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WASHINGTON STATISTICAL SOCIETY

A CHAPTER OF THE

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http://washstat.org/

To the Washington Statistical and Data Science Community:

Do you work with data, or are you interested in how statistical and data science methods can turn data into meaningful insights? Do you live or work in the Washington, DC metropolitan area? If so, we invite you to join the Washington Statistical Society (WSS). One of the largest and most active chapters of the American Statistical Association (ASA), WSS brings together more than 500 members from government, academia, and the private sector. WSS offers opportunities to:

- Learn through seminars and workshops to continue your statistical education
- Socialize and network with colleagues
- Engage in service by increasing the level of quantitative literacy in area schools and motivating and developing the next generation of statisticians.

Select quarterly activities for the WSS statistical and data science community:

Quarter	Learn	Socialize	Service
3 2026	DC-AAPOR/ WSS Conference	Informal meet and greet at JSM	Sign up as a mentor or mentee
4 2026	Hansen Lecture, Leadership Workshop	Hansen Lecture Reception, Annual Holiday Party	Enlist in quantitative literacy activities
1 2027	Short course, President Invited Lecture	President's Invited Lecture Reception	Volunteer at Science Fairs
2 2027	Cox Award Seminar	Annual Dinner,	Award competition judging

The mentoring program and various receptions help build relationships and community. The technical seminar program and short courses foster learning in our statistical workforce in a variety of topics, including data science and statistical computing, education, and demographic statistics.
Our newsletter, website, and listserv provide announcements and descriptions of forthcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and listings of job opportunities.

Any questions about membership or participation in the WSS should be sent to: WashStat.WebMaster@gmail.com. I hope you will take this opportunity to fully engage in some of the diverse activities WSS has to offer. Let's get together in 2026-2027!
Sincerely,

Lisa Mirel
WSS President, 2026-2027

WHAT WSS HAS TO OFFER

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

WSS organizes and sponsors technical programs which are free to interested people (members or nonmembers). Some sessions are general in nature; others are more specialized and focus on technical issues of interest to more narrow subgroups of the membership.

Several sessions are offered each year at convenient locations in the metropolitan area. Many of our seminars are available via remote access. They are usually presented on workdays during daytime hours. Notices of the **WSS** technical sessions appear in the **WSS** Newsletter, on the website, or are distributed through the membership listserv.

In 1991, **WSS** initiated the Morris Hansen Lecture, an annual event that centers on a special presentation by a distinguished statistician. This talk is followed by a reception.

SHORT COURSES

WSS offers several short courses each year. Some are developed especially for **WSS**; others are based around videotaped versions of **ASA** Continuing Education events. Attendance at these events is usually limited and a nominal fee is charged.

ANNUAL SOCIAL EVENTS

There are two regularly scheduled **WSS** social events per year, providing opportunities for members to socialize in a relaxed ambience. First is the holiday party held in December. The other is the annual dinner held in June. At the dinner, election results are announced and special awards are presented. These fee events are announced in the Newsletter and/or the membership listserv well in advance.

QUANTITATIVE LITERACY

Committed to **ASA**'s quantitative literacy goals for pre-college students and the community at large,

WSS rewards outstanding statistical work at area science fairs, sponsors a written project competition for the Curtis Jacobs award (http://washstat.org/awards/#jacobs), provides volunteers for career days, and judges posters in the annual ASA competition (http://amstat.org/asa/education/ASA-Statistics-Poster-Competition-for-Grades-K-12.aspx).

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION*

WSS recognizes outstanding members of its community in a variety of ways:

- Employment column in the Newsletter
- Student travel award to acknowledge an outstanding local area graduate student through sponsorship for a one-year membership to ASA and WSS and financial support to attend an annual ASA conference
- Gertrude Cox Award for outstanding contributions by a young statistician
- Curtis Jacobs Memorial Award for outstanding statistical projects
- Roger Herriot Award for Innovation in Federal Statistics
- Julius Shiskin Award for outstanding achievement in economic statistics
- Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award
- Wray Jackson Smith Scholarship
- Statistics Education Program Committee seminars/activities
- Regular milestone celebration activities

**Some of the awards are co-sponsored by other organizations*

OTHER RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES

Other resources are offered to members through varied activities and postings:

- Employment column in the Newsletter
- Statistics Education Program Committee seminars/activities
- Regular milestone celebration activities

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Website.....http://washstat.org/
WSS Secretary..... Brian W. Sloboda
WSS Newsletter Editor..... wss.editor@gmail.com

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www.linkedin.com/company/washington-statistical-society

For program information or to make suggestions:

Methodology Section Chair.....Wei Fu
Methodology Program Chair .....Yulei He
Short Courses.....Danny Yang
Agriculture and Natural Resources
.....Darcy Miller
Defense and National Security.....OPEN
Data Science .....Chris Marokov
Economics .....OPEN
Human Rights .....Michael P. Cohen
Public Policy.....Walter Hill
Public Health and Biostatistics
.....Carolyn Carroll & Grant Izmirlian
Quality Assurance .....OPEN
Social and Demographic Statistics......OPEN

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Statistics Education......Jonathan Auerbach
Student Representatives.....Ujjayini Das (Chair)
Mentoring .....Adele Fu (Chair)
Quantitative Literacy.....Sabrina Zhang (Chair)

Historical.....Amy Lin (Chair)
Membership.....John Czajka (Chair)
WSS/SRMS Committee on ASA Fellows
..... Andreea Erciulescu (Chair)

MEMBERSHIP

WSS has two types of membership:
FULL – open only to persons who are members of the **ASA**.

ASSOCIATE – open to persons who are not members of the **ASA**. This membership includes all benefits of regular membership except the right to hold office. Many associate members are active in other professional societies. Their interests in the statistical programs in the metropolitan area often tie in with their profession.

TO JOIN WSS

FULL MEMBERSHIP

Not currently an ASA member?
You must join the ASA first. Go to ASA homepage at www.amstat.org and click on Join. You will then have the option of downloading an application or applying directly online. Then, check the box for Washington Statistical Society (listed under DC) in the Local Chapters membership area on the application.

Already an ASA member?

- Click on Login near the top of the page at www.amstat.org.
- Choose "My Account", then "My Membership", then "Add Publications, Chapters or Sections", then "Choose Your Chapter(s)".
- Under "District of Columbia", choose "Washington Statistical Society".
- Select an online payment option.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Mail-In Option:

- Complete the application form in this flyer.
- Enclose a check for your dues in the amount of $20.00 (or $5.00 for full-time students) for calendar year membership.
- Mail it to WSS.

Online Option:

- Access the online form at http://washstat.org/joinus.html and follow the instructions or scan the barcode after the application form.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To join WSS as an Associate Member, please complete this form and mail it with your dues payment, or follow the online option above where there is a PayPal option for payment.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

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Employer (optional):
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Job Title (optional):
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Phone:
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Please be sure to include your e-mail address so you can receive the WSS newsletter and other important announcements.

Student status
Not a student: _____
Full time student: _____
Part-time student:_____

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