Letter from The Chair

By Simone Gray, 2022 GSS Chair

It is with great excitement that I pass the baton to Dr. Claire McKay Bowen as the incoming 2023 GSS Chair. I want to take a moment to thank all the outgoing GSS board members for their dedication to serving our members. It has been an honor to serve as the 2022 GSS Chair and I look forward to our continued work in 2023!

Fond Farewell to Our Retiring GSS Board Members:

Michael Messner: Past Chair 2022

Jennifer Parker: Council of Sections Representative 2019-2022

Emily Molfino: Secretary/Treasurer 2021-2022

Stephen Campbell: Program Chair 2022

Kathi Irvine: Publications Officer 2021-2022

Pat Doyle Award Winner—

The Executive Committee of the Government Statistics Section (GSS) created the Pat Doyle Award in 2005 as a tribute to Pat's dedication to the statistical field and the GSS during her lifetime. When Pat died, she left her imprints on an astonishingly wide range of projects and activities in the U.S. federal statistical community. As in past years, the Executive Committee gives this year's award to a person who contributes to the GSS in a way that leaves a lasting impact on GSS and ASA.

This year's award goes to **William Cecere (Westat)** "for his active and enthusiastic participation on the GSS board and GSS-sponsored committees."

JSM 2022 RECAP

- Four Invited Sessions with GSS as primary sponsor
- Six Topic Contributed Sessions
- Seven Contributed Sessions
- Roundtable Session on combining visualization best practices with agency standards for graphics in government reports

Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award Winners

The Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award was established in her honor in 2002. The award recognizes and encourages the mentoring of junior staff in the statistical community in federal, state, or local government.

We are excited to share this year's awardees:

Dr Monserrat Garcia-Closas (Deputy Director, DCEG, NCI) a world-renowned leader in cancer research with focus on risk prediction for breast cancer was chosen for her exemplary mentoring at all levels from entry level researchers to branch chiefs and for leveraging her leadership position to create opportunities for next generation of federal quantitative scientists in emerging areas of cloud computing and artificial intelligence.

Dr Barry Graubard (Senior Investigator, Biostatistics Branch, NCI) was chosen for his sustained and dedicated efforts throughout his tenure in federal government in developing the careers of statistics students and early career statistical researchers across federal government and academia.

GSS Mentoring Program

This year, GSS has partnered with the Washington Statistical Society to provide a joint mentoring program. Calls for both mentors and mentees have gone out, but it is not too late to participate in either role. We are especially in need of mentors, at all levels of experience, to make this effort a success. To get started, complete the simple application and information form at the WSS website, WashStat.org/mentoring/.

For direct signup copy and paste the following link into a browser:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJuNnl6luDGlwrN5y8uprjeNGeiG6enDnFnaFA-6bqXeB5Rg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

If you're interested, but wish to have more information, please contact either Amanda Koepke (amanda.koepke@nist.gov) or Mike Messner (mjaymessner@gmail.com).

STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

APPLY NOW

Jointly sponsored by **Government Statistics Section (GSS), Section on Social Statistics (SSS), and Survey Research Methods Section (SRMS)**

Eligibility:

To be eligible to participate, you must be a current undergraduate or graduate student at any level, or a recent 2022 graduate who wishes to present research that was conducted as a student. Previous student paper competition winners will not be eligible for this award.

Papers entered in this competition must involve either a new statistical methodology or a creative application of statistical analyses to a problem, issue, or policy question pertinent to the subject areas of one of the sponsoring sections. The research does not have to be complete, but competitors must be able to submit an abstract prospectus that describes the planned research and nature of the intended innovation(s).

More than twelve sections of ASA sponsor Student Paper Competition / Travel Awards to assist students with travel expenses to attend JSM. Students may submit papers to no more than two competitions and may accept only one section's award. Students must inform all sections applied to when s/he wins and accepts an award, thereby removing the student from the award competition for the other section.

Interested?? See Application Process (next page)

Application Process:

Applications must include: 1) cover letter with the applicant's name, current affiliation and status, and contact information (address, telephone, email); 2) abstract (300 words maximum); 3) draft paper (if available); or otherwise a 3-page research prospectus; 4) letter from their adviser that certifies the applicant's status (e.g., current student or new graduate who completed the degree within the past year), and describes plans to complete the research.

To apply, please email the package containing the first three items above (the adviser letter should be sent separately by the adviser) to all the 2023 section officers listed below:

- Pushpal Mukhopadhyay (SRMS Program Chair-Elect, pushpalm@gmail.com)
- Mike Jadoo (GSS Program Chair-Elect, datamike8@gmail.com
- Monika Hu (SSS Program Chair-Elect, jihu@vassar.edu

Deadlines:

- Applicants email the application package to the three program chairs-elect by 11:59 p.m. EST on December 15, 2022.

- Competition winners are notified by January 15, 2023.

- *Competition winners must confirm their acceptance of the award, and immediately inform other sections that they applied to by January 20, 2023. Failure to confirm the award may lead to removal from the list of winners.*

- Competition winners submit their winning paper abstract through the regular JSM abstract submission process by February 1, 2023.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR 2023 ASA FELLOWS

Each year, the GSS Fellows Committee seeks members who have made significant contributions to statistical science and to the profession - and wish to be nominated for the award of "Fellow of the American Statistical Association." If you would like to nominate one of our members for this honor, or if you believe yourself to be a strong candidate, please consider connecting with the Committee by email to Mike Messner at mjaymessner@gmail.com or Simone Gray at zqv6@cdc.gov