



# Government Statistics Section

## GSS Summer 2023 Newsletter

### Claire-ifying Correspondence: Letters from the GSS Chair

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#### Claire McKay Bowen

Summer is here! A great time to immerse ourselves in nature and enjoy outdoor activities. I hope you're having a fantastic summer, doing the things you love with your family and friends.

In this summer newsletter, Elizabeth has compiled all the things GSS is involved in for the Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM). We have exciting GSS-sponsored JSM sessions lined up (don't miss the student awards session!), as well as opportunities to connect over lunch at JSM meetups. I encourage you to join us for the GSS Business Meeting, where we will provide updates on our section, announce award winners, and share details about upcoming events. One such event is the "Federal Resume Workshop," designed specifically for ASA members to help students prepare for the job market. You'll find more information about all of these in the newsletter. Additionally, we are excited to introduce the newly elected GSS 2024 officers.

As always, your input and ideas are invaluable to us. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me, Claire Bowen ([cbowen@urban.org](mailto:cbowen@urban.org)), or any other members of the GSS board if you have suggestions on how to strengthen and support our community. If you're interested in getting more involved, please take a moment to fill out this [Google Form](#).

Wishing you a wonderful summer and hope to see you at JSM or other events!

[Please Join us at the GSS Business Meeting @ JSM!](#)

5:00-6:30 pm, August 7th, 2023

Intercontinental Toronto Centre, Room I - High Park

## GSS at JSM 2023

Be sure to check out one or more of the many GSS-sponsored sessions in Toronto! This year's GSS program includes a mix of session types covering a wide range of topics of interest related to federal statistics. Dates, times, titles, and types for each session or event for which GSS is the main sponsor are provided in the table below. The hyperlinks on each title will take you to the JSM program page for the event, which includes details on the event location as well as information about papers, posters, and/or speakers.

You can find sessions co-sponsored by GSS by going to the [main JSM search page](#), finding the "Category" dropdown, and scrolling down to select GSS under the "Co-Sponsors" heading.

### GSS-Sponsored Sessions and Events at JSM 2023

Sunday 8/6		
Time	Title	Type
2:00 PM - 3:50 PM	<a href="#">SPEED 2: Survey Methods and Methods for Health Policy and Government, Part 1</a>	Contributed Speed
2:00 PM - 3:50 PM	<a href="#">Using American Community Survey (ACS) Data in Federal Surveys: from Benchmarking to Machine Learning</a>	Topic-Contributed Paper Session
4:00 PM - 5:50 PM	<a href="#">Machine learning and imputation techniques for survey design and missing data</a>	Contributed Papers
5:15 PM - 6:00 PM	<a href="#">SPEED 2: Survey Methods and Methods for Health Policy and Government, Part 2</a>	Contributed Posters

Monday 8/7		
Time	Title	Type
8:30 AM - 10:20 AM	<a href="#">Statistical Privacy in the 21st Century: Census and Consensus</a>	Invited Panel Session
10:30 AM - 12:20 PM	<a href="#">Modernizing the Census Bureau's Statistical Foundation through Enterprise Frames</a>	Topic-Contributed Paper Session
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	<a href="#">Government Statistics Section Meeting</a>	ASA Meetings and Events

## GSS-Sponsored Sessions and Events at JSM 2023 (continued)

Tuesday 8/8		
Time	Title	Type
8:30 AM - 10:20 AM	<a href="#">Privacy protecting tools: differential privacy and synthetic data</a>	Contributed Papers
10:30 AM - 12:20 PM	<a href="#">Making the case for data quality</a>	Topic-Contributed Paper Session
2:00 PM - 3:50 PM	<a href="#">Paving paths forward for governmental data privacy protection, some recent advancements of methods and practice in synthetic data</a>	Topic-Contributed Paper Session
2:00 PM - 3:50 PM	<a href="#">Proactively Assessing Health of the Federal Statistical Agencies</a>	Invited Panel Session

Wednesday 8/9		
Time	Title	Type
8:30 AM - 10:20 AM	<a href="#">Nowcasting in government/official statistics</a>	Topic-Contributed Paper Session
10:30 AM - 12:20 PM	<a href="#">Contributed Poster Presentations: Government Statistics Section</a>	Contributed Posters
10:30 AM - 12:20 PM	<a href="#">Informing Decisions and Making Discoveries with Linked Data sets</a>	Invited Paper Session
10:30 AM - 12:20 PM	<a href="#">Sampling and weighting for survey data</a>	Contributed Papers

Thursday 8/10		
Time	Title	Type
8:30 AM - 10:20 AM	<a href="#">Student Paper Competition Award Winners- Government Statistics Section (GSS), Social Statistics Section (SSS), and Survey Research Methods Section (SRMS)</a>	Topic-Contributed Paper Session
8:30 AM - 10:20 AM	<a href="#">Surveillance data collection: outbreaks and time series</a>	Contributed Papers
10:30 AM - 12:20 PM	<a href="#">Advances in Implementing Title III of the Evidence Act: Enhancing Public Trust in Official Statistics and Expanding Data Access for Evidence Building</a>	Topic-Contributed Paper Session
10:30 AM - 12:20 PM	<a href="#">Capturing the Diversity of the United States Through Statistics: The Impact of Coverage</a>	Invited Paper Session

## Congratulations to our Newly-Elected GSS 2024 Officers

The current Board would like to thank all our candidates who agreed to run this year, as well as all section members who voted in this election. We are looking forward to working with them in 2024!

- **Chair-Elect:** Deliverance Bougie
- **Program Chair-Elect:** Darcy Steeg Morris

We would also like to thank Simone Gray (Past Chair 2023) and Lisa Mirel (Program Chair 2023) for their service.

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## Congratulations to our Newly-Elected GSS Fellows

Each year, less than one-third of one percent of ASA members receive the honor of being elected as an ASA Fellow. Fellows must “have an established reputation and have made outstanding contributions to statistical science,” according to the ASA criteria. We would like to congratulate the following GSS members for being elected ASA Fellows in 2023:

Tony B. An

Samuel Christopher Haffer

Tyler Harris McCormick

Nancy Potok

Nominations for 2024 fellowship open in October. If you know of a deserving candidate for ASA fellow who is a GSS member, please reach out to a member of the GSS Fellows Committee (Jeri Mulrow, Michael Davern, Mike Messner, and/or the committee chair, Amanda Koepke [amanda.koepke@nist.gov]). They can help put together a nomination package!

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## GSS Service and Leadership Opportunities

As mentioned in the chair's letter, GSS relies on member service to keep our section thriving. Our officers and committee members work behind the scenes to communicate with ASA, balance the section budget, organize JSM sessions, coordinate and schedule section events throughout the year, present awards, and much more. Time commitments depend on the activity and can be as minimal as a few hours a year.

If you might be interested in running for a GSS officer position or volunteering for a GSS committee, please connect with Claire Bowen (cbowen@urban.org) or Bob Sivinski (robert\_g\_sivinski@omb.eop.gov) for more information. You can also express interest by filling out this [Google Form](#). Getting involved is a great way to make sure GSS serves your needs, and to connect with other GSS members!

### Upcoming Officer Positions (2024 Elections):

**Chair-Elect:** Serves as Chair-Elect in 2025, Chair in 2026, and Past-Chair in 2027

**Program Chair-Elect:** Serves as Program Chair-Elect in 2025 and as Program Chair in 2026

**Publications Officer** (2025 – 2026)

**Secretary / Treasurer** (2025 – 2026)

### Committees with Open Positions

- Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award Committee
- GSS Fellows Committee
- GSS Mentoring Committee

## GSS Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

As GSS returns to a more-normal schedule of awards and events, we hope to see more members engaged in these activities. If your organization might be interested in reaching GSS members while supporting our charter mission to "...promote the use of sound statistical theory and methods in the production of data at all levels of government - be it federal, state, local, or international; assist in the broad dissemination of those data; and encourage good statistical practice by all users," consider a corporate sponsorship!

A typical corporate sponsorship opportunity would be connected to an award or an event, with your organization contributing funds and being thanked as a sponsor of the award or event. Some possible opportunities are:

- The GSS JSM business meeting, which invites all GSS members attending JSM;
- GSS awards, some of which are listed in the Spring newsletter; or
- GSS-sponsored webinars.

**Interested in submitting content for the fall newsletter?**

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