

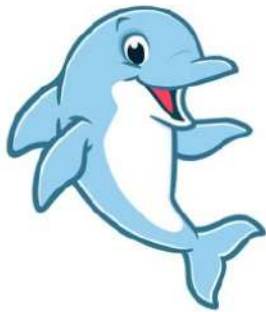
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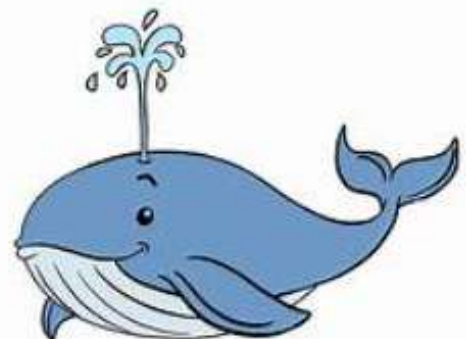
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2023 Orange County Biostatistics Symposium

DATE: Friday and Saturday, **September 29-30, 2023**

TOPIC: Innovative Designs in Expediting Drug and Device Development

LOCATION: In person at **Edwards Lifesciences** Conference Center, 1 Edwards Way, Irvine, CA 92612. An online option will be also available.

EVENT WEBSITE: www.oclbasa.org

REGISTRATION:

<https://2023ocbiostatistics.eventbee.com>

Agenda, abstracts, speaker's bios are available on the event website.



Edwards

**OVERVIEW OF R-GURU RESOURCE HUB:
Access to R Resources for Rapid R Learning and Tips
WEBINAR BY SUNIL GUPTA**

EVENT: R-Guru Resource Hub Webinar

PRESENTER: Sunil Gupta, Founder of R-Guru.com

WHEN: Wednesday, October 4 , 2023, 8:30 – 9:00 AM

TIME ZONE: America/Los Angeles

COST: none

REGISTRATION: not required

Attend my next webinar on October 4, 2023, 8:30-9:00 AM PT, for an overview of R-Guru Resource Hub! There is no cost and registration is not required. We will explore updates in Pharmaverse, R Cheat Sheets, R Books and Common FAQs. Next, we will review R-Guru class content and exercise updates in workshops and SDTMs and finally have an Q&A session.

<https://r-guru.com/resources/R%20Downloads/R-Guru%20Resource%20Hub.pdf>

VIDEO CALL LINK: <https://meet.google.com/apt-xzxc-sgs>

OR DIAL: (US) +1 812-727-7482 PIN: 942 677 391#

MORE PHONE NUMBERS: [https://tel.meet/apt-xzxc-sgs?](https://tel.meet/apt-xzxc-sgs?pin=6254828785921)

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READY TO ADD CODELISTS BY GROUP AS A NEW UTILITY?

Sunil Gupta
SAS Author, Founder of SASSavvy.com

Obs	Sex	count	nameslst
1	F	9	Alice, Barbara, Carol, Jane, Janet, Joyce, Judy, Louise, Mary
2	M	10	Alfred, Henry, James, Jeffrey, John, Philip, Robert, Ronald, Thomas, William

Instead of always using PROC FREQ to list unique values by a group variable, why not try using the DATA STEP as an alternative? The DATA STEP is one the most powerful SAS procedures that enables conditional and group processing, along with statements and functions. With the BY statement, FIRST. and LAST. conditions can be applied to create and update variables. The RETAIN statement preserves the unique values and the CATX() function concatenates all unique values. When the LAST.group record is reached, then the record is saved so that the dataset contains unique records by group variable.

Often programmers find one variable containing a list of unique values easier to review and process instead of PROC FREQ's default rows for each unique value. In addition, as extra benefits, the unique values can be sorted alphabetically and a count variable can also be added. Savvy SAS programmers can find multiple applications for this new utility.

```
* create dataset of unique values by sex;
proc sql;
create table class as
select unique sex, name, count(name) as count
from sashelp.class group by sex order by sex, name;
quit;

* concatenate names and then output last sex record;
data nameslst;
retain nameslst;
length nameslst $200 count 8.;
set class;
by sex;
if first.sex then nameslst="";
if name > " then nameslst=catx(' ', strip(nameslst), strip(name));
if last.sex then do;
output;
end;
keep sex nameslst count;
run;

title 'Codelist by Sex Group';
proc print data=nameslst;
var sex count nameslst;
run;
```



SAN DIEGO CHAPTER 2023 ASA TRAVELING COURSE

CHARTING YOUR COURSE FOR LEADERSHIP SUCCESS

By Daniel Ries, Secretary of the San Diego Chapter of the ASA

WHEN: Friday, October 6th, 2023, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm PST (lunch included with registration)

WHERE: In-person and online option (link will be sent)

Pfizer Inc., 10646 Science Center Drive, San Diego, CA 92121

EVENTBRITE REGISTRATION: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/asa-san-diego-chapter-traveling-course-october-2023-tickets-711594417057?aff=oddtcreator>

TITLE: Charting Your Course for Leadership Success

INSTRUCTOR: Leslie Ain McClure, Ph.D.,

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Leadership is a process that does not happen by accident. There are steps you can take throughout your career, including early on, that can help prepare you for leadership roles. This interactive course will provide an introduction to leadership, including topics like setting short- and long-term goals, time management, the importance of mentorship and sponsorship (and how they differ), and how to “dip your foot” into leadership early on. We will also touch on other important skills that can help make the path to leadership smoother.



ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR: Leslie McClure is a Professor of Biostatistics and just completed her term as Chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs at the Dornsife School of Public Health at Drexel University. In November, she will become the Dean of the College for Public Health and Social Justice at Saint Louis University. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the University of Kansas, her MS in Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health from the University of Iowa, and her Ph.D. in Biostatistics from the University of Michigan. Dr. McClure does work to try to understand disparities in health, particularly racial and geographic disparities, and the role that the environment plays in them. Her methodological expertise is in the design and analysis of multicenter trials, as well as issues of multiplicity in clinical trials. She is currently the Director of the Coordinating Center for the Diabetes LEAD Network, and the Director of the Data Coordinating Center for the Connecting the Dots: Autism Center of Excellence. Dr. McClure is a Fellow of the American Statistical Association, the Society for Clinical Trials, and the American Heart Association. In addition to her research, Dr. McClure is passionate about increasing diversity in the math sciences and devotes considerable time to mentoring younger scientists. She was the inaugural Associate Director for Diversity for the Statistics and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute (SAMSI) and served on the American Statistical Association’s (ASA’s) Diversity Task Force. Dr. McClure also chaired the ASA’s Task Force on Sexual Harassment and Assault. You can follow Dr. McClure on Twitter @StatGirlLAM and read her blog at: <https://statgirlblog.wordpress.com/>

ESRI DEVELOPER SUMMIT

March 12–15, 2024 | Palm Springs, CA

```
// show the compass
mapRotation.state.set(
  Compass()
  // reset the Compass to point north
  rotation.toPointNorth()
  mapRotation.set(
    mapRotationModel, setViewpointRotation()
  )
}
```

```
arcgis-map compass
arcgis-map state dot
Compass()
rotation.toPointNorth()
mapRotation.set(
  mapRotationModel
)
```

INSPIRE OTHER DEVELOPERS WITH YOUR WORK

The 2024 Esri Developer Summit (DevSummit) takes place in Palm Springs this March, and we want you to be part of the experience. Submit an abstract for the chance to present your work in front of other developers and see how your achievements help inform future enhancements in ArcGIS.

Your stories of success and innovation building with GIS are an invaluable part of the developer experience. That collaborative spirit is what makes DevSummit the premier event for developers, by developers.

We can't wait to see what you've achieved—submit an abstract for a user presentation by the deadline: October 6, 2023.

SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT

More information can be found on the event website

[HTTPS://WWW.ESRI.COM/EN-US/ABOUT/EVENTS/DEVSUMMIT/OVERVIEW](https://www.esri.com/en-us/about/events/devsummit/overview)

Esri Developer Summit

March 12-15, 2024 | Palm Springs, California

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</arcgis-map>
```

The developer community
can play a role in
improving the user
experience of the
product.

```
var queryParameters = {
  "Where": "1=1",
  "OutFields": "*"
};
var search = new Search()
search.execute(queryParameters);
search.on("FeatureSet", function(event) {
  console.log("FeatureSet: " + event.results);
});
search.on("FeatureSet", function(event) {
  console.log("FeatureSet: " + event.results);
});
```



UPCOMING NISS HOSTED WEBINARS

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GUIDE FOR GRAD SCHOOL: PHD & MS PROGRAMS IN STATS, BIOSTATS & DATA SCIENCE DEGREES!

Friday October 6, 2023 at 12 pm - 1:30 pm ET

Are you an aspiring data enthusiast looking to take your passion to the next level? Join us for an informative and inspiring event tailored specifically for undergraduate students interested in pursuing advanced degrees in Statistics, Biostatistics, and Data Science! [REGISTER HERE](#)

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NISS VIRTUAL GOVERNMENT CAREER FAIR

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 - 12 pm - 1:30 pm ET

Government institutions have a unique mission when it comes to the data they collect as well as the importance of the research they engage in. This research becomes the principle foundation for informing policy issues that impact all aspects of society. So what kinds of opportunities are there for data scientists in the federal government? More importantly, how do you prepare yourself for obtaining a position?

Once again, NISS has gathered an incredible lineup of speakers. Not only do they bring extensive experience working in the federal government, but these individuals have as their priority a willingness to share their experiences so that others may better understand and be better prepared for working for a federal agency. After each speakers' presentations, we will have an interactive Q&A session with the participants. [REGISTER HERE!](#)

[FOR MORE INFORMATION CLICK HERE](#)

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GUIDE FOR GRAD SCHOOL: GRAD STUDENT PANEL

Friday, October 13, 2023

Are you an undergraduate student eager to learn more about the next steps in your academic journey? Join us for a captivating and informative Graduate Student Panel where accomplished graduate students from advanced degrees in Statistics, Biostatistics, and Data Science will share their experiences, advice, and insights to help you navigate the transition from undergrad to graduate studies.

[FOR MORE INFORMATION CLICK HERE](#)



RECENT NISS CAREER WEBINARS

BIostatISTICS AND PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY CAREER FAIR

NISS hosted a Career Fair session describing opportunities for biostatisticians, statisticians, and data scientists from three companies in the biostatistics and pharmaceutical industry.

[DETAILS HERE](#) [WATCH VIDEO RECORDING](#)

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NISS 'CAREERS BEYOND TECH' CAREER FAIR

This career fair hosted by NISS included speakers who provided an inside look at the varying aspects of research and service that statisticians in various institutions get involved in and the career opportunities available for you to consider! Each presenter gave a brief overview of their institution and their opportunities, followed by a panel discussion.

[WATCH VIDEO RECORDING](#)

NISS
The Statistics Community Serving the Nation

A farewell letter to my SCASA community

By John Gins

I am grateful to the whole statistical community in the Southern California area. I originally became involved exactly 50 years ago after I moved from Ohio. Through the local Los Angeles chapter, I was connected to my first full-time job as a statistician (Epidemiology Analyst) with the Los Angeles County Health Department.

As an applied statistician, I always had a job, and all were obtained through referrals. I have worked in eight industry and government sectors for fourteen different employers of all sizes. I was one of the earliest statisticians who was trained on computers. This was a valuable



skill set at the start of my career. I could stay ahead of the computer and database curve and was a pioneer in the data mining space. I worked with Leo Breiman and Chuck Stone on multiple projects before they moved to Northern California, the most notable of which was extreme tail probabilities.

I am interested in using statistics and technology to serve the community better. I spent the majority of my career as a mentor and coach. I found that successfully finding solutions to a problem requires understanding what specific problem needs to be solved, understanding your assets and limitations, and then continuing to experiment and work until the solution falls out. I have a gift for **defining the question**.

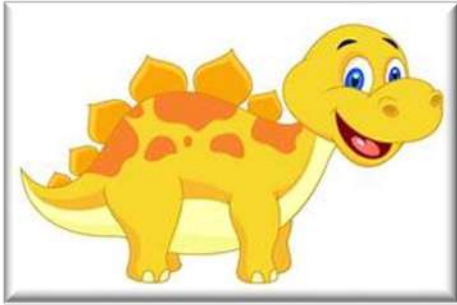
I have continued to work after retirement with my wife Cheryl, a health coach (cherylmhealthmuse.com). Our mission is to change the way Americans eat. I supply the technical structure for our mission and have become fluent in technologies beyond my work experience.

For the last five years, Cheryl and I have split our time between Sedona, AZ, and Arcadia, CA. We decided that we needed to spend our time in one community. We are moving full-time to Sedona at the beginning of October.

It has been a lot of fun to be a member of the SCASA Community. You taught me a lot, and I am grateful. I am working on two books and will let Olga know when they are available.

~ John Gins

When asked how to describe his current status, John replied, "Right-censored is fairly accurate since there seems to be no end to things I am interested in. Or semi-retired". Congratulations, John, for moving on to new adventures! We will miss you at SCASA events!



Dr. Normalcurvesaurus, Ph.D. presents

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"Somebody broke into your computer, but it looks like the work of an inexperienced hacker."

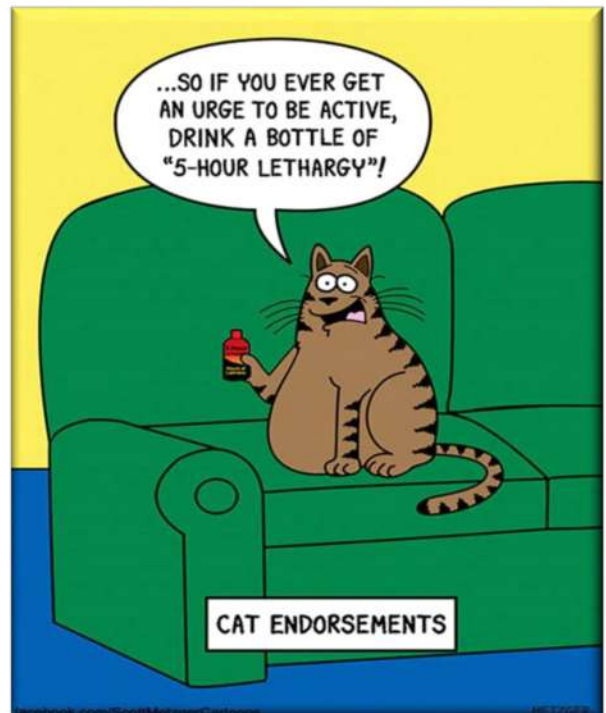


"Never, ever, think outside the box."



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