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Message from the Section Chair

Dan Liao



Dear colleagues,

Summer is now in full swing, and as we pass the midpoint of the year, I hope each of you is finding time to step back, to rest, and to enjoy the company of the people you care about. It is also a season of anticipation: in just a few weeks, our community will gather in Boston for the Joint Statistical Meetings, August 1–6. I can hardly wait to reconnect with longtime friends, to welcome those joining us for the first time, and to celebrate the remarkable work our members continue

to do. It promises to be an exciting week, and an exciting year ahead for our Section.

First, my sincere thanks to the members of the SRMS executive team, whose work keeps the Section active and vibrant. They are Eric Rancourt (Past-Chair); Qixuan Chen (Chair-Elect); Yajuan Si (Secretary); Daifeng Han (Treasurer); Jingchen (Monika) Hu (Education Officer); Kristen Olson (Program Chair); James Wagner (Program Chair-Elect); Emily Berg (Publications Officer); and Andreea Erciulescu and Stephanie Zimmer (Council of Sections Representatives). I am also grateful to those in appointed roles that are essential to the Section: Wendy Van de Kerckhove and Darcy Steeg Morris (Newsletter Editors); Maura Bardos (Website Editor); and Stephanie Morales and Ujjayini Das (Student Representatives).

Following this year's elections, I am delighted to welcome the colleagues who will be joining the executive team in 2027. They are Andreea Erciulescu (Chair-Elect); Sixia Chen (Program Chair-Elect); Daifeng Han (Education Officer); Sharifa Williams (Publications Officer); Kenza Sallier (Treasurer); and Martha McRoy (Council of Sections Representative).

We are continuing our student awards program again this year. The Student Paper Awards, given jointly by SRMS, the Government Statistics Section (GSS), and the Social Statistics Section (SSS), have been awarded to three students. SRMS has also awarded three Student Travel Awards. Both the paper winners and the travel awardees will be recognized at JSM, and the paper winners will present their work in a topic-contributed session on Wednesday, August 5. Please join me in congratulating them.

On the education front, our webinar series continues. In partnership with the Health Policy Statistics Section, SRMS hosted an INTERSECTIONS webinar on NHANES, bringing together perspectives from survey methodology and health policy, on Friday, July 17. Additional webinars are planned for the fall, so please watch for announcements.

SRMS is sponsoring a strong and wide-ranging set of sessions at JSM this year: five invited paper sessions (including an invited panel on survey research and education in the age of AI), five topic-contributed sessions, eight contributed paper sessions, a short course, a lunch roundtable, and several posters. The program reflects where our field is heading, with sessions on AI, machine learning, and large language models in survey research; nonprobability samples and data integration; small area estimation; data privacy, disclosure limitation, and synthetic data; survey costs and field effort; and data quality and measurement error. SRMS is also a co-sponsor of several additional sessions with partner sections throughout the week. For full details, filter the JSM online program by Survey Research Methods Section in the Main Sponsor and Co-Sponsor fields.

This year we will gather for a joint mixer of GSS, SRMS, SSS, and Washington Statistical Society (WSS) on Monday, August 3, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Westin Boston Seaport District. It will be a chance to connect, to meet the current and incoming executive members, and to recognize our award winners, and we will hold a giveaway of several survey methodology books generously provided by Springer. Look for us as well at our JSM community table, where members can stop by to learn more about the Section. To allow the broadest participation, the Section's annual business meeting will be held online after JSM, on Tuesday, August 18, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. EDT ([registration required](#)); an agenda will follow.

I invite you to visit the SRMS webpage for information on the Section, including this and past newsletters. This year, we are also active on LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/asa-srms/>), where we share timely announcements relevant to our community and spotlight each member of our executive committee. My heartfelt thanks go to everyone who gives so generously of their time and talent to the life of the Section, and my warmest congratulations to the members who are becoming ASA Fellows this year. I hope you all get the most out of JSM and enjoy the rest of your summer. Please do not hesitate to contact me at dliao@rti.org with any questions, ideas, or suggestions.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at JSM, at the annual business meeting, or both!

Dan

Report from the Treasurer

Daifeng Han



Thank you to all our members for your continued support! You may recall that, thanks to your generosity, we raised approximately \$2,850 to support student awards last December, won the ASA Giving Day Section Showdown, and earned a \$500 voucher to support our joint mixer with GSS, SSS, and WSS at the 2026 JSM. We greatly appreciate everyone's commitment and engagement!

At the end of 2025, the Section had an account balance of approximately \$16,500. Highlights of our financial activities during the first five months of 2026 (January–May) include:

- Income of approximately \$1,500 from membership dues.
- Expenses of approximately \$6,000 for Student Paper Awards, Student Travel Awards, and webinar honorarium.

We continue to experience lower membership renewals this year compared with the same period in 2025 (approximately \$2,100 in dues revenue) and 2024 (approximately \$4,300). To help manage expenses, we are pursuing cost-saving measures, including hosting this year's mixer jointly with GSS, SSS, and WSS. At the same time, we would greatly appreciate your renewing your membership, as membership dues remain one of the Section's primary sources of revenue.

We are also actively seeking sponsors for Section events. Please contact Dan Liao (dliao@rti.org) if you would like to learn more about sponsorship opportunities. If you have suggestions for strengthening the Section's financial outlook, please feel free to reach out to me at dai Fenghan@westat.com.

Thank you again for your continued support and commitment to the Section!

Updates from the Education Officer

Jingchen (Monika) Hu

The Survey Research Methods Section joined forces with Health Policy Statistics Section to host a joint webinar on INTERSECTIONS - NHANES - Perspectives of Survey Methodology and Health Policy, on Friday July 17th. This joint webinar provided an overview of the survey methodology behind the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) and a recent policy analysis based on NHANES data. The webinar aimed at delivering an intersection of survey methodology and health policy to members of both sections and beyond.

Presentation slides are available at <https://szimmer.github.io/srms-hpss-nhanes/slides.html> and <https://salernos.github.io/2026-hpss-srms-webinar>.

2026 SRMS Fellows

Congratulations to the following SRMS members for being named 2026 ASA Fellows!

- **Snigdhanu Chatterjee**, University of Maryland Baltimore County
- **Sixia Chen**, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
- **Carolina Franco**, NORC at the University of Chicago
- **Theresa Kim**, National Institute on Aging
- **Pushpal Mukhopadhyay**, US Energy Information Administration
- **Eric Rancourt**, Statistics Canada
- **Jeffrey Wilson**, Arizona State University
- **Jiwei Zhao**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The full list of all new fellows is available at <https://www.amstat.org/news-listing/2026/04/22/asa-recognizes-2026-founders-and-fellows>.

SRMS has established the SRMS Fellows Nomination Committee with the role of helping to facilitate the ASA Fellow nomination process by identifying worthy SRMS candidates and finding people to spearhead their nomination. The committee members are Brady West and Craig Hill. Please feel free to contact either committee member if you wish to nominate an SRMS colleague for ASA Fellow or if you are a current SRMS member and ASA Fellow and would like to join the committee.

Congratulations to the JSM 2026 SRMS Student Travel Award Winners

Daifeng Han

Each year SRMS gives awards to students to cover part of the costs of attending JSM. Applicants submit a short essay, a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, and college transcripts. A panel appointed by the SRMS Executive Committee selects the awardee(s) based on the submitted materials. The 2026 panel consisted of Qixuan Chen (SRMS Chair-Elect), Daifeng Han (SRMS Treasurer), Eric Rancourt (SRMS Past-Chair), and Stephanie Zimmer (SRMS Council of Sections Representative). We are very excited to announce the three winners of the JSM 2026 SRMS Student Travel Award:

- **Sergio Daniel Martinez**, University of Michigan
- **Shubo Zhang**, Columbia University
- **Yanhao Lu**, University of Virginia

Congratulations to all the winners! In addition to a monetary award, the winners will also enjoy a lunchtime meet-up with members of the SRMS Executive Committee at the JSM on Monday, August 3, 2026.

SRMS is committed to providing financial awards to allow deserving students to travel to the JSM. We look forward to receiving the Student Travel Award applications for the 2027 JSM in Chicago, Illinois (August 8–12, 2027). If you are an SRMS member who knows of deserving students, please encourage them to apply! The application will be available in October 2026 (on the SRMS website) and will be due by January 15, 2027. Please help us spread the word – we want to help students attend JSM!

Congratulations to the JSM 2026 GSS/SRMS/SSS Student Paper Award Winners

James Wagner

The Survey Research Methods Section (SRMS), Government Statistics Section (GSS), and Social Statistics Section (SSS) work collectively each year to host jointly a student paper competition. The winners of the student paper competition are guaranteed a spot to present their paper at the Joint Statistical Meetings and receive \$1,000 to help cover the cost of attending JSM. As with previous years, we received a large number of excellent submissions. There were over 30 submissions for the 2026 annual student paper competition. Five winners and one honorable mention were selected.

The winners are:

- **Adam Z. Bouyamourn**, Princeton University, “*Where to experiment? Site selection under distribution shift via optimal transport and Wasserstein DRO*”
- **Shreya Prakash**, University of Washington, “*Causal decomposition of Black-white disparities in NIH proposal discussion selection*”

- **Arisa Sadeghpour**, University of California – Berkeley, *“Inference with weights: Residualization produces short, valid intervals for varying estimands and varying resampling processes”*
- **Sean Tomlin**, Ohio State University, *“Characterizing retrospective constraints of survey designs for estimating population-level causal effects”*
- **Jungang Zou**, Columbia University, *“Bayesian MI-LASSO for variable selection on multiply-imputed data: Application to an environmental health survey”*

Honorable mention:

- **Yumiao Hui**, University of Virginia, *“Measuring geographic heterogeneities in group effect using semi-parametric spatial effect models under complex survey sampling designs”*

The winners will present their papers at the 2026 Joint Statistical Meetings in Boston on Wednesday, August 5, from 10:30-12:20 PM in the Thomas M. Menino Convention and Exhibition Center Room CC-258C. They will also be recognized at the joint SRMS/GSS/SSS/WSS mixer at 7pm on Monday August 3 in the Westin Boston Seaport District W-Grand Ballroom Section E. Congratulations to all of the students!

Come to the SRMS-Sponsored Sessions at the 2026 Joint Statistical Meetings!

Kristen Olson

The Survey Research Methods Section has many excellent sessions to attend at the Joint Statistical Meetings this year! Join us for sessions on integrating AI and machine learning into the survey lifecycle and training of survey statisticians and researchers, innovations in sample design, data collection, small area estimation, and data integration, among other topics. No matter what days you attend JSM, you can find an SRMS session on the agenda. We look forward to seeing you at the sessions listed below.

Sunday, August 2

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Professional Development Course / Continuing Education: “Finite-Population Inference with ML-Based Predictions”

4:00 PM - 5:50 PM: Invited session: “Survey Research and Education in the Age of AI”

4:00 PM - 5:50 PM: Contributed session: “Sample design innovations and approaches.”

Monday, August 3

8:30 AM - 10:20 AM: Invited session: “Advances in AI and Machine Learning for Official Statistics and Survey Methodology”

8:30 AM - 10:20 AM: Contributed session: “Sampling, weighting, missing data and variance estimation”

10:30-12:20 PM: Invited session: “Recent Advances in Statistical and Machine Learning Models for Dependent Data from Complex Survey and Decennial Census Data”

2:00 PM - 3:50 PM: Contributed session: “Data collection, field effort, screening, and survey costs”

Tuesday, August 4

8:30 AM - 10:20 AM: Contributed session: “Small area estimation, Bayesian estimation, and multilevel models”

8:30 AM – 10:20 AM: Topic-Contributed paper session: “Innovative Methods to Use or Develop Alternative Data Sources”

8:30-10:20 AM: SPEED 6: Social Statistics, Mental Health Statistics, and Survey Methods, Part 1

10:30 AM - 12:20 PM: Contributed session: “AI, LLMs, Machine Learning, and Survey Research”

2:00 PM - 3:50 PM: Invited session, “Best practices for leveraging nonprobability samples”

4:00 PM - 5:50 PM: Topic-Contributed paper session: “Integrating Surveys and Alternative Data Sources throughout the Data Life Cycle”

Wednesday, August 5

8:30 AM - 10:20 AM: Invited session: “Strategies in Creating Community Area Estimates in Health Surveys”

8:30 AM - 10:20 AM: Contributed session, “Data integration, disclosure limitation, and combined data approaches”

10:30 AM - 12:20 PM: Contributed session, “SRMS/SSS/GSS Student Paper Competition Winners”

10:30 AM - 12:20 PM: Contributed Poster Presentations: Survey Research Methods Section

12:30 - 1:50 PM: Survey Research Methods Section P.M. Roundtable Discussion, “WL08: Realistic Business Models for Production and Dissemination of High-Quality Statistical Information” (Added Fee

2:00 PM - 3:50 PM: Contributed session: “Data quality, measurement error, and questionnaire design”

Thursday, August 6

8:30 AM - 10:20 AM: Contributed session: “Innovations in analysis of complex survey data”

8:30 AM - 10:20 AM: Contributed session: “Multiscale Data Integration Techniques for Official Statistics and Health”

10:30 AM - 12:20 PM: Invited session: “Survey Research at the Crossroads: Novel Pathways to Better Data Science”

Support 2027 SRMS Student Awards – Empower the Next Generation

The Survey Research Methods Section (SRMS) is once again raising funds to support student award recipients attending **the 2027 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM)** in Chicago, Illinois. These awards help promising students share their research, connect with peers and mentors, and become active members of our professional community.

SRMS continues to face significant financial challenges. Over the past several years, declining membership and lack of organizational sponsorship have put increasing pressure on our section's finances. While we have worked hard to manage expenses, sustaining support for students remains one of our highest priorities. We want to continue SRMS's long tradition of fostering excellence, encouraging innovation, and supporting the future leaders of survey research.

Your contribution will directly support six student award recipients at JSM 2027:

- **Student Paper Awards:** \$1,000 × 3 recipients
- **Student Travel Awards:** \$825 × 3 recipients

Fundraising Goal: \$5,475

Please consider making a gift by scanning the QR code. Every contribution—large or small—makes a difference. If each of us contributes just \$10–\$20, together we could fund multiple student awards and help ensure that talented young researchers can participate in JSM.



Thank you for investing in the future of survey research and for supporting the next generation of professionals!

SRMS Sponsorship Opportunities

As the research data world continues to evolve, SRMS is committed to help promote the improvement of survey practice and the understanding of survey methods in the context of creation of research datasets based on multiple data sources. SRMS will continue to provide benefits to members with networking opportunities, webinars, information sharing, and conferences. SRMS is also committed to support graduate students and early career SRMS members to maintain a healthy pipeline of next generation SRMS members. Are you interested in helping SRMS to achieve these goals? Please consider becoming a **SRMS Sponsor** and getting valuable exposure for your organization. Sponsorship opportunities are open to both organizations and individuals.

Sponsorship Tiers

Platinum — \$5,000

- Acknowledgment of sponsorship with Logo in SRMS newsletters year-round
- Acknowledgment at JSM Business Meeting with sponsor poster displayed
- One full page of job postings/advertisements in the SRMS newsletter year-round
- Opportunity to co-sponsor an SRMS webinar
- Four (4) free webinar registrations
- Social media recognition via LinkedIn
- Name listed on the SRMS website as a sponsor year-round

Gold — \$2,500

- Acknowledgment of sponsorship with Logo in SRMS newsletters year-round
- Acknowledgment at JSM Business Meeting
- One full page of job postings/advertisements in one newsletter issue
- Two (2) free webinar registrations
- Social media recognition via LinkedIn
- Name listed on the SRMS website as a sponsor year-round

Silver — \$1,000

- Acknowledgment of sponsorship in SRMS newsletters year-round
- Acknowledgment at JSM Business Meeting
- One (1) free webinar registration
- Name listed on the SRMS website as a sponsor year-round

Bronze — \$500

- Acknowledgment in the next SRMS newsletter
- One (1) free webinar registration

General Donations: Donations of any amount are also welcome and will be acknowledged in the next SRMS newsletter.

ASA Partner Program Integration: Your contribution to SRMS can be counted as part of your overall contribution to the ASA Partner Program. If your combined contributions to SRMS and other ASA programs total \$5,000 or more, you will qualify as an ASA partner. You can learn more about the program details at the ASA Partner Program website (<https://ww2.amstat.org/giving/partners.cfm>).

Contact: To become a 2026 SRMS sponsor or to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Daifeng Han (Treasurer) at daifenghan@westat.com.

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 January newsletter is mid-December 2026. 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 2026 SRMS Officers

Chair: Dan Liao

Chair-Elect: Qixuan Chen

Past-Chair: Eric Rancourt

Treasurer: Daifeng Han

Secretary: Yajuan Si

2026 JSM Program Chair: Kristen Olson

2026 JSM Program Chair-Elect: James Wagner

Publications Officer: Emily Berg

Education Officer: Jingchen (Monika) Hu

Section Representatives: Andreea Erciulescu and Stephanie Zimmer

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 Representative(s): Stephanie Morales and Ujjayini Das

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;
- ❖ Accessing the online addition of [*Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology \(JSSAM\)*](#) for free;
- ❖ Participating in SRMS member-only discounts for webinars and short courses;
- ❖ 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>.