

NISS/SAMSI Affiliate Update

July 2014

Alan Karr Stepping Down as Director

By now, you have all heard that Alan Karr is leaving NISS to become the Director of the Center of Excellence for Complex Data Analysis (CoDA) at RTI International.

Alan is particularly proud of the development of the affiliates program and how the program has grown and continued to develop over the years.

The affiliates committee has revamped the program and more exciting events are planned in the coming years as well. More is below on a Fall Affiliates workshop.

Nell Sedransk will be acting as interim director of NISS until a new director is hired. She will continue to lead the affiliates program and will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have about the affiliates program.

Affiliates Dinner at JSM

Don't miss the affiliates meeting at JSM in Boston August 3. Affiliate liaisons are invited to bring and introduce their new colleagues (Ph.D.s) as special guests. Please make sure you RSVP for this event.

There will be a brief program entitled, "From Cartoons to Student Choice - From Academia to Industry, Changing the Way We Teach Statistics." The panel for this program includes Cliff Spiegelman and Alan Dabney, Texas A&M; Beth Chance, Cal Poly, Nicholas Horton, Amherst and Keith Soper, Merck.

The program on moving statistics teaching "out of the box" is intended to appeal to colleagues at all career stages in all sectors. Junior colleagues JSM talks will also be highlighted.

Registration for this dinner and program is required. [Click here](#) to register. The deadline for registration is July 25.

NISS-SAMSI Reception at JSM

NISS and SAMSI will hold a fun-filled reception at JSM on Monday, August 4 from 5-7 pm at the The Westin Boston Waterfront - Grand Ballroom A. Come mingle with your fellow colleagues, and find out who is the recipients are of this years' Jerome Sacks Award for Cross-Disciplinary Research and the NISS Distinguished Service Award.

NISS Events

Affiliate Profile - University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana's Department of Statistics

The University of Illinois - Champaign-Urbana's Department of Statistics offers BS, MS and PhD degrees in Statistics as well as the BS in Statistics and Computer Science. With a faculty known for leadership in research and excellence in teaching, its programs provide students with a solid foundation and in-depth exposure to advanced statistical methodology, computational statistics, and multidisciplinary applications.

For more information about this affiliate, [click here](#).

2014 International Total Survey Error Workshop

When: October 1-3, 2014

Where: Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center
The theme of the 2014 workshop is *Total Survey Error: Fundamentals and Frontiers*.

Deadline to register: July 31, 2014.

[Details here.](#)

Analyzing Complex Survey Data with Missing Item Values

When: October 17, 2014

Where: Bureau of Labor Statistics Conference Center

[Details here.](#)

SAMSI Events

Mathematical and Statistical Ecology Opening Workshop

When: August 18-22, 2014

Where: RTP, NC

Deadline to Apply: July 9, 2014

[Details here.](#)

Bioinformatics Opening Workshop

When: September 8-12, 2014

Where: RTP, NC

Deadline to Apply: June 15, 2014, can still apply but may not get financial reimbursement after June 15.

[Details here.](#)

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