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Message from the Incoming Section Chair

Brady T. West



I am thrilled to be taking over for Jean Opsomer as the chair of SRMS. I have truly enjoyed working with Ken, Morgan, Tony, and Jean since initially serving as program chair elect and then program chair, and learning the SRMS ropes from all of these wonderful folks. SRMS is currently thriving financially and professionally, and I hope to maintain these positive traits of the section moving forward.

Following a long line of excellent SRMS section chairs, I hope to spend the next year continuing to serve SRMS and prioritizing the needs of our membership. In particular, I hope to work with our new student representatives to raise awareness of the benefits of SRMS membership, not just for our student members but for all members in general. As an example of one of these many benefits, SRMS members now have free access to past AAPOR webinars, and can simply access them by setting up an AAPOR account (if one does not already exist). In my dual role as AAPOR conference chair and SRMS chair this year, I hope to continue establishing ties between our associations and leveraging the best that each has to offer for our members. Free access to these webinars is just one example of the rich set of resources that both associations can draw upon for the benefit of SRMS members.

I'm also looking forward to working with our 2023 program chair, Andreea Erciulescu, to maintain the high-quality contributions of SRMS to the overall JSM program. I enjoyed seeing everyone face-to-face at the 2022 JSM business meeting, and I hope to maintain that high level of community while also assisting Andreea with the creation of a top-notch program. We are also welcoming suggestions for new ASA Fellows from SRMS in the coming year!

I also want to raise the section's awareness of the many resources that are available on the underappreciated [SRMS website](https://community.amstat.org/surveyresearchmethodssection) (<https://community.amstat.org/surveyresearchmethodssection>), which has been dutifully maintained for many years by our new program chair elect Pushpal Mukhopadhyay. We now have access to all prior years of [SRMS Proceedings](http://www.asasrms.org) (<http://www.asasrms.org>), and members can find many other resources at the section website. I would strongly encourage all members to check it out soon!

Finally, a call to action: if you ever have any ideas for new events that the section could sponsor, or webinar ideas, or feedback on the available member benefits (listed at the website above!), please do not hesitate to reach out. I strongly encourage all section members to stay in touch with me and let me know if you have any suggestions at all regarding section operations. I will do my best to be of service, and I thank all members for this leadership opportunity.

I wish everyone the best for a happy and healthy 2023, and I look forward to working with you!

Message from the Outgoing Section Chair

Jean Opsomer



By the time you read this Newsletter, my term as SRMS Chair will have ended and Brady West will have stepped into the position. I want to thank the SRMS membership for giving me the opportunity to volunteer for our section in this capacity, and I look forward to helping Brady and the rest of the Executive Committee in the role of Past-Chair in 2023.

2022 was a good year overall for SRMS. We had a successful JSM *in person(!)* in Washington, DC in August, with a full and interesting scientific program, a fun reception for SRMS members (AKA “SRMS business meeting”), and many opportunities to reconnect with colleagues from academia, industry and government. I came home from the conference with a mild case of covid, so to all of you who were being more careful than me and wearing masks at the JSM, I want to say: “you were right!”

In addition to the JSM, the SRMS Executive Committee pursued many other activities on behalf of our membership. On the education side, we held two SRMS webinars and finalized free access for our members to past AAPOR seminars (see Brady’s “Incoming Chair” message in this Newsletter for details on the latter). We continued our tradition of co-sponsoring specialized conferences of interest to our members, including the upcoming BigSurv 2023, which will be held in Quito, Ecuador next October. We provided financial support to attend the JSM through student travel awards and paper competitions. We stayed in touch with you, the SRMS community, through our biannual Newsletter, AmstatNews articles, social media accounts and SRMS website (<https://community.amstat.org/surveyresearchmethodssection/home>). Finally, we provide access to crucial survey-related scientific information through your free member subscription to the *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology* and online access to full archive of the *Proceedings of the Survey Research Methods Section* (which can be accessed through the SRMS website).

In closing, I want to thank fellow SRMS officers whose terms ended in 2022: Tony An (Past Chair), Jana Asher (Program Chair), Jessica Kohlschmidt (Treasurer), Dan Liao (Publications Officer), Daniell Toth (Education Officer), Elizabeth Petraglia (Newsletter Co-Editor) and Pushpal Mukhopadhyay (Webmaster).

Report from the Council of Sections Representatives

Stas Kolenikov and Kristen Olson

The Council of Sections voted to approve the creation of Section on Text Analysis, the newest section of the ASA. The section was officially incorporated into the ASA organizational structure on January 1, 2023. Many SRMS members have been active in the area of text analysis, with research topics ranging from coding open ended questions to analysis of public comments to mining the scripts of interviewer-respondent interactions. If this is an area that you work in, please make sure to join the section some time in early 2023. The new section grows out of the Text Analysis Interest Group, and while it is reasonably expected that the list of members of the Interest Group is carried over to the section, that may or may not happen smoothly.

Every three years, our section puts the name forward to the ASA to recognize a section member who has made extraordinary contributions to the section. In 2020, we recognized Pushpal Mukhopadhyay for many years of service to the section, including maintenance of the webpage and digital archiving of the decades of SRMS proceedings. In 2023, we are recognizing Tony An for his years of serving the section in multiple roles. Tony will receive a formal plaque from our section at the JSM 2023 SRMS Business Meeting. Congratulations to Tony, and let us all thank him!

JSM 2023 Information from the SRMS Program Chair

Andreea Erciulescu



We are sponsoring and co-sponsoring 11 invited sessions on a variety of topics that have blended with survey research methods including clinical trials, coverage impact, data integration, disclosure limitation, discrete data analysis, inference, machine learning, missing data, model-assisted estimation, model transportation, multilevel modeling, and robust estimation:

- **SRMS as the main sponsor**
 - Contributions to Inference from Survey Samples
 - Missing Data: The Where, the How, and the Why
 - Modern Techniques in Robust Estimation for Handling Outliers and Influential Units
 - Advanced Methods of Using Auxiliary Information to Improve Inferences of Population Quantities
 - Using Machine Learning & Data Science Methods to Improve Model Assisted Estimation & Survey Design
 - Formally Private Disclosure Limitation Methods for Establishment Data

- **SRMS as co-sponsor**
 - Capturing the Diversity of the United States Through Statistics: The Impact of Coverage
 - Benefits and Risks in Data Integration and Model Transportation
 - Transporting Clinical Trial Results to the Population
 - Bayesian Estimation of Multilevel Modeling with Survey Data
 - Analyzing Discrete Data: Challenges in the Modern Era of Data Science

The topic-contributed session program is being finalized and we will sponsor 9 sessions.

The deadlines for submitting proposals for the invited and topic-contributed sessions, introductory overview lectures, and professional development courses and workshops have passed. But you can still contribute to the enrichment of the JSM 2023 program by submitting an abstract for a contributed session, a late-breaking session, a roundtable discussion, or by chairing one of the contributed sessions. **The deadline for abstract submissions is February 1, 2023.** A call for chairing SRMS-sponsored sessions will be posted on the SRMS community later in the spring of 2023.

Review of SRMS Awards at JSM 2022

SRMS would like to once again honor the outstanding winners of our awards at JSM 2022.

Joint SRMS / GSS / SSS Student Paper Award Winners

- **Olivier Binette, Duke University:** “On the Reliability of Multiple Systems Estimation for the Quantification of Modern Slavery,”
- **Peter Gao, University of Washington:** “Smoothed Model-Assisted Small Area Estimation,”
- **Dae-Gyu Jang, Iowa State University:** “A-Optimal Split Questionnaire Designs for Multivariate Continuous Variables,”
- **Tamy Harumy Moraes Tsujimoto, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill:** “Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) Curve for Complex Survey Data,”
- **Yibo Wang, University of Michigan:** “Sample Size Estimation in Respondent-Driven Sampling.”

All student paper award winners presented their promising work in a topic-contributed session jointly sponsored by the three sections, and were awarded \$1,000. Congratulations to the winners!

SRMS Student Travel Award

- **Yanghyeon Cho, Iowa State University, Department of Statistics.**

Nominate Deserving ASA Fellows

SRMS Fellows Committee

Each year the ASA selects members to be honored as ASA Fellows. Everyone is encouraged to identify friends and co-workers who would be strong candidates. ASA started receiving nominations for the 2023 class of ASA Fellows on its website on October 1. The deadline for submitting nominations is 11:59 PM EST, March 1, 2023. To be eligible, a candidate must have been a member of the ASA for the most recent 3 years (from March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2023). 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>.

The SRMS Fellows Committee plays the role of helping to facilitate the ASA Fellow nomination process by identifying worthy SRMS candidates and finding people to spearhead their nomination. This year the committee has identified four candidates, helping to identify nominators for two candidates and serving as nominators for other two candidates.

If you have a suggestion on who should be nominated, or would like to nominate an SRMS colleague but have questions about how to proceed, please feel free to contact any committee member:

Don Jang (NORC) – Outgoing Chair

Mary Mulry (Census Bureau)

Kristen Olson (University of Nebraska) – Incoming Chair

Nominations Sought for the 2024 Waksberg Award

Giovanna Ranalli

The journal *Survey Methodology* has established an [annual invited paper series](#) in honor of the late Joseph Waksberg to recognize his outstanding contributions to survey statistics and methodology. Each year a prominent survey statistician is chosen to write a paper that reviews the development and current state of an important topic in the field of survey statistics and methodology. The paper reflects the mixture of theory and practice that characterized Joseph Waksberg's work.

The recipient of the Waksberg Award will receive an honorarium and give the 2024 Waksberg Invited Address at the Statistics Canada Symposium, expected to be held in the autumn of 2024. The paper will be published in an upcoming issue of *Survey Methodology* (targeted for December 2024).

The author of the 2024 Waksberg paper will be selected by a four-person committee appointed by *Survey Methodology* and the *American Statistical Association*. **Nominations of individuals to be considered should be sent by email before February 15, 2023 to the chair of the committee, Maria Giovanna Ranalli (maria.ranalli@unipg.it).** Nominations should include a CV and a nomination letter. Nominations will remain active for five years.

Previous Waksberg Award honorees and their invited papers can be found at <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/12-001-x/award-prix-eng.htm>.

2023 Waksberg Award

Jack Gambino

The 2023 recipient of the Waksberg Award is Ray Chambers, who will give the Waksberg Invited Address at the World Statistics Congress and publish a paper in *Survey Methodology*. The recipient of the Waksberg Award was selected by a four-person committee appointed by *Survey Methodology* and the *American Statistical Association*. For a list of previous honorees, see <https://community.amstat.org/surveyresearchmethodssection/programs/awards/waksberg>.

Sampling Program for Survey Statisticians

Raphael Nishimura

The Sampling Program for Survey Statisticians will be offered as an in-person educational opportunity by the Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research in Ann Arbor, Michigan, from June 1 to July 28, 2023. Founded by Professor Leslie Kish in 1961, the Sampling Program is devoted to training statisticians in sound probability sampling methods for diverse complex survey research problems. Since its inception, the Sampling Program has trained hundreds of participants from over 100 countries.

This intensive eight-week training program covers the principles and practice of survey sampling, the analysis of complex sample survey data, and application of sampling methods in many settings in three courses:

- Methods of Survey Sampling
- Analysis Methods for Complex Sample Survey Data
- Workshop in Survey Sampling

Participants in the Sampling Program enroll in these three courses and are considered Fellows in the Program. The methods and the analysis courses may be taken without being a Fellow, but the workshop is reserved only for Sampling Program Fellows and cannot be taken alone.

The online application is now open at

<https://si.isr.umich.edu/registration/application/?link=application>.

Limited scholarship assistance is also offered through the Leslie Kish International Fellowship. For more information, please visit <http://www.si.isr.umich.edu/spss> or email isr-summer@umich.edu.

SRMS Newsletter Submission Guidelines

Darcy Steeg Morris and Wendy Van de Kerckhove

The SRMS newsletter is published twice a year in mid-January and in mid-July, typically posted on the [SRMS website \(https://community.amstat.org/surveyresearchmethodssection\)](https://community.amstat.org/surveyresearchmethodssection), and shared on ASA Connect. All 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 mid-June 2023. 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 Darcy Steeg Morris (darcy.steeg.morris@census.gov) and Wendy Van de Kerckhove (WendyVanDeKerckhove@westat.com), either in the body of an email or in a Microsoft Word attachment. We cannot accept PDFs.

Your SRMS Officers for 2023

Chair: Brady West

Chair-Elect: Don Jang

Past-Chair: Jean Opsomer

Treasurer: Rebecca Andridge

Secretary: Qixuan Chen

2023 JSM Program Chair: Andreea Erciulescu

2023 JSM Program Chair-Elect: Pushpal Mukhopadhyay

Publications Officer: Hanyu Sun

Education Officer: Julia Soulakova

Section Representatives: Stas Kolenikov and Kristen Olson

Contact information can be found at

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

Newsletter Editors: Darcy Steeg Morris and Wendy Van de Kerckhove

Website Editor: Maura Bardos

Student Representatives: Ulrich Kemmo Tsafack and Stephanie Morales

ASA Staff Liasion: Rick Peterson

SRMS Mission Statement



SRMS has over 1,100 members, of which over 100 are based outside of North America. The Survey Research Methods Section is for Association members who research survey methodology or employ survey methods as a prime tool of investigation. Some areas of special interest are:

- ❖ Design and execution of sample surveys;
- ❖ Analysis and presentation of survey data;
- ❖ Statistical inference from survey data;
- ❖ Publication of developments and findings in survey research;
- ❖ Standards of design, estimation, and reporting of surveys;
- ❖ Promotion of uniform survey terminology;
- ❖ Use of survey research procedures and findings to inform public policy, including relations between public and private agencies in the design, conduct, and presentation of findings of surveys; and
- ❖ Ethics relating to the conduct of survey research and to respondents and potential respondents.

Member Benefits

- ❖ Contributing a community and platform within the broader statistical community for sharing and discussing survey research, methodology, as well as emerging opportunities in our field;
- ❖ Being connected with the ASA survey research methods community and receiving an invitation to the annual section business meeting;
- ❖ Representing the survey statistics community and showing solidarity and support to the survey research profession;
- ❖ Accessing the SRMS email listserv and newsletter including career and learning opportunity announcements;
- ❖ Subscribing to the *[Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology \(JSSAM\)](#)* including both the printed and online versions for free;
- ❖ Participating in SRMS member-only discounts for webinars and short courses;
- ❖ Receiving [AAPOR member pricing](#) on most webinars;

- ❖ Viewing all the [2016-2021 AAPOR webinars](#) for free (email [Brady West](#) for the username and password to login to AAPOR's website);
- ❖ Accessing all the SRMS [JSM](#) proceedings, the [ICES](#) proceedings, the [Hard to Reach \(H2R\)](#) proceedings among others at the section's [proceedings website](#);
- ❖ Supporting free student membership, student conference travel awards, and student paper awards.

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 apply to be a [member of the ASA](#); make sure to select "Survey Research Methods" from the "Choose Your Section(s)" list.
- If you are already an ASA member or renewing a membership, [login to your member's only page](#) to add SRMS membership by clicking on "Add Additional Chapter or Section."

For more information on SRMS resources, member benefits, and much more, check out the SRMS website at <https://community.amstat.org/surveyresearchmethodssection/home>.