



## Global Ethics Day: Ethical Thinking in Other Backyards

Sponsor: ASA Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE).

Date: October 15, 2025, 3PM to 4 PM (ET)

[Registration Link \(Must Register in Advance\)](#)

**Motivation:** The American Statistical Association’s Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE) is celebrating Global Ethics Day 2025 with a list of activities, including this webinar. These activities are designed to raise awareness of and engagement with the [ASA Ethical Guidelines for Statistical Practice](#) and the importance of ethical thinking in our work. In 2026, COPE will be undertaking the 5-year revision of the guidelines. See [ASA COPE’s website](#) for more information about suggested Global Ethics Day activities and toolkits, earlier webinars, articles, and how you can contribute your ideas for this revision.

### Webinar Description:

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*“The best thing about being a statistician is that you get to play in everyone’s backyard.” -John Tukey*

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That quote is a classic, but what do we know about ethics in other disciplines’ backyards? For the majority of our profession, the answer to that question “is not as much as we should” -- especially if we are going to play there! This webinar can help close the gap. Two very exciting speakers will engage in a conversation about how ethics plays a role in their work, what drives their approach, and what we can learn about ethical thinking from their respective disciplines.

### Panelists:

**Donna Chen** is a professor in the Center for Health Humanities and Ethics and the Departments of Psychiatry and of Public Health Sciences at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. As an inter-disciplinary translational physician-ethicist, she teaches, consults, conducts research, and provides service in bioethics and research ethics, health humanities, medical education, public health sciences, and psychiatry. She is exploring

the role of the arts in health professions education and in promoting health and human flourishing. Donna has consulted with researchers, policymakers, and educational leaders at institutions in the US and abroad and served on committees related to ethics and health humanities, community engagement, and other topics at numerous NIH agencies, the Office of the Surgeon General, the National Clinical Research Ethics Consultation Consortium, and several professional associations.

**[Kory Trott](#) is the Director of Research Integrity at the University of Chicago, a position he assumed in August 2025.** In this role, he leads strategic initiatives to support ethical research and innovation. Before this position, Kory served as the Director of Research Ethics and Compliance at the University of Alabama. With degrees in law, public health, and biological anthropology, his career has included interdisciplinary positions at Virginia Tech, at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the University of Wisconsin. Kory's professional service involves roles on the Editorial Board for *Accountability in Research* and the National Cancer Institute's Late Phase Emphasis Institutional Review Board.

**Moderator:**

**[Matthew Rotelli](#) will moderate the conversation.** Matt recently retired from Eli Lilly where he was the Vice-President of Bioethics. Matt is the current Chair of the Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE) and a founding partner of Nat and Matt Consulting, LLC.

As background, Global Ethics Day takes place on the third Wednesday in October. This year, the theme is #EthicsReenvisioned. The event is hosted by the [Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs](#). It encourages individuals and organizations worldwide to engage with ethical issues and activate their communities for a more just and peaceful world. [Activities](#) from the Carnegie Council are suggested for group and individual participation.

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**Audience:** Statistical practitioners (members and non-members of ASA) who are interested to learn more about the ASA ethical guidelines and their use in statistical practice across the career and diverse contexts. In this webinar, the goal is to expand our knowledge and learn from other disciplines.

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