as session organizers, presenters, chairs, and discussants. Also, it is a great opportunity to network with fellow statisticians, renew old acquaintances, and make new relationships. We hope to see many of you at the evening SRMS business/social meeting.

Another highlight of the year will be BigSurv18 “Big Data Meets Survey Science” (Barcelona, 25-27 October). This will surely be of great interest to SRMS member given the focus on how new methods can be used in the survey research field to address the challenges we are currently facing. SRMS will be co-sponsoring this conference.

We plan to offer several webinars of interest to SRMS membership and we also remind members of our long-running tradition of sponsoring student travel, paper, and poster awards for JSM as well as the Edward C. Bryant scholarship for an outstanding graduate student in survey research.

Please contact me at [kkrotki@rti.org](mailto:kkrotki@rti.org) if you have any suggestions for this year.

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## Report from the Outgoing Chair

Elaine Zanutto



Happy New Year, SRMS members! It has been a privilege to serve as chair of the Survey Research Methods Section for 2017. Many people contribute to section activities, and I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize our section's achievements and some of the people who made it all possible.

Of course, one of our highlights was the Joint Statistical Meetings in Baltimore. Program Chair Tom Krenzke and Program Chair Elect Stas Kolenikov put together an excellent program with SRMS sponsoring 10 invited sessions, 13 topic contributed sessions, and 12 regular contributed sessions. We also gave out 3 student travel awards, 6 poster/speed-poster awards, 5 student paper awards (jointly with GSS and SSS), and were a Silver Sponsor of the JSM Diversity Mentoring Program. We thank Westat, RTI, and Marketing Systems Group for helping to support our travel and poster awards.

We congratulate our members who were recognized for special achievements: Seven section members were named ASA fellows in 2017: Trent Buskirk, Joe Fred Gonzalez, Thomas Krenzke, Christian Leger, Jennifer Parker, Katherine Thompson, and Daniell Toth. Donald Rubin was awarded the 2017 Waksberg Award for Statistical Contributions to Survey Methodology and the 2017 Rao Prize for Outstanding Research in Statistics. Rod Little and Don Rubin were awarded the 2017 Karl Pearson Prize for the book *Statistical Analysis with Missing Data*. Jon Rao was awarded the 2017 (first) Award for Outstanding Contribution to Small Area Estimation. Wayne Fuller was awarded the 2017 Samuel S. Wilks Award recognizing outstanding contributions to statistics. ASA Founders awards were given to Wendy Martinez, Nick Horton, and John Eltinge. Peter Miller was awarded the 2017 AAPOR Award for Exceptionally Distinguished Achievement Lifetime Achievement Award. Don Dillman, Jolene Smyth and colleagues were awarded the 2017 Warren J. Mitofsky Innovators Award from AAPOR.

I want to acknowledge the members of the SRMS Executive Committee who kept the section running in 2017. Treasurer Steven Pedlow paid bills, kept careful track of finances, and prepared the 2018 budget. Secretary Rachel Caspar kept careful minutes of the committee meetings. Publication Officer Tony An announced our section activities in the Amstat News and online. Education Officer Rebecca Andridge helped to organize our webinars: David Haziza presented on unequal probability, high entropy, and balanced sampling designs. Council of Sections Representatives Julia Soulakova and Howard Hogan attended Council of Section meetings, serving as intermediaries between SRMS and the larger ASA. Past Chair Michael Larsen provided

help and advice, making my term easier, and Chair-Elect Karol Krotki is working on a number of issues for 2018 to ensure another smooth transition. I also want to thank Rick Peterson, the ASA staff liaison who has helped me and others throughout 2017 with various critical day-to-day details. Finally, I want to acknowledge other section members who are not formal section officers but who rather volunteer their time year after year to help SRMS. Pushpal Mukhopadhyay kept the Section website (<http://ww2.amstat.org/sections/srms/>) up to date and oversees the publishing of the SRMS JSM proceedings online. Dan Liao and Elizabeth Petraglia publish the newsletter, an important but time-consuming task. Ruth Ann Killion, Jill Dever, Jay Breidt, and Mary Gray make up the SRMS ASA Fellows Committee, facilitating applications for SRMS members to become ASA fellows.

Thanks also to everyone for participating in section activities and contributing to our community. Hope to see everyone at JSM 2018 in Vancouver!

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## JSM 2018

Stas Kolenikov



At the time when the section members will receive this newsletter, submission is going to be underway for JSM 2018 for contributed papers and posters, topic contributed sessions and panels, as well as for breakfast and lunch round tables. I would encourage all members to submit their most interesting piece of work from the last year or so to be presented at the conference. Submission deadline is February 1, 2018; please plan ahead and submit earlier than the deadline, as the website tends to get heavily loaded. The organizers of topic contributed sessions must have all of the abstract submissions in place and submit the session proposal, by January 11, 2018.

So far, the section has put four invited sessions on the program:

- Statistical Analysis of Linked Data (panel; Sunday 7/29 4pm);
- Administrative Records for Survey Methodology and Evidence Building (panel; Monday 7/30 10:30am);
- Improving Survey Data Quality with Machine Learning Techniques (Tuesday 7/31 2pm);
- Inference with clustered data: lessons from multiple disciplines (Wednesday 8/1 8:30am).

More invited sessions will be added that SRMS will be a co-sponsor on, as the invited program is linked together in February 2018.

With sadness, I would also like to bring up two memorial sessions that may be of interest to the section members:

- Remembering Stephen E. Fienberg (Sunday 7/29, 4pm)
- In memoriam: Alastair Scott — Invited Panel (Thursday 8/2, 8:30 am)

Please attend these and share your memories of working with these giants of statistical thought.

See you at JSM 2018 in Vancouver!

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## Nominate Deserving Fellows

SRMS Fellows Committee

Each year the ASA selects up to 62 members to be honored as Fellows. We believe there are more SRMS members who are deserving of this recognition. Everyone is encouraged to identify friends and co-workers who would be strong candidates. Anyone can be nominated by getting the application from <https://www.amstat.org/fellows/nominations/index.cfm?>. The deadline for applications is 3:00 AM EST, March 2, 2018.

The role of the SRMS Fellows Committee is to help facilitate this process by identifying worthy candidates and finding people to spearhead their nomination. The committee members are Mary Gray, Jay Breidt, Jill Dever, and Ruth Ann Killion. To be eligible, a candidate must have been a member of the ASA for the most recent 3 years (as of March 2, 2018). Deserving candidates have been active professionally, whether through publications, involvement in the ASA, or other activities. More details can be found at <http://www.amstat.org/ASA/Your-Career/Awards/ASA-Fellows.aspx>

If you have a suggestion on who should be nominated, or are willing to help nominate someone but have questions about how to proceed, please feel free to contact any committee member.

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## JSM 2017: An Invited Session in Honor of Jim Lepkowski's Retirement

Michael Elliott, University of Michigan

Jim Lepkowski, Professor of Biostatistics at UM School of Public Health and Research Professor of Survey Methodology at the Institute for Social Research, is easing into retirement after 40 years of service to survey statistics. In celebration of his contributions to the field, an invited session featuring his PhD students was organized at the 2017 Joint Statistical Meetings in Baltimore, MD.

Michael Elliott, session organizer, detailed some of Jim's achievements: his key textbooks in survey methods; his ASA Fellow, ISI elected member, and AAPOR innovator awards; and his leadership in National Academy of Sciences and Institute of Medicine panels and other national survey statistics advisory boards, and for the SRMS and ASA. We also learned that Jim had a short side career as a survey research musician (ask him about "The Low-down Survey Sampler's Blues").



*Jim Lepkowski at the podium, with Mahmoud Elkasabi (left) and Raphael Nishimura (right) in the foreground.  
(Photo credit: Trivellore Raghunathan)*

But one of Jim's most lasting contributions to the field is found through the many, many students he has nurtured over the decades, four of whom spoke at the session. Mahmoud Elkasabi (ICF) spoke directly to Jim's teaching, discussing how important the Sampling Program for Survey Statisticians has been for strengthening survey statistics in developing countries, with positive impacts not only the these nations but for the more than 1,000 participants since 1961. Raphael Nishimura (Abt Associates) spoke about a reintroducing substitution as a legitimate method to

deal with non-ignorable nonresponse using a novel implementation of a pattern-mixture model. Dawei Xie (University of Pennsylvania) spoke about extensions of her thesis research that used data from multiple surveys to improve small area estimates, where a key calibration measure (phone type [landline, cell, none] of household) had to be estimated. Finally, Matt Jans (Abt Associates) focused on interviewer effects related to race, finding that questions not directly race to race (self-rated health) and even biomarkers (blood pressure) had strong interviewer effects correlated with the race of the interviewer vis-à-vis the respondent. The session was lively and well attended, and I'm sure I join all of his SRMS colleagues in wishing him well in what I call "ISR retirement". (He's still working hard here at the Survey Methodology Program.)



*Left to right: Dawei Xi, Raphael Nishimura, Alicia Lepkowski, Jim Lepkowski, Matt Jans, Mahmoud Elkasabi, and Michael Elliott. (Photo credit: Trivellore Raghunathan)*

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## JSM 2017 Award Winners

Stas Kolenikov

JSM 2017 was a strong conference for SRMS. In the technical program, we had 10 invited sessions, 1 invited panel, 13 topic contributed sessions, 1 topic contributed panel, 12 contributed paper sessions, participated in one invited and two contributed poster sessions. We had one dedicated SPEED oral session, with a half-session interactive poster follow-up. We offered two roundtables and 3 continuing education short courses.

At the business meeting, we congratulated winners of the multiple awards that the section gives.

### **Student Travel Awards**

Each year SRMS makes awards to students to cover part of the costs of attending JSM. A panel appointed by the SRMS Executive Committee selects the recipients based on the submitted materials. The panel consisted of Michael P. Cohen, Rachel Caspar, Pushpal Mukophadhyay, and Steven Pedlow for the 2017 awards. The recipients of the 2017 JSM Student Travel Awards were:

- Michael Matthews, Ohio State University;
- Sepideh Mosaferi, Joint Program in Survey Methodology (JPSM) at the University of Maryland
- Struther Van Horn, Kent State University.



*Left to right: SRMS treasurer Steven Pedlow, SRMS Student Travel Award winner Michael Matthews, and SRMS 2017 chair Elaine Zanutto. (Photo credit: Tom Krenzke)*

## Student Paper Awards

As we have been doing for many years, SRMS joined resources with Government Statistics Section and Social Statistics Section to select the five best student papers. The 2017 awardees are shown in bold below. The papers were judged by an awards committee consisting of the Program Chairs-Elect of each of the three sections: Gina Walejko (Census Bureau) for GSS, Asaph Young Chun (Census Bureau) for SSS, and Stas Kolenikov (Abt Associates) for SRMS.

- A Joint Spatial Factor Analysis Model to Accommodate Data from Misaligned Nested Areal Units with Application to Louisiana Social Vulnerability — **Rachel Nethery, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**; Dale P. Sandler, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Shanshan Zhao, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Lawrence S. Engel, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Richard K. Kwok, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
- A Robust Interrupted Time Series Model for Analyzing Complex Healthcare Intervention Data — **Maricela Cruz, University of California, Irvine**; Hernando Ombao, KAUST and UC Irvine ; Miriam Bender, University of California, Irvine
- Stable Balancing Weights for Marginal Structural Models — **María de los Angeles Resa Juárez, Columbia University**; José R. Zubizarreta, Columbia University
- Checking Validity of Constrained Survey Estimators — **Cristian Oliva, Colorado State University**; Mary Meyer, Colorado State University; Jean Opsomer, Colorado State University
- Comparative Study of Differentially Private Data Synthesis Methods — **Claire McKay Bowen, University of Notre Dame**; Fang Liu, University of Notre Dame



*Left to right: SRMS 2017 JSM Program Chair-Elect Stas Kolenikov, SRMS Student Paper Award winners Maricela Cruz, Claire Bowen, Rachel Nethery, María de los Angeles Resa Juárez, and Cristian Oliva. (Photo credit: Asaph Young Chun)*

## **Poster Award Competitions**

At the conference, we held a poster competition among the poster presenters. The winners in the traditional poster category are:

- Challenges in Linking Demographic Data at Different Geographic Levels — Edward Mulrow, Rebecca Curtis, Ned English, Yongheng Lin, Ilana Ventura, NORC at the University of Chicago
- Sample Design and Weighting for Estimating a Dose-Response Curve — Sharon Lohr, Westat; Pamela Broene, Westat; Eric Jodts, Westat

The winners in the SPEED poster session category, based on both the five minute oral presentation and the interactive poster component, are:

- The Heckman Selection Model with Complex Survey Data — Michael Machiorlatti, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; Sixia Chen; Dr. Sara Vesely, The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
- Imputation as unifying framework for inferences from nonrandom samples. — Vladislav Beresovsky, National Center for Health Statistics
- Comparing Alternative Methods for the Random Selection of a Respondent Within a Household for Online Surveys — Geneviève Vézina, Statistics Canada; Pierre Caron, Statistics Canada
- Highly Robust Multiple Imputation Models Using BART — Michael R. Elliott, University of Michigan; Vincent Tan, University of Michigan; Carol Flannagan, University of Michigan



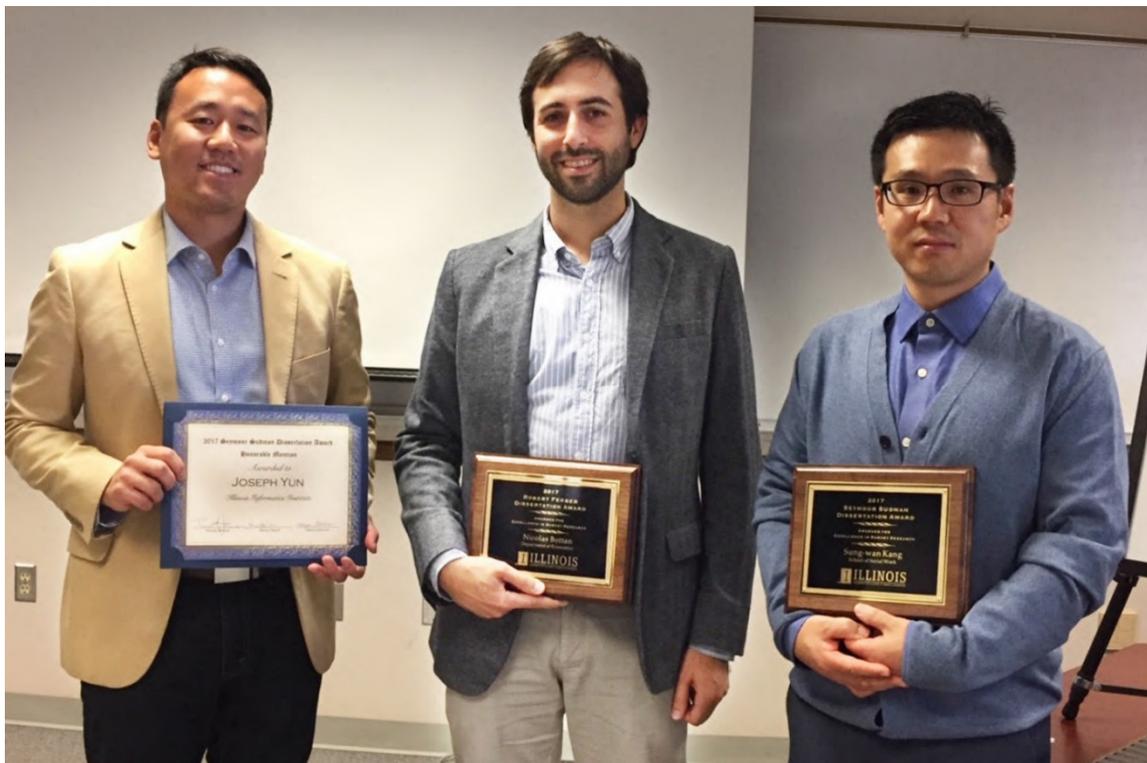
*Left to right: SRMS SPEED Poster Award winner Michael Elliott and Stas Kolenikov*

The section would like to thank the poster competition judges: Karol Krotki (RTI), Semhar Michael (South Dakota State University), Melinda Hess (Gallaudet University), Hanzhi Zhou (Mathematica MPR), Yves Thibaudeau (Census), Jenny Thompson (Census), Dan Liao (RTI), Diba Khan (CDC), Tom Krenzke (Westat).

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## 16th Annual Robert Ferber and Seymour Sudman Dissertation Awards

During a ceremony at the Survey Research Laboratory on the Urbana campus, three doctoral students were honored for the quality of their work utilizing survey research methodology. The two winners of the 2017 Robert Ferber and Seymour Sudman Dissertation Awards received \$2000 awards and plaques commemorating their achievement. One other student received an honorable mention certificate and \$200. Drs. Ferber and Sudman, in whose memory the awards were established, were eminent scholars at the University of Illinois in the field of survey research.



*Left to right: Joseph Yun, Nicolas Bottan, and Sung-wan Kang.*

**Nicolas Bottan**, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Economics, is the winner of the Robert Ferber Dissertation Award. His advisor is Dan Bernhardt and his dissertation— *Choosing Your Pond: Revealed-Preference Estimates of Relative Income Concerns*—investigates whether individuals care more—or less—about their absolute consumption levels vis-à-vis their relative consumption (i.e., how much they consume relative to other individuals). The research shows that, holding absolute consumption constant, the average individual prefers higher relative consumption (i.e., they have preferences for being relatively richer than others).

**Sung-wan Kang**, a Ph.D. candidate in the School of Social Work, is the winner of the Seymour Sudman Dissertation Award. His advisor is Min Zhan and his dissertation— *The Influence of Cognitive Impairment on Health Behaviors among Older Adults: The Moderating Role of Living Arrangements*—seeks to understand the extent to which cognitive impairment in older adults influences their engagement in health behaviors and whether or not this relationship differs by living arrangements. Understanding how cognition of older adults influences the engagement in physical activity, smoking and drinking status, and use of preventive health services could provide important implications for health promotion and disease prevention for cognitively impaired older adults.

**Joseph Yun**, a Ph.D. candidate in the Illinois Informatics Institute received the Seymour Sudman Honorable Mention. His advisor is Brittany Duff and his dissertation is entitled *Analyzing the Boundaries of Balance Theory in Evaluating Cause-Related Marketing Compatibility*.

Past winners of the Dissertation Awards can be viewed at:

<http://www.srl.uic.edu/ferbersudman/recipients.htm>.

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## Now Accepting Applications for Edward C. Bryant Scholarship

Applications for the Edward C. Bryant Scholarship are now being accepted. Each year, an outstanding graduate student in survey statistics is awarded the Edward C. Bryant Scholarship to help support the student's graduate education. The application deadline for the 2018 award is March 1, 2018. The award will be presented at the 2018 Joint Statistical Meetings.

Westat established the Edward C. Bryant Scholarship Trust Fund in 1995 to honor its cofounder and chair emeritus. Under Bryant's leadership, Westat, an employee-owned statistical firm established in 1961, has grown into what is now one of the world's leading statistical research corporations serving federal, state, and local governments, as well as businesses and foundations.

Graduate students in survey statistics are encouraged to apply for the scholarship. For more information, including application instructions, see <http://www.amstat.org/ASA/Your-Career/Awards/Edward-C-Bryant-Scholarship-for-an-Outstanding-Graduate-Student-in-Survey-Statistics.aspx>

Congratulations to Hejian Sang, Iowa State University, for winning the 2017 Edward C. Bryant Scholarship for an excellent academic record and contributions to survey statistics.

Jill DeMatteis, Westat  
Chair, Edward C. Bryant Scholarship Committee

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## DC-AAPOR JOS Adaptive Design Workshop

**Wednesday March 14, 2018**

**Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center, Washington DC**

**Sponsors:** Westat, American Institutes for Research, ASA Survey Research Methods Section, Social Statistics Section, Government Statistics Section

Responsive and adaptive survey designs have developed in reaction to a rapidly changing survey environment that increasingly requires flexible designs that often leverage multiple modes, rely on multiple data sources, and optimize cost-quality tradeoffs over the survey life cycle. In principle, responsive and adaptive designs involve the use of auxiliary data to inform the application of design features/interventions, the monitoring of explicit quality and cost metrics, and the optimization of quality-cost tradeoffs.

The primary goal of the workshop is to address questions such as:

- Which approaches can be used to guide the development of cost and quality metrics and their use over the survey life cycle?
- Which methods are able to identify phase boundaries or stopping rules that optimize responsive designs?
- What are best practices for implementing core principles of adaptive design?

The workshop is based on the Special Issue of Journal of Official Statistics on Responsive and Adaptive Design, published in September 2017. The Special Issue of JOS, edited by Dr. Asaph Young Chun, Dr. Barry Schouten and Dr. James Wagner, focuses on the most up-to-date theory and best practices of responsive and adaptive designs. Authors and editors will discuss findings from the articles and present up-to-date research on strengths and limitations of responsive and adaptive design in complex surveys and censuses.

### **Who should attend?**

Anyone interested in learning more about the current state of adaptive and responsive design methodologies. Attendees in the workshop will learn about formalized rules of adaptive design for adaptation to their own survey context. Attendees will also learn about the impact of responsive and adaptive designs on the quality of survey estimates in both household and establishment contexts. Each presentation in the Workshop provides a good amount of time for attendees to ask questions and engage in discussion. Attendees will receive a copy of the JOS Special Issue.

**Registration and schedule:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/journal-of-official-statistics-and-dc-aapor-15893401447>

**For more information,** contact Douglas Williams at [douglaswilliams@westat.com](mailto:douglaswilliams@westat.com).

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## Responsive Survey Design Research Education Program: 2018 Short Courses

James Wagner and Brady West

The Responsive Survey Design (RSD) Research Education Program is excited to announce its 2018 short course line up!

Following up on the success of last year's inaugural RSD Program short courses, as part of the University of Michigan Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques, the program has expanded its list of short course offerings to include the following in Summer 2018:

- Survey Methodology for Randomized Controlled Trials, with Mick Couper (New!)
- Getting SMART: The Construction of Optimal Adaptive Interventions, with Danny Almirall (New!)
- Two-Phase Sample Designs in an RSD Framework, with James Wagner (New!)
- Implementing, Managing, and Analyzing Interventions in an RSD Framework, with Brady West and Mark Trappmann (New!)
- Implementation of RSD at the U.S. Census Bureau, with Peter Miller (New!)
- Developing RSD Dashboards for Active Monitoring, with Frost Hubbard and Francois Laflamme (New!)
- Alternative Indicators for Maximizing Data Quality, with Natalie Shlomo and Barry Schouten (New!)
- RSD for Web Surveys, with Andy Peytchev and Bill Axinn (New!)
- RSD Concepts, with James Wagner, Frauke Kreuter and Andy Peytchev
- RSD Case Studies, with Brady West, Barry Schouten, Francois Laflamme, and Bill Axinn
- RSD Management, with Heidi Guyer, Nicole Kirgis, and Bill Axinn

In addition to offering the eight new short courses above, led by internationally renowned faculty, the RSD program is offering course tracks for specific research objectives and areas of interest by suggesting specific sequences of RSD program short courses. These suggested tracks include:

- Introductory Sequence (Concepts and Case Studies)
- Management Sequence (Concepts, Case Studies, Dashboards, and Management)
- Methodological Sequence (Web Surveys, Dashboards or Indicators, Getting SMART, Two-Phase RSD, Interventions, and the U.S. Census Bureau)
- RCT/Small-Scale Sequence (RCT, Concepts, Web Surveys, Dashboards, and Getting SMART)

These 11 courses are scheduled to take place from June 18<sup>th</sup> – June 29<sup>th</sup> at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer Institute at the University of Michigan. Please visit the RSD Program [website](http://rsdprogram.si.isr.umich.edu) (rsdprogram.si.isr.umich.edu) or the Summer Institute's [website](http://si.isr.umich.edu) (si.isr.umich.edu) for more information.

Unable to attend in person in Ann Arbor? No worries, we have you covered! All short courses can be taken remotely with our state-of-the-art video conferencing system and interactive RSD program website.

Also, the discussion doesn't stop when the courses are over. All year round, the RSD program offers an interactive website with features such as "Ask an Expert", a RSD Virtual Journal Club and public discussion forums. Please visit the RSD Program [website](http://rsdprogram.si.isr.umich.edu) (rsdprogram.si.isr.umich.edu) for more information, or email [rsdprogram@umich.edu](mailto:rsdprogram@umich.edu).

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## SRMS Newsletter Submission Guidelines

Dan Liao and Elizabeth Petraglia

The SRMS newsletter is published twice a year in mid-January and in mid-July, typically posted on the SRMS website (<http://ww2.amstat.org/sections/srms/newsletter.html>) and shared on ASA Connect. All the SRMS members are welcome to submit items that may be of interest to other SRMS members for publication in the newsletter.

The deadline for submissions to the July newsletter is **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Any submissions received after the deadline may not be accepted.

The SRMS newsletter could include:

- JSM-related materials;
- Announcements of upcoming conferences, seminars, webinars, or short courses (taking place after the newsletter's publication date);
- Summaries of recent events or awards involving SRMS members (pictures always appreciated!).

Other types of submissions are also welcome! All submissions are subject to review by the newsletter editors and by the SRMS Executive Committee, and may be edited for length and/or clarity.

Please email any submissions to Dan Liao ([dliao@rti.org](mailto:dliao@rti.org)) and Elizabeth Petraglia ([elizabethpetraglia@westat.com](mailto:elizabethpetraglia@westat.com)), either in the body of an email or in a Microsoft Word attachment. We cannot accept PDFs.

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## Your SRMS Officers

Chair: Karol Krotki

Chair-Elect: Kennon Copeland

Past-Chair: Elaine Zanutto

Treasurer: Steven Pedlow

Secretary: Safaa Amer

2018 JSM Program Chair: Stas Kolenikov

2018 JSM Program Chair-Elect: Asaph Young Chun

Publications Officer: Tony An

Education Officer: Rebecca Andridge

Section Representatives: Julia Soulakova, Jamie Ridenhour

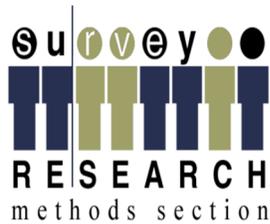
ASA Staff Liason: Rick Peterson

More information can be found at

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

Newsletter Editors: Dan Liao and Elizabeth Petraglia

Website Editor: Pushpal Mukophadhyay



## SRMS Mission Statement

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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