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# Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies

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## COPSS 2009 Awards

The Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies (COPSS) Awards are jointly sponsored by the American Statistical Association, the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, the International Biometric Society ENAR, the International Biometric Society WNAR, and the Statistical Society of Canada. They are: the **R.A. Fisher Lectureship**; the **Florence Nightingale David Award**; the **Elizabeth L. Scott Award**; the **George W. Snedecor Award**; and the **Presidents' Award**. Each award consists of a plaque, a citation, and a cash honorarium. Additional information for all the awards and a list of past COPSS awards recipients can be found at the COPSS web site: <http://www.niss.org/copss>. A list of COPSS members and current committee members is also available at the COPSS website.

### 2009 Nominations Call

All COPSS awards are open to all regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, nationality or citizenship except the F.N. David Award which is restricted to only female statisticians and the Presidents' award which is awarded to a younger (age < 41 years) statistician. Nominees must be living at the time of their nominations and a prior nomination does not exclude a nominee from consideration in subsequent years. Nominations may be made by members of any of the COPSS affiliated organizations. Members of COPSS are not eligible for COPSS awards during their terms of service.

The call for nominations for COPSS 2009 awards was announced by the COPSS Chair Jessica Utts at the 2008 COPSS Award ceremony at the Joint Statistical Meetings.

1. The **Presidents' Award** is presented annually to a young member of one of the participating societies of COPSS. The award is presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to the statistics profession. It is typically granted to an individual who has not yet reached his or her 41st birthday during the calendar year of the award. In the special case of an individual who has received his or her statistically related terminal degree less than 12 years prior to the nomination deadline, a nominee will be eligible who has not yet reached his or her 46th birthday during the calendar year of the award. The award was established in 1976. Members of the Award Committee are not eligible to receive the award during their term of service. Eligible nominations should include a current vitae, nominee's date of birth, a nomination letter (up to 3 pages), and up to 5 supporting letters. Nominations should be sent by **January 15, 2009** to:

**Mark van der Laan**

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2. The **Florence Nightingale David Award** is presented biennially (odd years) to recognize a female statistician who exemplifies the contributions of Florence Nightingale David, an accomplished statistician in combinatorial probability theory, author or editor of numerous books, first Chair of Department of Statistics at University of California at Riverside and the first recipient of the Elizabeth L. Scott Award. The criteria for the award are excellence as a role model to women and in: statistical research; leadership of multidisciplinary collaborative groups; statistics education; and service to the profession. The award was established in 2001 and is sponsored jointly by COPSS and the Caucus for Women in Statistics. No member of the Award Committee or officer of the Caucus of Women in Statistics shall be eligible to receive the award during his or her term of service. Eligible nominations shall be based on a nomination letter, letters of support, curriculum vitae, and other appropriate documentation as requested by the Award Committee. Nominations should be sent by **January 15, 2009** to:

**Juliet Shaffer**

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3. The **George W. Snedecor Award** is presented biennially (odd years) in honor of its namesake, a pioneer who had worldwide impact in improving the quality of scientific methods concerning the use of statistical methodology. The award recognizes an individual who has been instrumental in the development of statistical theory in biometry and a noteworthy publication in biometry by that individual within three years of the date of the award. The Award was established in 1976. No member of the Award Committee shall be eligible to receive the award during his or her term of service. Nominations of an individual and an associated publication or publications should be sent by **January 15, 2009** to:

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4. The **Fisher Lectureship and Award**, awarded annually, was established in 1963 by COPSS to honor the outstanding contributions of the late Sir Ronald Aylmer Fisher, and those of a current statistician, on aspects of statistics and probability that closely relate to the scientific collection and interpretation of data. The award exists to recognize the importance of statistical methods for scientific investigations. The Fisher Lecture is delivered at the JSM in the year of the award and is generally about an hour long. Members of the Award Committee are not eligible to receive the award during their term of service. Eligible nominations should be sent by **December 15, 2008** to:

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