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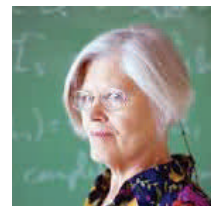
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT-BY NANCY FLOURNOY

My term as president now seems to be flying by. I am getting good feedback about our active condemnation of there being no plenary or named women speakers at JSM 2013. By good, of course I don't mean that everyone is supportive of cause. But apparently it has generated debate, and this is good.



Our proposal for a plenary F.N. David lecture continues on its procedural path. We have a time slot approved by the ASA Committee on Meetings, and this is a big hurdle. But the ASA Board of Directors recommends we request a Named Lecture instead of a Plenary one – for various reasons. I am now rewriting our proposal to reflect their recommendations, at which point our proposal will go to COPSS where it must be approved by all the participating societies. It may well be turned down by some society. But even if we fail with this proposal, it will have been worth it to keep our complaints alive in our colleagues' minds.

WELCOME TO OUR SPRING 2014 NEWS- LETTER

Secretary Jessica Kohlschmidt and I still need to finish revising the by laws, which I have vowed to do before my term is over. I hope to see many of you at the Celebration of Women in Statistics Conference (<http://women-in-stats.org>) in Research Triangle, NC, May 15-17, 2014. More information about Caucus activities at JSM will be sent as it becomes available. Together let's ratchet up our actions and our voices, and work together to improve the environment for women in statistics.

JSM 2014-BY CAUCUS PRESIDENT NANCY FLOURNOY

Meetings times are not yet finalized for JSM. But we have requested rooms for the Executive Business Meeting on Sunday morning and our Reception and Business Meeting Tuesday afternoon following the sessions. Also we will have an informal breakfast on Tuesday. Later I will send out a doodle poll to organize coverage of our hospitality table. It is a great place to hang out, and I hope you drop by to talk even if you are not taking charge. As many of you know, no women gave named or plenary lectures at the last JSM, nor I believe at the JSM before that. Many made quite a fuss. This year Sharon Lohr will be the first woman EVER to present the Deming Lecture and Grace Wahba is presenting the COPSS Fisher Lecture. We hope this is glass breaking and not just a flash in the pan. Also, on behalf of the Caucus, I have proposed a late-breaking session that feature Lynne Billard talking about symbolic data analysis with two of her former doctoral students [Jennifer LeRademacher who is Assistant Professor of Biostatistics in the Institute for Health and Safety, Medical College of Wisconsin and Jaejik Kim who is Assistant Professor at Georgia Health Sciences University]. Acceptance of our late-breaking proposal will raise the number of featured women speakers significantly (which is a really terrible fact).

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT-ELECT — BY PAULA K. ROBERSON

I am pleased to be serving as the President-elect of the Caucus for Women in Statistics. As others have noted, the Caucus is facing a number of challenges. However, these challenges also present opportunities for creative solutions. I look

forward to working with the Executive Committee and the membership as we consider strategies for moving forward. I am extremely grateful to those women who have paved the way for me professionally in so many ways – mentoring, teaching, or providing a much needed shoulder or push as the situation warranted. For many of us, it is time to ‘pay it forward.’ As a volunteer organization, we depend on the energy and ideas of the members to remain viable. To those of you who are active

members, I say a big “Thank you!”. I encourage others of you to seek opportunities for involvement, and to share your ideas with the officers. Two major ways you can help is to keep your dues current, and to encourage others to join. I challenge each of our members to recruit at least one new member before the end of the year, and to help that new member find a way to get involved in some way – perhaps by helping with the activities at JSM, or by writing an article for the newsletter, or one of many other possibilities.

An exciting occasion for catching up with old friends and meeting new ones is happening soon at the upcoming Celebrating Women in Statistics Conference in Cary, NC in May. I hope to see you there!

Paula Roberson
President-Elect CWIS, 2015

**CAUCUS LUNCH IN TAIPEI JULY 2, 2014-BY NANCY FLOURNOY**

Going to Taipei for the IMS meeting (see <http://ims-aprm2014.ntu.edu.tw/index.php>)?

Join Caucus President Nancy Flournoy for lunch on July 2. The conference organizers are providing us with a classroom that holds 30 to 48 people during lunch time, along with standard lunchboxes for conference participants. Sign up for the lunch when you check-in on site for the meeting. There is no extra cost. The lunch is open to all and I hope we can recruit some new members at that venue.

**CAUCUS DINNER IN WASHINGTON DC-
BY JENNIFER PARKER**

Thank you to all who participated in the DC Women in Statistics dinner this spring at Cubanitos. We had a nice turnout of about 20 women, and it was a pleasure to see familiar faces and meet new people. Hopefully we will do this again in the autumn. Please consider organizing! You may contact me at jdparker@aol.com for more information.

NOTES FROM OUR PAST PRESIDENT—BY SUSMITA DATTA



Dear CWIS members,

As the 2013 Past-President of CWIS I would like to invite you all to the upcoming and exiting first conference of Women in Statistics. Please know that this conference was proposed jointly by the Chair of the Committee of Women in Statistics (COWIS) and president and two past presidents of CWIS in 2011. The goal was to bring together statisticians from academia, government and industry to enhance the status of women in statistics and biostatistics and to celebrate the achievements of women. In many other STEM fields similar conferences are already in place. Consequently, we feel that it is high time that we have our own. As an executive committee member of the conference I am happy to report that the topics of the oral presentations, panels and round table discussions are all very unique and true to the goal of the conference. I am also happy to report that we were able to provide travel support to 50 junior women researchers to attend the conference due to the generous support from a conference grant R13 GM109727-01

(PI Susmita Datta) from National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) of National Institute of Health (NIH).

Other significant sponsors were Duke University and ASA (providing the seed money). Significant industry support from Minerva Research Foundation and Walmart and many other small supports were also very helpful to make the conference happen.

We have more than 250 individuals already registered during the early registration period of the conference.

Please look at the official advertisement of the conference below and register if you haven't decided to join us yet. Your presence and feedback will be extremely important for the long-term sustainability of this unique conference. Please remember that in spite of all the right intentions we are prone to commit unintentional mistakes. However, we will learn from our mistakes with your support.

Sincerely,
Susmita Datta
Past President CWIS, 2013
Susmita.datta@louisville.edu



CONFERENCE TO CELEBRATE WOMEN IN STATISTICS!

The first-ever conference devoted to women in statistics will be held May 15-17, 2014 in Cary, NC. This conference will offer numerous opportunities for networking, ideas for collaboration, and sessions highlighting careers of women in statistics. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to join in the celebration of women in statistics! For more information, visit the conference website:

<https://women-in-stats.org/>

STATUS OF CAUCUS MEMBERSHIP—BY CATHY FURLONG

The Caucus is always looking for new members – please remind your colleagues about the Caucus! It is important for women to continue to share their experiences with each other and for all of us to encourage women to develop their skills and careers in statistics and mathematics. Do

you have ideas of how to increase the Caucus membership? If so, please email all suggestions to me. I would like to thank people for some suggestions given so far:

1. Create Caucus for Women in Statistics subsets at universities or colleges. For members at the university or college level, are you interested in doing this?

2. Encourage younger members to conduct informational interviews of experienced members, especially when dealing with balancing work and family or finding mentors at work. I am willing to pair members for the interviews. Experienced members, please let me know if you are open to being interviewed by younger members. New and young members, please let me know if you are interested in conducting an informational interview.

Please remember to renew your membership! Anna Nevius Treasurer, has successfully organized the PayPal account; therefore members are encouraged to pay their dues on-line. When renewing on line, please include your email address and any additional notes. I will email new members for additional database information.

Cathy Furlong
Membership Coordinator

LET'S TALK: CWIS UPDATES—BY TENA KATSAOUNIS

First, we would like to thank Malini Iyengar for her many years of service to the Caucus. Her hard work and dedication is much appreciated. We have had many years of wonderful newsletters thanks to her. We are sad to see her move on from this position but are looking forward to the future.

Please welcome our new newsletter editor Elena Rantou. Elena was born in Athens, Greece. She earned an MS and Ph.D. in Statistics from American University, Washington DC. She has worked as a statistical consultant in Europe and the US and has been teaching Probability and Statistics for many years. In 2013, she joined the Office of Biostatistics, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, at FDA. Her work is related to determining bioequivalence of generic drugs. Her research interests include data mining, classification and pattern recognition. She joined the Caucus last year and is very excited to work for the newsletter and to have the opportunity to directly communicate with other members.



Social media—The Caucus for Women in Statistics is now on LinkedIn. I created a "closed" group named "Caucus for Women in Statistics", which means you need to "request to join" and I will accept your request.

Hope to see you in LinkedIn soon! Don't forget to "like" our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Caucusforwomeninstatistics>, follow "WomenInStats" on twitter or follow our webpage

<http://caucusforwomeninstatistics.wordpress.com/>. If you have any questions please contact me.

Thank you, Tena Katsaounis

Media and Communications Chair

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MAILBAG/NEWSBRIEFS—BY JILL MONTAQUILA

The Mailbag/Newsbriefs Column provides a means of sharing news items with Caucus members. Mailbag items are generally personal news items—updates on members who have recently taken new jobs, received promotions, published articles or books, etc. Newsbriefs are brief summaries of noteworthy news items from newspapers, magazines, or websites. As Features Editor, I collect both types of items and prepare them for the Caucus newsletter.

If you have good news to share, or come across an article or website that you think would be of interest to the Caucus membership, please email these submissions to me at

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AWARD NOMINATIONS NEEDED-BY JILL MONTAQUILLA

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS :

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL JANET L. NORWOOD AWARD

The Section on Statistical Genetics and the Department of Biostatistics in the School of Public Health, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) are pleased to request nominations for the Thirteenth Annual Janet L. Norwood Award for Outstanding Achievement by a Woman in the Statistical Sciences. The award will be conferred on Wednesday, 9/10/2014. The award recipient will be invited to deliver a lecture at the UAB award ceremony, and

How to nominate: Please send a full curriculum vitae accompanied by a letter of not more than two pages in length describing the nature of the candidate's contributions. Contributions may be in the area of development and evaluation of statistical methods, teaching of statistics, application of statistics, or any other activity that can arguably be said to have advanced the field of statistical science. Self-nominations are acceptable.

will receive all expenses, the award, and a \$5,000 prize.

Eligible individuals are women who have completed their terminal degree, have made extraordinary contributions and have an outstanding record of service to the statistical sciences, with an emphasis on both their own scholarship and on teaching and leadership of the field in general and of women in particular and who, if selected, are willing to deliver a lecture at the award ceremony. award, please visit our website at <http://www.soph.uab.edu/ssg/norwoodaward/aboutaward>

Please send nominations to:

David B. Allison, Ph.D.

Distinguished Professor, Quetelet Endowed Professor of Public Health, Associate Dean for Science; Director, Office of Energetics; Director, Nutrition Obesity Research Center
dallison@uab.edu

Deadline for receipt of nominations is Friday, 6/27/2014.

Electronic submissions of nominations are encouraged.

The winner will be announced by Monday, 7/7/2014.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS-BY JILL MONTAQUILLA

(2002) Dr. Jane F. Gentleman: Director, Division of Health Interview Statistics, NCHS & VP ASA

(2003) Dr. Nan M. Laird: Henry Pickering Walcott Professor, Biostatistics, Harvard

(2004) Dr. Alice S. Whittemore: Professor & Co-Chair, Health Research & Policy, Stanford

(2005) Dr. Clarice R. Weinberg: NIEHS Biostatistics Branch Chief

(2006) Dr. Janet Turk Wittes: President, Statistics Collaborative Inc.

(2007) Dr. Marie Davidian: Distinguished Professor, Statistics, NC State

(2008) Dr. Xihong Lin: Professor, Biostatistics, Harvard

(2009) Dr. Nancy Geller: Director, NHLBI Office of Biostatistics Research.

(2010) Dr. L. Adrienne Cupples: Professor, Biostatistics & Epidemiology, Boston University

(2011) Dr. Lynne Billard: University Professor, University of Georgia

(2012) Dr. Nancy Flournoy: Professor, Statistics, University of Missouri

(2013) Dr. Kathryn Roeder: Professor, Statistics, Carnegie Mellon University

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JOB NOTICES-BY SORINA EFTIM

Job notices must be submitted to Sorina Eftim by April 1, 2014 for inclusion in the Spring 2014 Newsletter. The fee for publishing a job notice of ≤ 12 lines is \$50, a $\frac{1}{2}$ page is \$100. Longer ads are \$125 per page. Jobs will be posted on the website periodically as received and published in the next edition. Credit card payments can be made on the Caucus website, or a check payable to The Caucus for Women in Statistics will be accepted. Phone or e-mail inquiries are welcomed. All positions advertised in this newsletter are EO/AA.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH - MENDELZON VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN STATISTICS LIMITED-TERM APPOINTMENT

The Department of Computer and Mathematical Sciences, University of Toronto Scarborough invites applications for a three-year contractually limited term appointment in Statistics as the Mendelzon Visiting Assistant Professor, to begin July 1, 2014 and end June 30, 2017.

We will consider applicants in all areas of Statistics such as Machine Learning, Statistical Genetics and Finance. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in Statistics or a related field. They must demonstrate the ability to pursue innovative research at the highest level of excellence, and excellence in teaching. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The University of Toronto is an international leader in Statistics research and education, and the Department of Computer and Mathematical Sciences enjoys strong ties to other academic units in Statistics within the University. The successful candidate for this position will be encouraged to contribute to the enrichment of academic programs at the University's Scarborough campus.

Applicants should apply online through mathjobs.org, <https://www.mathjobs.org/jobs/jobs/5835>. Applications should include a curriculum vitae, research statement, teaching statement, and four letters of recommendation. If you have questions about this position, please contact Kathleen Smith, ka.smith@utsc.utoronto.ca in the Department of Computer & Mathematical Sciences.

To ensure full consideration, this material must be submitted by May 20, 2014.

The Mendelzon Visiting Assistant Professorship is a position created in memory of Alberto Mendelzon, FRSC, distinguished computer scientist, and former chair of the Department of Computer and Mathematical Sciences, University of Toronto Scarborough.

For more information about the Department of Computer & Mathematical Sciences, please visit our webpage, <http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/cms>

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from visible minority group members, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, members of sexual minority groups, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

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**CAUCUS FOR WOMEN IN STATISTICS
2014 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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Institution: _____

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(Please check all the apply):

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_____ Biometric Society—Eastern North American
Region

_____ Biometric Society—Western North American
Region

_____ Biometric Society—Other Region or At Large

_____ International Statistical Institute

_____ Statistical Society of Canada

_____ Population Association of America

I would like to volunteer to (please, check):

_____ Serve as an officer

_____ Serve on Awards/Fellows Nomination Committee

_____ Be a mentor

_____ Assist with fundraising

_____ Communications work

_____ Write an article for the newsletter

_____ Contribute through our website (as well as
Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn)

_____ Other ideas:

_____ At JSM, ENAR, or involve the Caucus with other
conferences:

_____ Organize a session

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Cox Scholarship Fund \$ _____

FN David Award Fund \$ _____

Total (Dues and Contributions) \$ _____

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1. Mail this form and a check for the **TOTAL** amount made out to the Caucus for Women in Statistics to:

Anna Nevius, Treasurer

7732 Rydal Terrace

Rockville, MD 20855-2057.

2. Pay on PayPal at <http://caucusforwomeninstatistics.wordpress.com/join/> and email this filled out form to Anna Nevius (nevius@comcast.net).