



Government Statistics Section

GSS Winter 2023 Newsletter

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Claire-ifying Correspondence: Letters from the GSS Chair

Claire McKay Bowen

Dear GSS Members,

As 2023 draws to a close, I'm surprised at how swiftly the year has passed. Reflecting on our journey through the year, I'm truly amazed by all that we've accomplished.

In the Spring, we supported several awards: the [Pat Doyle Award](#), the [Herriot Award](#), the [Griffith Mentoring Award](#), and the [Wray Jackson Smith Scholarship Award](#).

For JSM, we hosted several invited sessions, topic-contributed sessions, and contributed sessions. We also highlighted our [student paper awards](#) and had a HUGE turnout for the GSS mixer (check out the fun photos [here](#)).

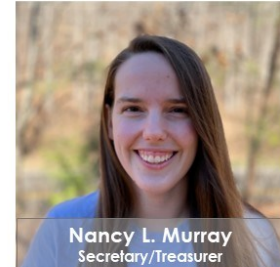
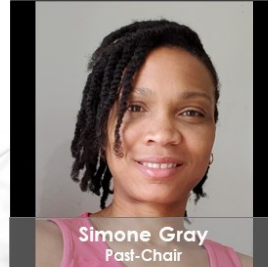
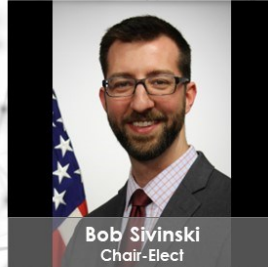
During the Fall, we organized our inaugural GSS Federal Resume Workshop! Under Lex's guidance, this interactive workshop aimed to empower participants in refining their job search materials tailored for the federal job market.

Behind the scenes, the tireless efforts of the GSS Executive Board remained steadfast. I am so thankful to our board members for their dedication. Whether it was reviewing JSM session proposals or diligently managing the GSS budget, they put a lot of time and effort to ensure things ran smoothly for GSS.

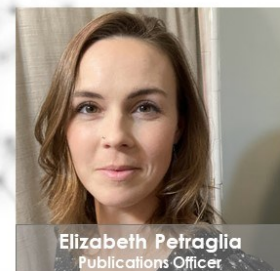
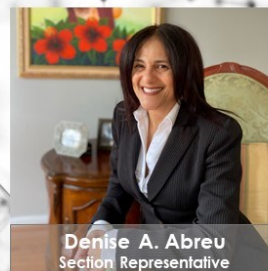
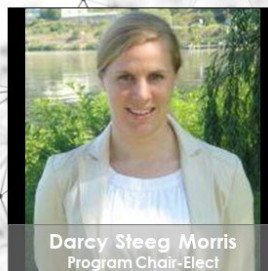
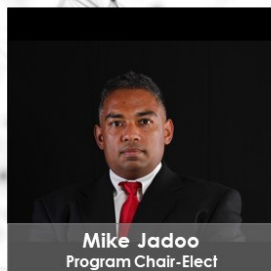
I want to emphasize that these award committees, GSS support initiatives, and other endeavors thrive due to the collective efforts of volunteers from GSS and various ASA sections. A few months back, we faced a shortage of volunteers, especially for the award committees. Upon reaching out to our membership, we were heartened by the numerous responses offering help! We are actively engaging with each one of you. In case you haven't heard from us, please feel free to reach out directly to me at cbowen@urban.org.

Serving as your GSS Chair has been an immense privilege. As the holiday season approaches, I extend my warmest wishes to each one of you.

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Thank You to Outgoing GSS Program Chair

A huge and sincere thank you to Lisa Mirel, our outgoing Program Chair.

Lisa assembled a fantastic slate of GSS sessions for JSM 2023 in Toronto, working hard behind the scenes for months in advance. We are grateful for her service this year!



2023 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 went to Maya Sternberg "for her distinguished contributions to the American Statistical Association and her invaluable service to the profession through her impactful collaborations at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

2023 Outstanding Section Service Award Winner

Every three years, GSS is eligible to present an Outstanding Section Service Award, recognizing exceptional service to an ASA section.

This year's award went to Jennifer Parker "for being an invaluable member of the GSS executive board, her unwavering commitment to GSS, and the recruitment of new members to the board. For leading innovative work throughout the federal statistical system, ensuring the continued success of ASA."



Congratulations

GSS Federal Resume Workshop Recording

Did you miss the first GSS Federal Resume Workshop led by Lex Levin? Would you still like to learn how to understand and improve materials for your job search in the federal market, including:

- How to read Federal Job postings
- How to draft a resume to stand out in the Federal job Market
- Finding key words and required skills within a Federal Job posting; and
- How to create a USAJOBS profile?

Luckily, Mike Jadoo has made the recording of the event available to all GSS members (note that there is a passcode required, provided below the link). This recording also includes the chat transcript, so you can see questions and additional information shared during the interactive workshop:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/rY7cBkzCZabax6iSVGEHSxImQs_IzjNiyhRHkIZMmU5DKJoECNTyNzxBq46fhCJ.ffu6qva6IZIZOKcJ

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Please be sure to take advantage of this benefit available to GSS members, and stay on the lookout for more upcoming GSS events!

Seeking Nominations for 2024 ASA 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. 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."

Nominations for 2024 fellowship are [open](#)! 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!

GSS Service and Leadership Opportunities

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!



GSS Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

As GSS returns to a more-normal schedule of awards and events, we hope to see more members engaged. If your organization is 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, listed on the Awards tab of the GSS [website](#); or
- GSS-sponsored webinars.

Please reach out to GSS Chair Claire Bowen (cbowen@urban.org), or any other GSS board members to begin a conversation.

Interested in submitting content for the next newsletter?

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