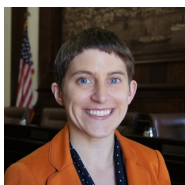




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## GSS Awards

##### PAT DOYLE AWARD

Congratulations to Elizabeth Mannshardt (Environmental Protection Agency/North Carolina State University), the recipient of the 2020 Pat Doyle Award. This award is given to a person whose contribution to the GSS leaves a lasting impact on GSS and ASA. Dr. Mannshardt has made huge inroads into expanding our section's services to constituents in state and local government by revamping the website, resurrecting the GSS newsletter, co-organizing a virtual workshop on practices and challenges in using blended data, and organizing a sold-out mentoring roundtable at the 2019 JSM.

##### OUTSTANDING SECTION SERVICE AWARD

Congratulations to Darcy Miller (National Agricultural Statistics Service), the inaugural recipient of the GSS Outstanding Section Service Award. Ms. Miller is being recognized for her past contributions to the Section as Secretary/Treasurer as well as her leadership contributions to the International Conference on Establishment Statistics series.

**WRAY JACKSON SMITH SCHOLARSHIP**

Congratulations to Sepideh Mosaferi, a PhD student in the Department of Statistics at Iowa State University, the recipient of the 2020 Wray Jackson Smith Scholarship (WJSS). The WJSS is co-sponsored by GSS, the Washington Statistical Society, the Caucus for Women in Statistics, Harris-Smith Institutes, Mathematica Policy Research, and Synectics for Management Decisions, Inc., and provides funding of \$1,000 for use in exploring any of a broad number of opportunities for furthering the development of a career related to government statistics.

**JEANNE E. GRIFFITH MENTORING AWARD**

Congratulations to Dr. Rajeshwari Sundaram, a Senior Investigator at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health, the recipient of the 2020 Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award. This recognition is awarded annually to a supervisor, technical director, team coordinator, or other member of Federal, State, or Local government statistical staff for his or her efforts in supporting the work and developing the careers of junior statisticians.

[HTTPS://COMMUNITY.AMSTAT.ORG/GOVERNMENTSTATISTICSSECTION/AWARDS/AWARDWINNERS](https://community.amstat.org/governmentstatisticssection/awards/awardwinners)

## 2019-2020 in Review

**BLENDED DATA WEBINARS**

The GSS and Social Statistics Section (SSS) hosted a series of virtual workshops, offered as a part of the ASA Professional Development Program. Each workshop consisted of a presentation with group discussions. Several featured supplemental activities provided by the presenter. The six sessions had between 75 and 120 attendees each. Materials and information on workshop topics are available at:

[HTTPS://COMMUNITY.AMSTAT.ORG/GOVERNMENTSTATISTICSSECTION/PROFESSIONALDEVELOPMENT/MENTORING/VIRTUALWORKSHOP](https://community.amstat.org/governmentstatisticssection/professionaldevelopment/mentoring/virtualworkshop)

**GSS AT JSM**

At the 2020 JSM, GSS sponsored 4 Invited Sessions, 7 Topic Contributed Sessions, and 8 Contributed Sessions. GSS/SRMS/SSS co-sponsored the Student Paper Competition.

**SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT PRACTITIONERS WORKSHOP**

The GSS partnered with the Business and Economic Statistics Section (BES), and the Washington Statistical Society (WSS) hosted the third Seasonal Adjustment Practitioners Workshop on November 20 at the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Washington, DC. This free one-day conference provides an organized forum for sharing and collaboration of experiences in seasonal adjustment and bench-marking applications. Jonathan Wright (The Johns Hopkins University) was the keynote speaker, presenting “Seasonal Adjustment of NIPA Data: Model-Based and Moving-Average-Based Approaches” with William Bell (US Census Bureau) as the discussant.

## Upcoming Initiatives

**VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE: SEPTEMBER 2020 (DATE TBD)**

GSS will offer a virtual roundtable on “Advances in Estimation Methods for Combining Probability and Nonprobability Samples” moderated by Michael Yang (NORC). Discussions will focus on successes, challenges, client communications, and future research agenda. This workshop will be offered free-of-charge and will be limited to 12 participants. Look for the call for participants in early September.

**BLENDED DATA VIRTUAL WORKSHOP**

The GSS and SSS are excited to announce a continuation of the 2019-2020 blended data Virtual Workshop with two sessions presenting user applications. This Practicum including a Student Showcase is offered as part of the ASA's Professional Development Series. Sessions focusing on user applications will highlight work from career professionals and seasoned practitioners in the area of Blended Data. The sessions will be on September 24 from 1:00 p.m. EDT - 3:00 p.m. EDT and October 22 from 1:00 p.m. EDT - 3:00 p.m. EDT. This is a great opportunity for career professionals and students to demonstrate their practical experience in the area of Blended Data with a large statistical community. Applications are being accepted until September 9, 2020 at

[HTTPS://FORM.JOTFORM.COM/WUGENERALEducation/GSS-Workshop-Presenter-App](https://form.jotform.com/WUGENERALEducation/GSS-Workshop-Presenter-App)

For further information on GSS virtual workshops:

[HTTPS://COMMUNITY.AMSTAT.ORG/GOVERNMENTSTATISTICSSECTION/PROFESSIONALDEVELOPMENTMENTORING/VIRTUALWORKSHOPPRACTICUMFALL2020](https://community.amstat.org/governmentstatisticssection/professionaldevelopmentmentoring/virtualworkshoppracticumfall2020)

## ICES-VI STUDENT CONTEST

GSS is sponsoring the student contest offered at the upcoming Sixth International Conference on Establishment Statistics (ICES VI). This contest has two tracks: non-response treatment and analysis/visualization of economic statistical data.

[HTTPS://WW2.AMSTAT.ORG/MEETINGS/ICES/2021/STUDENTCONTEST.CFM](https://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/ices/2021/studentcontest.cfm)

## GSS MENTORING INITIATIVES

The GSS Mentoring Committee is developing plans for launching a Mentoring Program in early September. The program will be broad in scope, aiming to meet the needs of members at all stages of their careers. Look for an email message in the weeks ahead, announcing the program and calling for GSS members to participate as mentees and mentors.

## ROGER HERRIOT AWARD COMMITTEE

The GSS is looking for volunteers for the Roger Herriot Award Committee. This award is offered by GSS, SSS, and the WSS. The Roger Herriot Award for Innovation in Federal Statistics recognizes individuals who develop unique and innovative approaches to the solution of statistical problems in federal data collection programs. If interested, please contact Jenny Thompson ([Katherine.J.Thompson@census.gov](mailto:Katherine.J.Thompson@census.gov)).

