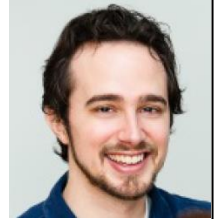




Greetings from NC-ASA President

Weston McManus
NC Chapter President



Greetings Chapter! As 2017 draws to a close, we're seeing a ramp in the activity in the Chapter. As you'll see below we've got a number of events coming up and ways for you to get involved. But much of this had little to do with me; it was the community of NC ASA and the leadership efforts of both current vice presidents, Elizabeth and Emily. It has been my honor to serve the community and watch energy grow, and they will take it from here. There is much more to do and I'm excited I was able to be at the start of something good!

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Calendar of Events

"The State of Statistics" Panel Discussion and Dinner - Friday, Dec 8th 6pm (sign-up by Dec 1). More details on next page

Leadership Course - Feb 23, 2018 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at SAS Campus

<http://community.amstat.org/northcarolina/initiatives/leadership>

Recycled Poster Session & Social - Mar 30, 2018:

<http://community.amstat.org/northcarolina/events/upcomingevents>

Speed Mentoring event - Late Spring, 2018:

<http://community.amstat.org/northcarolina/initiatives/mentoring>

Consulting Connections - TBD 2018:

<http://community.amstat.org/northcarolina/initiatives/consultingconnections>

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry!

NC ASA is excited to host “The State of Statistics” Dinner and Panel Discussion on Friday, Dec 8th. The panel includes NC ASA members from academics, industry, and government across North Carolina.

In addition to the panel discussion, there will be time for socializing with heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine, and dessert.

Speakers include:

David Banks (Duke)

Jim Blum (UNC Wilmington)

Kirsten Doehler (Elon University)

Kristen Foley (EPA)

Joe Ibrahim (UNC)

Ashley Kesler (PPD)

Bob Rodriguez (SAS)

Tickets are on sale through this Friday! As tickets are limited due to venue seating capacity, please sign up soon! We look forward to seeing you there!

Tickets and information:

<https://www.123signup.com/event?id=hzmtn>

After Work Socials

NC ASA has held several after work socials in RTP to give members a chance to meet and mingle with other statisticians. These included a “Meet the NC ASA Board” in July, our October social with over a dozen NC ASA members, and November’s social with ASA Past-President Marie Davidian to support NC ASA’s goal to further leadership and excellence in statistics.

More Social Events in 2018!

2017 has been a very active year for the NC Chapter which hosted several small get together events as we continue to engage with our members.

These events have been a lot of fun, with members from across diverse disciplines, institutions, and statistical backgrounds. They are also a great opportunity to tell your favorite stat joke!

NC ASA would like to promote similar events outside of the Triangle area to serve all members. If you are interested in organizing an NC ASA social or other event in your region, information can be found here:

<http://community.amstat.org/northcarolina/initiatives/localiaison>

2017 NC ASA Chapter Executive Committee

President – Weston McManus (SAS)

Vice President (1) – Elizabeth Mannshardt (EPA)

Vice President (2) – Emily Griffith (NCSU)

Secretary – Amit Saha (Wake Forest)

Treasurer/Webmaster – Scott Richter (UNC-G)

Chapter Representative –

Jason Brinkley (Abt Associates)

Chapter Advisor(s) –

Gerald Belton (Capitol Broadcasting)

Hrishikesh Chakraborty (DCRI)

Sat Gupta (UNC-G)

Sujit Ghosh (NCSU)

Jerry Reiter (Duke)

Breda Munoz (RTI)

Past President – Anastasia Ivanova (UNC)

November “Meet and Greet” with ASA Past-President Marie Davidian

The NC ASA would like to thank ASA Past-President Marie Davidian for the meet and greet to support NC ASA’s goal to further leadership and excellence in statistics. Several chapter members attended the social and the Executive Committee considers it a great success. Look for more of these types of events in 2018 and if you have suggestions on locations or speakers, please reach out to any member of the leadership or email NC Chapter Rep, Jason Brinkley, at jason.scott.brinkley@gmail.com.



Butch Tsiatis, Weston McManus, Marie Davidian, Shawn Harris, Jane Pendergast, Bo Li, Jonathan Duggins (several NC ASA attendees not pictured)

Website Updates Coming

NC ASA is currently coordinating with ASA to provide functionality for members to post NC job announcements and professional events of interest to the NC ASA community - including NC workshops and conferences - directly to the NC ASA website. This is intended to provide a permanent, easy-reference list of statistical opportunities in NC. Please reach out to Elizabeth Mannshardt (mannshardt@stat.ncsu.edu) for more information or to discuss scheduling an event.

Scholastic Council

The NC ASA has formed a Scholastic Council to facilitate communication and coordinate activities between the Chapter and North Carolina schools, colleges and universities. Each institution is invited to have a Faculty Contact and a Student Representative on the council. More information about the Council, including council structure, member duties, and institutional contacts:

<http://community.amstat.org/northcarolina/initiatives/scholasticcouncil>

Several universities already have representation on the Council. NC ASA thanks and looks forward to working with these members, and encourages additional participation. The Faculty Contact simply serves as a liaison to the NC-ASA Executive Board. The Student Representative has the opportunity to participate with the Executive Board in organizing student activities and to sit on the Council of Student Representatives, which will provide the student an opportunity to work with the Board and contribute to its function. Faculty, please contact the NC-ASA VP Elizabeth Mannshardt at manshardt@stat.ncsu.edu if you are interested in participating. Interested students should first coordinate with faculty in their home department, but are welcome to contact NC ASA directly as well.

High school faculty and students are also encouraged to participate.

Industry Interests Group

NC ASA is interested in organizing an Industry Interests group to further serve all members. The Industry Interest group could provide a forum for communication among members and with the board, and provide a platform for organizing informal gatherings as well as professional events. Industry group members may also have the opportunity to coordinate with the Scholastic Council for internships, career fairs, etc. In addition, NC ASA is currently coordinating with ASA to provide functionality for Industry Group members to post Job Announcements and professional events directly to the NC ASA website. This would ideally provide a permanent, easy-reference list of statistical opportunities in NC.

<http://community.amstat.org/northcarolina/initiatives/industryinterests>

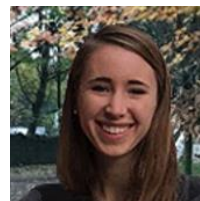
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New Member Profile: Herb Weisberg



The NC ASA is focused on promoting leadership and excellence in statistics and is excited to welcome new member Herb Weisberg. Herb is an independent statistical consultant, author, long-time member and past president of the Boston Chapter of ASA, and an ASA Fellow. Herb will be moving shortly to North Carolina, and is looking forward to participating in the NC ASA Chapter. Herb is the President of CAUSALYTICS and Correlation Research, Inc. Herb is also the author of *Bias and Causation: Models and Judgment for Valid Comparisons*, winner of the 2010 PROSE Award from the American Association of Publishers for Scholarly Excellence in Mathematics and 2011 Ziegler Prize from *Technometrics*. NC ASA welcomes Herb, and looks forward to his participation in NC ASA. Come meet Herb at the NC ASA's "The State of Statistics" Panel Discussion and Dinner on Dec 8th!

New Member Profile: Julia Haines



Julia Haines is a junior at Wake Forest University studying mathematical statistics and computer science. Originally from North Carolina, she enjoys running in the rain, playing pickup frisbee and volunteering with service organization Alpha Phi Omega. She has been an editor for student newspaper *Old Gold & Black*, and frequently writes articles associated with the mathematics and computer science departments on campus, such as "[mental floss entertains and inform](#)". Julia is a SMART Scholar (Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation) through the Department of Defense, and spent her summer interning at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. She is also a Student Representative on NC ASA's Scholastic Council. Julia's research interests include networks and computational statistics. In the future, she would like to pursue statistics as it relates to the fields of security, education, media or the environment.