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## Outstanding Program Planned for San Diego



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This year's JSM in San Diego is just around the corner! Conference Keynote Speakers include Alan Krueger from the White House Council of Economic Advisors, Jeff Wu from Georgia Tech, Robert Rodriguez from the SAS Institute, Inc., and Roderick Little from the University of Michigan. The titles of these Keynote presentations, and in fact the theme for this year's JSM, "Statistics: Growing to Serve a Data-dependent Society," promise to reach the diverse interests of the 1,500 statisticians in our Section.

The Section on Statistical Consulting is pleased to sponsor a variety of invited, contributed, and roundtable sessions this year. Sessions span topic areas of different statistical applications and settings reflective of the Section's membership. Our sponsored sessions begin on Monday morning and continue throughout the conference to Thursday. The Section's Business Meeting & Mixer will be held on Tuesday, July 31 from 5:30-7:30 PM.

We hope you can join us at these many sponsored events, as they provide great opportunities to learn new approaches, spur novel ideas, network and build relationships with other statisticians, and learn more about the Section and ways that you can be involved in the future.

We look forward to seeing you in San Diego!

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## Preview — Statistical Consulting @ JSM 2012 San Diego, CA



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JSM 2012 is HERE! As detailed by this year's Program Chair, the Statistical Consulting Section is sponsoring several invited and contributed sessions. Below is a brief listing of those sessions in which Statistical Consulting is the main sponsor. Full details, including session details, abstracts, as well as other sessions co-sponsored by the Statistical Consulting Section, can be found at

[www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2012/onlineprogram/index.cfm](http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2012/onlineprogram/index.cfm)

A mobile version of the program also exists at:

[www.amstat.org/jsmmobile](http://www.amstat.org/jsmmobile)

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### Section Business Meeting & Mixer

- Hilton San Diego Bayfront – *Sapphire IJ*

**Tuesday 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

## Invited Panel

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- How Do You Know When You Are Ready to Fly Solo?  
Organizer: *Jonathan Mahnken, University of Kansas Medical Center*  
Panelists:
  - Kerry B. Hafner, *PRA International*
  - Janet Myhre, *Mathematical Analysis Research Corporation*
  - Murray Clayton, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*
  - Matthew S. Mayo, *University of Kansas Medical Center*

*Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire D*  
**Tuesday 2:00 PM - 3:50 PM**
  
- Solo Consulting: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly  
Organizer: *Isabella Ghement, Ghement Statistical Consulting Company*  
Panelists:
  - William B. Fairley, *Analysis & Inference, Inc.*
  - David Ray Bristol, *Statistical Consulting Services Inc.*
  - MaryJo O. Smith, *Ypsilon Associates*
  - Michael Chernick, *Lankenau Institute for Medical Research*
  - Heather Krause, *Datassist*

*CC-Room 31A*  
**Wednesday 8:30 AM - 10:20 AM**

## Invited Papers

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- Challenges and Opportunities of Remote Statistical Consulting  
Organizer: *Charles Kincaid, Experis*  

*CC-Room 29D*  
**Monday 10:30 AM - 12:20 PM**

  - Working and Consulting Remotely: The Future Is Here  
*Christy Chuang-Stein, Pfizer Inc.* 10:35 AM
  - Avoiding Misunderstandings and Rework in Remote Consulting  
*Mary Batchner, Ernst & Young* 11:00 AM
  - Moving to Hawaii Soon  
*Jim Rutherford, Chevron* 11:25 AM
  - Discussant  
*George Milliken, Milliken and Associates* 11:50 AM
  
- Fostering Interdisciplinary Collaboration Through Statistical Consulting  
Organizer: *Eric Vance, Virginia Tech*  

*CC-Room 28E*  
**Wednesday 10:30 AM - 12:20 PM**

  - Creating Opportunities for Undergraduate Statistics Students to Become Collaborators  
in Interdisciplinary Research  
*Paul Roback, St. Olaf College* 10:35 AM
  - Fostering the Culture of Collaboration at Virginia Tech  
*Eric Vance, Virginia Tech* 11:05 AM
  - Common Habits of Consulting Clients  
*Michael Lavine, University of Massachusetts-Amherst* 11:35 AM

## Topic-Contributed Panel

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- The Human Side of Statistical Engineering  
Organizer: *Doug Zahn, Zahn and Associates*  
Panelists:

*Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire D*  
**Monday 2:00 PM - 3:50 PM**

- Doug Zahn, *Zahn and Associates*
- Erin Tanenbaum, *NORC*
- Jennifer H. Van Mullekom, *DuPont*

## Topic-Contributed Papers

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- Consulting in an Interdisciplinary Nursing Environment  
Organizer: *Matt Hayat, Rutgers University*

*CC-Room 30E*  
**Thursday 8:30 AM - 10:20 AM**

- Avoiding the Lower Bound: Practical Tools for Estimating Unified Reliability of Psychometric Instruments 8:35 AM  
*Yu Jiang, Kansas University Medical Center*
- Building a Biostatistics Business Model Within a Nursing School 8:55 AM  
*Alexandra Hanlon, University of Pennsylvania*
- Investigating Statistical Preparedness of Nursing Graduates for the Workplace 9:15 AM  
*MyoungJin Kim, Illinois State University*
- Nursing Science Research Consulting: A Multidisciplinary Framework 9:35 AM  
*Tom Templin, Wayne State University*
- Experiences Leveraging Biostatistical Work on Nursing Projects Into Personal Research 9:55 AM  
*George Knafl, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

## Contributed Papers

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- Applications and Administrative Practices of Statistical Consulting and Collaborations *CC-Room 29B*  
**Monday 8:30 AM - 10:20 AM**

- Classification Accuracy and Cut-Point Selection 8:35 AM  
*Xinhua Liu, Columbia University*
- Statistical Analysis of Environmental Data with Nondetects. A Solution for Practitioners 8:50 AM  
*Breda Munoz, RTI International*
- Much Ado About Almost Nothing: How to Deal with Limited Data 9:05 AM  
*Stephen Looney, Georgia Health Sciences University*
- How Biostatisticians Can Contribute to Nursing Research in the Hospital Setting 9:20 AM  
*Dunlei Cheng, The University of Texas School of Public Health*
- Statistical Consulting in a State Resource Agency: Experiences Gleaned from a 30+ Year Career 9:35 AM  
*Allen Bingham, Alaska Department of Fish and Game*
- Effective Collaboration Between Biostatisticians with Clinicians in Conducting Medical Research 9:50 AM  
*Yahya Daoud, Baylor Health Care System*

- Using the JMP Statistical Package to Enhance the Statistical Literacy of the U.S.  
Energy Information Administration's (EIA's) Survey Staff 10:05 AM  
*Carol Blumberg, U.S. Energy Information Administration*
- Innovative Solutions to Global Problems: Applications from Statistical Practices *CC-Room 28D*  
**Wednesday 10:30 AM - 12:20 PM**
  - A Bayesian Hierarchical Joint Model to Determine the Bundled Payment Cost  
for Efficient and Effective Knee Replacement Surgery 10:35 AM  
*Sherry Lin*
  - Computing Optimal Strata Bounds Using Dynamic Programming 10:50 AM  
*Eric Miller, Summit Consulting*
  - Design of Infectious Disease Surveillance in Swine 11:05 AM  
*Chong Wang, Iowa State University*
  - Methods for Classifying Changes in Bacterial Prevalence Over Time 11:20 AM  
*Raymond G. Hoffmann, Medical College of Wisconsin*
  - Zero-Inflated Mixed Regression to Predict Self-Reported Frequency of Problems  
with Female Condoms Use Among Women at High Risk of Sexually  
Transmitted Disease 11:35 AM  
*Resmi Gupta, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center*
  - Extending the Application of an Instrument to Facilitate Interdisciplinary Research 11:50 AM  
*Christopher Williams, University of Idaho*

## Contributed Oral Posters

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- Section 191 *CC-Sails Pavilion*  
**Monday 10:30 AM - 12:20 PM**
  - 25. The Estimation and Likelihood Ratio Test for Non-Separable Covariance Matrices  
*Ranye Sun, Texas A&M University*
  - 26. Visual and Statistical Model Comparisons Case Studies  
*Andy Mauromoustakos, University of Arkansas*
  - 27. Electricity Records Correction  
*Yalan Hu*
  - 28. Inference After Model Selection in Linear Mixed Effect Models  
*Adam Sima*
  - 29. Multi-Objective Decision Analysis: Managing Trade-Offs and Uncertainty  
*Clinton Brownley*
  - 30. Using the Tukey-Kramer Omnibus Test in the Hayter-Fisher Procedure  
*Scott Richter, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro*
  - 31. Statistical Analysis of the Relationship Between Dupuytren's Contracture and Psoriasis  
*Monica Anand, Baylor Health Care System*
  - 32. Can Service-Oriented Architecture Improve Data Quality?  
*Nasser Fard, Northeastern University*
  - 33. Ethics and Gender Effect on Intimacy Attitudes Toward Wheelchair Users  
*Xiaohui Wang, The University of Texas Pan American*

- 35. Should We Avoid Random Effects Model When Covariates Correlate with Group Effects?  
*Ta Liu, Battelle Memorial Institute*
- 36. Intersubject Variability in Pharmacokinetics and Subject Characteristics in Phase I Studies  
*Peng Chai, Celerion*
- 37. Electricity Records Correction  
*Yalan Hu*
- 38. SimRare: A Program to Generate and Analyze Sequence-Based Data for Association Studies of Quantitative and Qualitative Traits  
*Biao Li, Rice University*
- 39. The Performance of the Linear Logistic Test Model and the 2-PI Constrained Model When the Q-Matrix Is Misspecified: A Simulation Study  
*George MacDonald, University of South Florida*
- 40. Simulation and Model Calibration with Sensitivity Analysis for Threat Detection in Brain  
*Sumona Mondal, Clarkson University*

## Roundtables

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*All Roundtables are located in CC-Ballroom 20D*

- Displaying the Result and Recognizing Consulting Effort in Analyzing High-Dimensional Temporal and Spatial Correlated Data Set  
Organizer: *Hyun Kim, University of California at Los Angeles* **Tuesday 7:00 AM - 8:15 AM**
- Minding the Gap  
Organizer: *Barbara Hanusa, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System* **Tuesday 12:30 PM - 1:50 PM**
- Home Experiments: A Way to Answer Real Questions and Build Professional Skills  
Organizer: *Brenda Wilson Gillespie, University of Michigan* **Tuesday 12:30 PM - 1:50 PM**
- Beyond Number Crunching and Data Monitoring: Challenging Roles for CRO Statisticians  
Organizer: *Jia Hu, Synteract Inc* **Wednesday 12:30 PM - 1:50 PM**

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[www.visitsandiego.com](http://www.visitsandiego.com)

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## Headlines and Announcements

### Incoming Officers for Statistical Consulting

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The results are in! The following officers were elected to terms starting in January 1, 2013. Congratulations to all and thank you for your willingness to serve.

- **Chair-Elect** – Walter Ambrosius, *Wake Forest University*
  - **Publications Officer-Elect** – Chris Barker, *Statistical Planning and Analysis Services, Inc.*
  - **Council of Sections Representative (2012-2015)** – Stuart Gansky, *University of California San Francisco*
  - **Executive Committee at Large (2012-2014)** – Chris Holloman, *The Ohio State University*
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