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Affiliates Update

Welcome!

Happy New Year! This Affiliates Update is the first communication for 2023, and we wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year! This past year has been exciting and eventful in many ways.   As always, we look forward to new activities, engaging new friends, and making new connections in the coming year! Thank you all for your continued support and participation.

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NISS sponsored events encourage cross-sector and cross-disciplinary networking. Let us know if you are planning an event and would like NISS to co-sponsor it. NISS affiliates can use their award funds to support these events or receive discounted registration. For more information about the NISS Affiliate program, see: https://www.niss.org/affiliate-program-information.

James Rosenberger
Director NISS

NISS FOUNDING DIRECTOR JEROME (JERRY) SACKS REMEMBERED

Jerome S. Sacks, 91, passed away peacefully on Jan. 2, 2023. Bronx native, Chicagoan by choice since 1961, and lover of arts but especially jazz, Jerry was a graduate of Bronx High School of Science and Cornell University (BA, PhD). He capped his distinguished career at Northwestern University and the University of Illinois by founding the National Institute of Statistical Sciences, which established the Jerome Sacks Award for Cross-Disciplinary Research in his honor. He retired from Duke University. Predeceased by his wife, Karin, Jerry is survived by daughters Sophia Sacks and Monica Freeland (Ryan), grandchildren Roxanne and Elliot, niece Anne Greenberg and nephew Richard Sacks (Marcia), and partner Mary Ellen Bock, also a statistician. Jerry's unfailing wit, creative intelligence, and generosity endeared him to family, friends, and colleagues of all ages. Services were private. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to Southern Poverty Law Center, 400 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36104, www.splcenter. org.

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Jerome (Jerry) Sacks, a founding member of NISS , he became NISS's first acting Director in 1991 and was an active leader and participant within the organization's activities until his passing. NISS is publishing a list of comments, memories and/or quotes from Jerry's colleagues and friends. If you would like to contribute to this page, please contact Glenn Johnson at gjohnson@niss.org.

In the planning stages, NISS will be organizing an invited memorial session at JSM 2023 in Toronto. More details for this session will be shared as they become available.

Read More About Jerry Sacks

RECENT EVENT: VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR REVIEWS PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

The speakers at this virtual career fair session included: Cha-Chi Fan, Director, Office of Data Development and Standards at Bureau of Transportation Statistics in the U.S. Department of Transportation, Stephen Nalley, EIA Deputy Administer and Ashley Remik, EIA Director, Office of Resource Management, both from the U.S. Energy Information Administration and Jonah L. Wong, Mathematical Statistician with the U.S. Census Bureau. The moderator for this session was Danny Ying, a Master of Applied Statistics student at UCLA.

Each of the speakers provided a quick but valuable review of the agency that they work for. Beyond this simple description of the general mission and how their agency is organized, the speakers also contextualized all of their comments in terms of the role and activities of statistics within the agency and the type of people that work on these projects. From here, most of the speakers honed in on some specifics regarding the work that they get involved in and why this is important. Besides qualifications related to statistical methods, communication and soft skills were also emphasized.

> "We are looking for somebody who is a great team player, good at time management, good at problem-solving, energetic and loves to be within part of a large family."

> Cha-Chi Fan, (Bureau of Transportation Statistics)

While each position might involve having different qualifications, the application process in the federal government, at least to begin with is similar. Ashley Remick reviewed how the application process begins with opening an account in USA Jobs and how this is the stepping stone to sharing your information with many agencies.

> "Basically, when you apply for one of these positions, and this is government-wide, you are putting your resume in a repository that can be drawn upoin when vacancies need to be filled."

> Ashley Remik, (EIA)

Jonah Wong (US Census) responds to a question presented by moderator Danny Ying (UCLA) during the sessions Q&A period with the speakers.

Once the speakers completed their comments moderator Danny Ying (UCLA) fielded questions from the participants and a host of interesting questions from the participants were forwarded to the speakers. These included topics questions regarding internship opportunities, opportunities for non-US citizens, remote working options allowed, the pluses and minuses of working remotely, opportunities for Master level students as well as many others.

A big NISS thank you to all of the speakers for taking this time from their day to share information and their valuable insights on these important topics. And also, a big thank you to Danny Ying for his wonderful energy as first-time moderator!

The best way to everything to review all of the information that was shared during this session would be watch the recording of the session which is included below. In addition, you will also find links to the slide decks that each of the speakers used.

Read the complete story including a recording of this session on the NISS website!

UPCOMING EVENT: COPSS-NISS LEADERSHIP WEBINAR SERIES: LEADERSHIP IN ACADEMIA

Join us for our inaugural webinar on the topic of leadership in academia. Hear from statisticians leading schools and universities, strategizing about the future of education and research. Professor Sally Morton is Executive Vice President of Arizona State University's Knowledge Enterprise, and she was previously Dean of the College of Science at Virginia Tech. Professor Ron Brookmeyer is Dean of the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. Our two distinguished panelists will share their leadership journeys and insights in a discussion moderated by Dr. Natalie Dean of Emory University.

About the COPSS-NISS Leadership Webinar Series

The COPSS-NISS Leadership Webinar Series is co-organized by the Committee of the Presidents of Statistical Societies (COPSS) Emerging Leaders in Statistics and the National Institute of Statistical Sciences (NISS). The purpose of the webinar series is to promote leadership skills for members of the statistical societies at any stage in their careers. The series features conversations with leaders throughout the discipline, including leaders from major academic and government institutions, and companies. Invited speakers share their leadership stories and answer questions about their experiences.

Each webinar is moderated by a member of the COPSS Emerging Leaders in Statistics program.

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January 24, 2023
12 - 1 pm ET

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JANUARY

Virtual Industry Career Fair 2023!

Event Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 - 12 noon - 1:30 pm ET
Event Type: Online Webinar

Interested in a statistics or data science position in the industry sector? Then this session should interest you! This event is part of a series of Virtual Career Fairs that NISS has been hosting for over 3 years! (Check out earlier virtual career fair sessions!) Some of these sessions have... (read more)

COPSS-NISS Leadership Webinar Series: Leadership in Academia

Event Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 12 - 2 pm ET
Event Type: Online Webinar

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FEBRUARY

Annual Lange Symposium: Genomics and Computational Statistics

Event Date: Friday, February 3, 2023 9:30am - 5:00pm
Event Location: Los Angeles, California,

The UCLA Department of Computational Medicine are pleased to announce our Third Annual Lange Symposium. This year's topic is Computational Statistics. This annual event is hosted by the UCLA Department of Computational Medicine and supported in part by a grant from the National Human Genome... (read more)

COPSS-NISS Leadership Webinar Series: Leadership in Government Agencies

Event Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 12 - 2 pm ET
Event Type: Online Webinar

Once again COPSS (Committee of the Presidents of Statistical Societies) and NISS are partnering to organize and host a new webinar series focused on leadership. This event if focused on leadership in government agencies. Plan to attend these webinars on the 4th Tuesday of every month during the academic year!...

MARCH

Ingram Olkin Forum: Statistical Methods for Combatting Human Trafficking

Event Date: March 15, 2023 - 1 pm - 4 pm ET
Event Type: Online Webinar

Overview Human trafficking is a crime, and those who engage in it seek to avoid discovery. Therefore, it is difficult to estimate its prevalence. That difficulty is compounded by the fact that sex trafficking is different from labor trafficking, each operative under a distinct business model. This... (read more)

APRIL

UCLA Synthetic Data Workshop

Event Date: April 13th - 14th, 2023
Event Location: Los Angeles, California, 90095

We are pleased to announce the UCLA synthetic data workshop. This 2-day workshop is hosted by the UCLA Department of Statistics and co-sponsored by IDRE and UCLA-Amazon Science Hub. The workshop is held at the UCLA Faculty Club. Synthetic data generation is a rapidly growing and highly disciplinary... (read more)

15th Annual Conference on Statistical Issues in Clinical Trials

Event Date: Monday, April 17, 2023 - 9 am - 5 pm ET
Event Location: Philadelphia, PA

NISS is one of the co-sponsors for the 15th Annual Conference on Statistical Issues in Clinical Trials on 17 April 2023! NISS Affiliates can use their Affiliate Award Funds (AAF) to support their travel and registration for this event. Full details and conference website coming soon! Save the... (read more)

MAY

Minitab Insights Global Conference 2023

Event Date: May 1-3, 2023
Event Location: Scottsdale, Arizona, 85258

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JUNE 2023

QPRC 2023: QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Event Date: June 6-8, 2023
Event Location: Houston, Texas,

The American Statistical Association (ASA) Quality and Productivity Research Conference (QPRC) will be held June 6-8, 2023, in Houston, TX at the University of Houston. The purpose of this conference is to improve the quality of products and services and the productivity of industries by... (read more)

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