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Highlights

ICSA Nominating and Election Committee

The Board of Directors has approved the following candidates for election. Please cast your vote — every vote matters. Only eligible ICSA regular members may vote, by July 28, 2026, via your ICSA account at: <https://www.icsa.org/vote>. Thank you!

Candidate for President-Elect (Order by Family Name)

[Dr. Songxi Chen](#)



Univ. Chair Prof.,
Tsinghua Univ.,
Dean of Institute for
Interdisciplinary
Data Science,
Tsinghua Univ.

[Dr. Harrison Zhou](#)



Henry Ford II
Prof. of
Statistics and
Data Science,
Yale Univ.



Candidates for Board of Directors (Ordered by Family Name)

Dr. Jing Cao



Prof. of Statistics and Chair in the Dept. of Statistics and Data Science at Southern Methodist Univ.

Dr. Chiung-Yu Huang



Prof., Dept. of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Univ. of California, San Francisco

Dr. Nan Lin



Prof. and Director of Master's Program, Dept. of Statistics and Data Science, Washington

Univ. in St. Louis

Dr. Yunming Mu



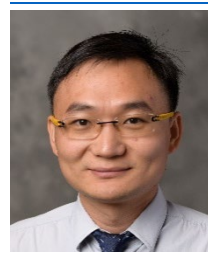
VP, Head of Biostatistics, Revolution Medicines

Dr. Yue Shentu



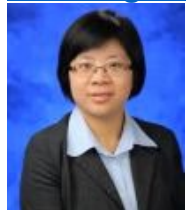
Executive Director, Biostatistics, Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC

Dr. Will Wei Sun



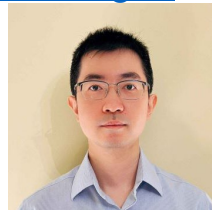
Asso. Prof. of Quantitative Methods and Statistics, Daniels School of Business, Purdue Univ.

Dr. Ming Wang



Prof. at Case Western Reserve Univ.

Dr. Dong Xi



Sr. Director, Biostatistics Innovation Group, Gilead Sciences, Inc.

Dr. Lucy Xia



Assist. Prof., The Hong Kong Univ. of Science and Technology, Hong Kong

Dr. Qi Xia



Head of Oncology Statistics, AbbVie

Dr. Chunming Zhang



Prof. of Statistics, Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison

Dr. Yang Zhao



Prof. and Head of the Dept. of Biostatistics, School of Public Health, Nanjing Medical Univ.

Dr. Ping-Shou Zhong



Prof. of Statistics, Dept. of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science, Univ. of Illinois Chicago



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ICSA Activities at 2026 JSM in Boston

Join Us as an ICSA Volunteer

We are calling on enthusiastic volunteers to help with ICSA activities during the 2026 JSM in Boston, MA! This is your chance to be part of an exciting event and make a significant impact.

Volunteers will work with the JSM local committee at the ICSA booth from Monday, August 3rd to Wednesday, August 5th, 2026. You'll also have the opportunity to participate in the ICSA membership meeting, social events, and the ICSA Dinner Cruise.

If you're interested, please reach out to the ICSA JSM Local Committee Chair, Dr. Hongliang Shi (honglingshi15@gmail.com), the ICSA office manager Grace Li (office@icsa.org), or the ICSA executive director Dr. Jun Zhao (executive.director@ICSA.org).

We need volunteers to attend the ICSA booth from August 3rd to August 5th. Please sign up for a time slot that fits your schedule via <https://www.icsa.org/jsm-2026-icsa-volunteer-sign-up/>. Your participation will help make this event a success!

ICSA Events at JSM

ICSA Board Member Meeting: 6:00pm-9:00pm on Sunday, August 2nd, 2026, at W-Commonwealth Ballroom C, Westin Boston Seaport District. This meeting will be open to ICSA Board Members and invited members only.

ICSA General Member Meeting/social event: 5:00pm-6:15pm on Wednesday, August 5th, 2026, @W-Douglass, Westin Boston Seaport District. The meeting will be open to all members and friends. Please join us to meet the ICSA leadership team and to get connected in person with other members, before boarding the ICSA Cruise Banquet. Refreshments will be provided. The General meeting will include the announcement of the 2026 election results, and the most recent ICSA update.

Come visit us at the ICSA booth — open Monday, Aug 3 through Wednesday, Aug 5, 2026, at Table 17 in Hall A/Expo Hall. Swing by to connect with fellow members, ask questions, and check out what's new with ICSA!



ICSA sponsored and organized the seven sessions at 2026 JSM, cosponsored 14 invited paper sessions and 14 topic-contributed paper sessions. You are encouraged to join these sessions.

Date/Day	Time (Location)	Title	Type
Aug 2, Sun	2:00 – 3:50pm (CC-204A)	Longitudinal Data	Contributed Paper Session
Aug 3, Mon	8:30am - 10:20am (CC-210C)	Causal Inference in Action: Clinical Trials, Treatment Optimization, and Drug Discovery	Invited Paper Session
	8:30am - 10:20am (CC-211)	Human-Centered Reinforcement Learning: Personalization and Uncertainty in Data-Driven Decision-Making	Topic-Contributed Paper Session
Aug 4, Tue	8:30am - 10:20am (CC-210A)	Statistics and Quantum Foundations: Bridging Probability, Physics, and Philosophy	Invited Paper Session
	4:00pm – 5:00pm (CC-105)	From Data to Discovery: Statistical Innovation in Single-Cell and Spatial Omics	Topic-Contributed Paper Session
Aug 5, Wed	10:30am – 12:20pm (CC-203)	Statistical Guardrails for the safe use of Large Language Models in Trial Design and Recruitment	Topic-Contributed Paper Session
	2:00pm – 3:50pm (CC-108)	Statistical Testing, Classifying, and Clustering	Contributed Paper Session
Aug 6, Thu	8:30am – 10:20am (CC-106)	Memorial Session for George Tiao*	Invited Paper Session

*Cosponsored with IMS, ASA, History of Statistics Interest Group

BIOP Mentoring Program Meeting (BRIDGE)

We are excited to invite you to the BIOP Mentoring Program Meeting (BRIDGE), co-sponsored by the ICSA Mentor-Mentee Program and the ASA Biopharmaceutical Section at the 2026 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) — a networking opportunity for members at all career stages to connect and build professional relationships. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

Date/Time: Tuesday, August 4, 2026, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Location: Westin Boston Seaport District, W–Marina Ballroom 2

Bookmark this event in the JSM Online Program so you don't miss it — whether you're looking to find a mentor, become one, or simply expand your network. We look forward to seeing you in Boston!



ICSA Dinner Cruise (7:00pm – 9:30 pm, August 5, 2026)

This will be a great opportunity for ICSA members to get connected and have fun together.

Venue: Boston Harbor, 200 Seaport Blvd, Boston, MA (~10 min-walk from the Westin Boston Seaport District, where the ICSA General Member Meeting and Social Event occurs.)

Time/Date: 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm on August 5, 2026

- Boarding - 6:30pm
- Cruise: 7:00 – 9:30pm

The ticket is non-refundable with the price of \$65/adult or child of 13 years old or up, \$35/child of 12 years old or under.

There are a limited number of tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis. To purchase a ticket, please click this link:

<https://www.icsa.org/2026-icsa-dinner-cruise/>

Spotlight: 2026 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium 2026 (June 14 – 17, 2026)

[The 2026 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium](#) lit up George Mason University in Arlington, Virginia — drawing more than 500 statisticians, data scientists, and AI researchers together to celebrate 35 years of the symposium under the theme "Integrating Statistics and AI for Responsible Innovation and Trustworthy Decision-Making." Across four energizing days, the event united voices from academia, government, and industry in 100 invited sessions, four short courses, and a lively poster session featuring 26 posters — with more than 400 speakers pushing the boundaries of statistics and AI.

Attendees were inspired by dynamic keynotes from James Zou (Stanford), Emmanuel Candès (Stanford), and John Scott (FDA), capped by a rousing banquet address from Xiao-Li Meng (Harvard). Dr. Lily Wang (lwang41@gmu.edu) and Dr. Wanli Qiao (wqiao@gmu.edu) led the charge as symposium co-chairs, bringing this milestone event to life.

The symposium's highlights sparked real energy: an inaugural Leadership Summit that drew 200+ attendees eager to shape the future of the field, and a Mentor-Mentee Roundtable that brought 130+ mentees together with 10 dedicated mentors for career-changing conversations.

The symposium's success also reflected the generosity of its community: more than 40 volunteers from eight institutions, together with numerous faculty and staff, kept every session, workshop, and social event running smoothly. At the Tuesday banquet, an awards ceremony recognized outstanding contributions from students, early-career researchers, and established



scholars, including four Statistics in Biosciences Paper Awards, five ICSA Student Paper Award winners- Xin Wen, Yicheng Shen, Tian Bai, Qingkai Dong, Guanhao Zhou, the Jiann-Ping Hsu Pharmaceutical and Regulatory Sciences Student Paper Award winner – Yuhan Qian, four honorable mentions – Yang Long, Dingyi Wang, Jianan Zhu, and six Best Poster Award recipients across three prize tiers.

Spotlight: ICSA China Conference 2026 (June 27 – 29, 2026)

[The 2026 ICSA China Conference](#) brought data-driven energy to the Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech) in Shenzhen, China. Co-organized by ICSA and SUSTech, the conference explored the theme "From Data to Decisions: Statistical Innovation for Complex Challenges" — spotlighting how modern statistical methods turn raw, high-dimensional data into real-world solutions for complex, multidisciplinary problems. The program featured four keynote addresses, 151 invited sessions, 21 poster presentations, one short course, and a full slate of social events.

Keynote lectures were delivered by four internationally renowned statisticians — Dr. Jeremy Taylor (University of Michigan), Dr. Annie Qu (University of California, Santa Barbara), Dr. Niansheng Tang (Yunnan University, China), and Dr. Weijie Su (University of Pennsylvania) — who shared their latest insights on statistical methodology and its future directions. Dr. Qiman Shao (shaohqm@sustech.edu.cn), Dr. Tony Jianguo Sun (sunjg@sustech.edu.cn), and Dr. George Tseng (ctseng@pitt.edu) led the conference as co-chairs.

The conference drew more than 800 participants from academia, government, and industry across the globe, thanks to the tireless efforts of the organizing committee and more than 80 student volunteers at SUSTech. Highlights included the conference banquet on Sunday, June 28, where six Junior Research Award winners and five Poster Award winners were recognized amid dinner and a stage performance.

ICSA Initiatives

ICSA is excited to share several key initiatives and collaborations with our members:

- Collaborates closely with other statistical associations: ASA, IMS, ISI, IISA, KISS, and ITSA.
- ICSA and IMS have established a joint membership. The two associations are working on systems to let members have the option to join/renew joint memberships at a discounted rate.



- Established a new ICSA award category: ICSA Student Service Award, to recognize outstanding service, leadership, and unselfish contributions by student members of the International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA). The award addresses a current gap in ICSA's honors portfolio by formally acknowledging student-level service and engagement, distinct from research-focused recognition. .
- Established two standing Committees to expand ICSA educational programs: Webinar Committee, Mentor/Mentee Program Committee.
- ICSA communications: You may notice that the ICSA has information delivered through the ICSA website (www.ICSA.org), member email List, and social media channels (X@ICSA_Statistics, Youtube@ICSA_Statistics, @ICSA-Webinar, Linked-in, etc.)

Call for “Springer Book on ML/Deep Learning/AI in Biostatistics and Bioinformatics”

Professors Yichuan Zhao, Xiao Wang, and Ding-Geng Chen invite submissions for a new Springer book on machine learning, deep learning, AI, biostatistics, and bioinformatics, covering new methods, theories, and applications across these areas. All submissions will be peer-reviewed, with final acceptance decided by the co-editors.

- 1) Indicate your intent of submission **by August 31, 2026**, with a tentative title of the paper (you can change the title later), your name (first, middle and last), and your affiliation. Please email this information to Yichuan Zhao at yichuan@gsu.edu.
- 2) Submit your full manuscript by **December 31, 2026**; decisions will be announced by **June 30, 2027**.
- 3) The book is expected to be published by **December 31, 2027**.

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Conference on Statistics and Trustworthy AI for Cross (X)-Domain Acceleration (STAI-X), Harvard University, July 31 – August 1, 2026

Call for papers and posters

In partnership with several leading statistical organizations and journals, the [StatsUpAI Interest Group](#) of the American Statistical Association is delighted to announce the first [STAI-X: Statistics and Trustworthy AI for Cross \(X\)-Domain Acceleration](#) (STAI-X) conference to be held at Harvard University on July 31-August 1, 2026. The STAI-X conference is co-hosted with the Department of Statistics and the Department of Biostatistics at Harvard University, and will take place just before the 2026 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), which will be in Boston this year.

STAI-X aims to advance the integration of statistics and AI to accelerate trustworthy cross-domain discovery, innovation, spanning theory, methods, and applications, aiming for broad impact. STAI-X provides an opportunity to showcase cutting-edge research at the intersection of statistics and AI, facilitate connections and collaborations across research domains in AI, as well as hosting invited talks, platform talks selected from submitted papers, and offering short courses.

Partner organizations: The STAI-X conference is organized in partnership with several leading organizations, including the National Academies Committee on Applied and Theoretical Statistics ([NASEM-CATS](#)), Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies ([COPSS](#)), American Statistical Association ([ASA](#)), Institute of Mathematical Statistics ([IMS](#)), East-Northern American Region ([ENAR](#)) and West-Northern American Region ([WNAR](#)) of International Biometrics Society, Statistical Society and Canada ([SSC](#)), and International Chinese Statistical Association ([ICSA](#)).

We would like to invite paper and poster submissions on all topics at the interface of AI and statistics, as well as domain applications. Areas of interest include Foundations and Methods at the Interface of Statistics and AI, AI Agents and Benchmarks for Data-Driven Discovery, and AI x Statistics x Science and Society.

Integrated Conference-Journal Peer Review Model: In partnership with leading statistical and domain science journals, STAI-X introduces a novel peer review model designed to accelerate research dissemination by combining the speed and topical relevance of machine learning conferences with the rigor and editorial standards of journals.

Call for Papers and Partner Journals



The call for 8-page papers is now open ([submission portal](#)). Accepted peer-reviewed papers will be eligible for publication in the STAI-X proceedings, as well as consideration for platform presentations, and paper awards. Top-ranked accepted conference papers will be eligible for being invited to submit expanded versions for fast-track reviews by partner journals, including the *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, *Annals of Applied Statistics*, *Harvard Data Science Review*, *ASA Discoveries*, *Canadian Journal of Statistics*, *Genetics*, and *Genome Research*.

Call for Posters

The call for 2-page abstracts is now open ([submission portal](#)). Accepted submissions will be eligible for poster presentations, lightning talks, and stellar abstract awards.

Call for Short Courses

We invite proposals for short courses held on July 31, 2026, focusing on cutting-edge topics at the interface of statistics and AI, including but not limited to foundation models, generative AI, agentic AI, and trustworthy machine learning.

Call for Sponsors

We are actively soliciting industry, government, and academic sponsorships. Please contact Prof. [Peter Song](#) (University of Michigan) for opportunities.

<https://statsupai.org/STAIX2026>/<https://statsupai.org>/<https://statsupai.org/STAIX2026/call-for-papers.html><https://websites.umich.edu/~songlab/people.html><https://statsupai.org/STAIX2026/>

The 8th International Symposium on Biopharmaceutical Statistics (October 13 - 16, 2026)

The 8th International Symposium on Biopharmaceutical Statistics will be in Madrid, Spain (<https://isbiostat.org/>) on October 13-16, 2026. This is the main conference organized by the International Society for Biopharmaceutical Statistics (ISBS). ICSA will be co-sponsoring this symposium.

This scientific conference will convene statisticians and quantitative scientists to explore cutting-edge methodologies and their application across the entire biomedical product lifecycle, with a theme of Evidence Insights – Statistical Innovation, Regulatory Science, and the Transformative Impact of AI in Biopharma. Join us to address key challenges and opportunities in biomedical product development and post-approval management within the modern regulatory landscape.



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The symposium will begin with short courses, followed by a three-day main conference. The program is designed to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange through:

- Scientific Sessions
- Interactive Workshops
- Panel Discussions
- Networking Events

This symposium provides an excellent opportunity to present your research, engage in thought-provoking discussions, and connect with a global community of peers. You may contact Dr. Ying Lu (ylu1@stanford.edu) or <https://isbiostat.org/announcement-2/> for more information.

ASA SLDS 2026 Conference (November 1 - 3, 2026)

Join the ASA Section on Statistical Learning and Data Science for its 2026 Conference co-sponsored by ICSA, November 1–3 in New York City. The theme is “**Inference and Intelligence**,” focusing on advances in statistical learning and AI. Keynote speakers include **David Banks** (Duke University), **Dean Foster** (Amazon), **David Rosenberg** (Bloomberg), and **Bin Yu** (University of California, Berkeley).

SLDS welcomes participation from the wider statistical learning and data science community in shaping the event:

- **Invited session proposals:** Jiwei Zhao (jiwei.zhao@wisc.edu) or Wen Zhou (wz3030@nyu.edu)
- **Short course proposals:** Giles Hooker (ghooker@wharton.upenn.edu)
- **Student paper or poster judges:** Nathaniel Sean O’Connell (Nathaniel.Oconnell@wfusm.edu)
- **Sponsorship inquiries:** Jaime Speiser (Jaime.Speiser@wfusm.edu)

The local organizing committee, led by Yang Feng and Wen Zhou of New York University, will host the conference.

Additional information on abstract submission, registration, and program updates will be available on the conference website: <https://asa-slds.github.io/slds2026/>



Corner to Celebrate ICSA Members

This section was created to highlight the achievements of our members. All ICSA members are encouraged to contact Dr. Jun Zhao, the ICSA Executive Director (executive.director@icsa.org) with a brief introduction about themselves and the award.

Congratulations to ICSA Members Elected as 2026 ASA Fellows!

The American Statistical Association has elected its 2026 class of Fellows. We are delighted to congratulate the following ICSA members on this distinguished honor:

Dehan Kong, University of Toronto

Jingyi Jessica Li, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

Jingyi Liu, Eli Lilly and Company

Weijie Su, University of Pennsylvania

Gongjun Xu, University of Michigan

Yanxun Xu, Johns Hopkins University

Shu Yang, North Carolina State University

Binbing Yu, AstraZeneca

Anru Zhang, Duke University

Hui Zhang, Northwestern University

Jiwei Zhao, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Yingqi Zhao, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

Please join us in congratulating all of them on this well-deserved recognition of their outstanding contributions to the statistical sciences!

Refer to this website for details: [ASA Recognizes 2026 Founders and Fellows](#).



Congratulations to ICSA Members Elected as 2026 IMS Fellows!

The Institute of Mathematical Statistics has announced its 2026 class of Fellows. We are pleased to congratulate the following ICSA members on this distinguished honor:

Yong Chen, University of Pennsylvania

Yuxin Chen, University of Pennsylvania

Peng Ding, University of California, Berkeley

Hsin-Cheng Huang, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

Jian Kang, University of Michigan

Bo Li, Washington University in St. Louis

Sharon-Lise Teresa Normand, Harvard Medical School

Junhui Wang, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Please join us in congratulating all of them on this well-deserved recognition of their outstanding contributions to the statistical sciences!

Refer to this website for details: [Congratulations to the 2026 Class of IMS Fellows](#).

Congratulations to Tze-san Lee on Having Three Books!

1. College Algebra: Historical Notes, 2015, Applied Math Press
2. Medical Statistics: A Practical Approach, 2021, Scientific Publishing Company in Singapore
3. Misclassification in Epidemiology, June 2026, Springer in the US



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Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Journals

ICSA Sponsored Journals Statistics in Biosciences

The published new issue is Volume 18 Issue 2 in June 2026

[Statistics in Biosciences | Volume 18, issue 2 \(springer.com\)](#)

A link for submitting your article to SIBS online is below

<https://www.editorialmanager.com/sibs/default.aspx>

ICSA Co-sponsored Journal Statistica Sinica

Statistica Sinica is co-sponsored by the Institute of Statistical Science Academia Sinica (ISSAS) <https://www.stat.sinica.edu.tw/eng/index.php>. Forthcoming papers' information is available at <http://www3.stat.sinica.edu.tw/statistica/>. The new issue ([Volume 36 Number 3, July 2026 \(sinica.edu.tw\)](#)) is published.

There are three special online issues for your reference:

[Vol. 36 Online Special Issue I, April 2026](#): Discussion Paper

[Vol. 35 Online Special Issue II, July 2025](#): Network Data Analysis

[Vol. 35 Online Special Issue I, January 2025](#): Data Privacy: Overview

ICSA members have access to these articles via the "membership only area" at <http://www.icsa.org>. If you have any problems with subscription, please contact the editorial office through ss@stat.sinica.edu.tw.

ICSA Springer Book Series in Statistics

The editor of the ICSA Springer book series in statistics, Dr. Din Chen, has reported that there are [29 books](#) in the series now. **One new book** will be published in 2026, along with 1 and 3 books published in 2025 and 2024, with a detailed message below. If you plan to write books in



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the series, please contact the co-editors Dr. Din Chen (Ding-Geng.Chen@asu.edu) and Dr. Yichuan Zhao (yichuan@gsu.edu).

Big Data Analytics in Biostatistics and Bioinformatics

Editors: Yichuan Zhao & Ding-Geng Chen

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Dose Finding and Beyond in Biopharmaceutical Development

Authors: Jingjing Ye, Ding-Geng Chen, Wen Zhou, Qiqi Deng, Joseph C. Cappelleri

Copyright: 2025

Published: 2025

Modeling Binary Correlated Responses using SAS, SPSS, R and STAT

Authors: Jeffrey R. Wilson, Kent A. Lorenz & Lori P. Selby

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Published: September 2024

Innovative Designs and Analyses for Small Population Clinical Trials

Authors: Lei Nie & Jingjing Ye

Copyright: 2024

Published: July 2024

Statistics in Precision Health: Theory, Methods and Applications

Editors: Yichuan Zhao & Ding-Geng Chen

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Published: April 2024

Refer to [this site](#) for all other books' information.

ICSA Meetings and Events

The ICSA meetings and events are sponsored by the ICSA. Normally official meetings and events appear on the ICSA website and multiple ICSA communication platforms. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Jun Zhao, the ICSA Executive Director

(executive.director@icsa.org).



All upcoming ICSA conferences and events are listed under the [highlights section](#).

Co-Sponsored Meetings and Events

ICSA has established a general process for co-sponsorship of conferences and events with other organizations and groups. If you are interested in co-sponsoring a conference or an event (e.g., a social event, a career event, etc.) with the ICSA, please contact Dr. Jun Zhao, the ICSA Executive Director (executive.director@icsa.org) for the details.

All upcoming ICSA co-sponsored conferences and events are currently listed under the [highlights section](#).

Obituary

In Memoriam: George C. Tiao (1933–2026), Founding President of ICSA



George C. Tiao, a giant of modern statistics and one of the most beloved leaders of the international statistical community, passed away peacefully in his sleep in Chicago on April 25, 2026, at the age of 92.

Born on November 8, 1933 in London, United Kingdom, and raised in China during one of its most turbulent periods, George earned a B.A. in Economics from National Taiwan University in 1955. He moved to the United States in 1956, earned his MBA from the Stern School of Business at New York University in 1958, and received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1962 under the direction of George E. P. Box and Arthur Goldberger. He remained at the Department of Statistics at Wisconsin for the next twenty years, serving as Chair from 1973 to 1975 and being appointed Bascom Professor of Statistics in 1981. In 1982 he moved to the University of Chicago Booth School of Business as the W. Allen Wallis Professor of Econometrics and Statistics, a chair he held until his retirement in 2003. A Distinguished Professor and a world-renowned leader in Bayesian inference, time series analysis, and environmental statistics, he was known in the research world for his boundless intellectual curiosity, his careful attention to substantive problems, and his insistence on theoretically sound yet simple methodology. He received numerous awards, including the Wilks Memorial Medal of the American Statistical Association (2001), the Julius Shiskin Award (2001), the Distinguished Service Medal of the Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics of Taiwan (1993), and Statistician of the Year from the Chicago Chapter of the ASA (2005). He was elected an Academician of Academia Sinica,



Taiwan, in 1976; a Fellow of the American Statistical Association, the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, and the Royal Statistical Society; and an elected member of the International Statistical Institute. He received honorary doctorates from Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and National Tsing Hua University in 2003. He was appointed Honorary Professor of Peking University in 2002. Among his colleagues he was revered for his integrity, geniality, generosity, and an unending devotion to the statistics profession.

In addition to his academic appointments, George served as a consultant and advisor to central banks of several countries, to the U.S. Census Bureau, and to many national and international agencies on questions of economic, demographic, and environmental statistics. He was a member of the U.S. EPA Ozone Science Tiger Team that received the 2005 EPA award for its work on stratospheric ozone.

Throughout his career, George was a tireless builder of statistical institutions. In 1988 he founded *Statistica Sinica* and served as its founding chief editor from 1988 to 1993, shaping it into one of the leading international peer-reviewed journals in statistics. In 1987 he served as founding President of the International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA), an organization that today has more than 1,000 members and stands among the foremost statistical communities in the world. He played an instrumental role in advancing statistical education in Taiwan and China, founding the Institute of Statistical Sciences at Academia Sinica in Taiwan, the College of Technology Management at National Tsing Hua University, and the Department of Business Statistics and Econometrics at the Guanghua School of Management of Peking University. For three decades he was a principal organizer of the NBER/NSF Time Series Conference, and in 1986 he established the annual conference "Making Statistics More Effective in Schools of Business," which has had a major and lasting influence on the teaching of statistics in business schools.

George's contributions to statistics were both fundamental and profound. The author of more than 150 papers and seven books, he made deep and lasting contributions to Bayesian inference, time series analysis, intervention analysis, outlier detection, and environmental statistics. His 1973 book with George E. P. Box, *Bayesian Inference in Statistical Analysis*, is recognized as a classic and was, for a generation of statisticians, the textbook that brought Bayesian methods into mainstream statistical practice; it remains a definitive reference for the analytical and philosophical foundations of the subject. In Bayesian statistics he made seminal contributions to random-effects models, Bayesian robustness, outlier detection, and the data-translated likelihood approach for constructing non-informative priors. His name became almost synonymous with time series analysis, where his lasting contributions include intervention analysis (with G. E. P. Box), systematic procedures for outlier detection and for random level shifts and variance changes, methods for identifying stationary and non-stationary ARMA models, model-based seasonal adjustment, cointegration in multivariate time series, identifiability of vector ARMA models, and the treatment of aggregation and complex unit roots. Beyond methodology, George



brought statistical thinking to questions of great public importance: he produced the first statistical analysis of Los Angeles ambient carbon monoxide data, and from 1980 led a two-decade national collaboration with NOAA, NASA, the EPA, and industry on stratospheric ozone, work that produced the first unambiguous evidence of a decline in the ozone layer and underpinned the scientific case for the Montreal Protocol and the global phase-out of ozone-depleting chemicals.

George was known to be an inspiring and caring teacher. He supervised more than 25 Ph.D. students, many of whom are now distinguished scholars and leaders in their own right. His collaborators spread across many continents. In addition to his editorial leadership at *Statistica Sinica*, he served on the editorial boards of several leading statistical journals and as advisor to numerous professional organizations.

Beyond the seminar room and the editorial desk, George was a man of warm friendships and wide cultural enthusiasms. He loved Mahjong, Bridge, and Go; he was a connoisseur of gourmet food and fine wine; and he was deeply devoted to opera and classical music. For more than two decades, the Thanksgiving dinners that he and his beloved wife Barbara hosted in Madison and Chicago for sixty or more students, family, and friends — extraordinary food, good cheer, and conversation late into the night — were legendary among generations of Wisconsin and Chicago statisticians.

George will be greatly missed for his enormous intellect, his wisdom, his generosity, and his unfailingly easy laughter. He married Barbara in 1958; she preceded him in death in March 2008. He is survived by his daughters Vivian (Don) and Julie (Anthony), his sons Gregory (Lisa) and Paul (Varuni), and nine grandchildren — all of whom will forever cherish his love, his mentorship, and his quick and easy laughter.

In tribute to George's memory, the International Chinese Statistical Association is establishing an award in his honor. A memorial session has also been held at the 2026 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium this June in Arlington, Virginia.

Written respectfully by George's colleagues, students, and friends in the international statistical community.

ICSA Social Media Sites

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Online Training and Seminars

ICSA Webinar Series

The ICSA (Webinar subcommittee, Outreach and Engagement Committee) is planning multiple series of webinars, with topics ranging from career development, statistical knowledge, to cutting-edge statistical methodologies. ICSA members and friends will be notified of future Webinar information through emails, ICSA websites, social media (e.g., X, WeChat, Linked-in), and other social media platforms. The Career Development Webinar Series has been successful and attracted many attendees, especially many junior level statisticians. A new Webinar Series, tentatively named ICSA Journal Highlight Series, has been initiated, and the Webinar Committee hopes to launch the series in the coming year. Stay tuned on other Webinar series that are planned by the Webinar committee.

Upcoming Webinar:

Title: Statistics in Everyone's Backyard: AI, Workflows, and New Opportunities

Speaker: Tian Zheng **Chair:** Wen Zhou

Date: September 3, 2026, 3:00–4:00 PM EDT



Registration link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_y0Fhk7_uRgybDfUIRXS8eg

Dr. Tian Zheng is Professor of Statistics at Columbia University. Her research focuses on statistical machine learning, spatiotemporal modeling, and social network analysis, with applications across the natural and social sciences. She is also widely recognized for her leadership in data science education and mentoring. Her research has been recognized by the 2008 Outstanding Statistical Application Award from ASA, the Mitchell Prize from ISBA, and a Google research award. She became a Fellow of the American Statistical Association in 2014. She is the receipt of the 2017 Columbia's Presidential Award for Outstanding Teaching. In 2021, she was recognized by a Lenfest Distinguished Columbia Faculty Award that recognizes the excellence of faculty as teachers and mentors of both undergraduate and graduate students.



Dr. Wen Zhou is an Associate Professor of Biostatistics at NYU's School of Global Public Health. He earned his Ph.D. in Statistics and Applied Mathematics from Iowa State University. His research focuses on network data analysis, high-dimensional statistics, multiple testing, machine learning, and causal inference. His work has applications in genomics, genetics, bioinformatics, epidemiology, social science, and health policy. He serves on several journal editorial boards, including Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of



Biopharmaceutical Statistics, AEs in JASA and TAS (review), Statistica Sinica and JMVA, and is an elected member of the International Statistical Institute.

More Information

Please visit our association website for more resources at <https://www.icsa.org>

Past webinar recordings are available at <https://www.youtube.com/@ICSA-Webinar> including:

- ☐ From Insight to Impact: How Statisticians Lead and Influence Across the Organization (June 2026): panelists: Jeen Liu & Jianchang Lin, facilitator: Helena Fan.
- ☐ A Practical Overview for Statistician by Qi Xia (May 2026), chaired by Deli Wang
- ☐ Panel Discussion with Journal Editors (March 2025)
- ☐ Soft Skills and Leadership Development in the Pharmaceutical Industry – The Lotus Group series
 - No Experience, No Problem – Launching a Prosperous Career in the Pharmaceutical Industry (February 2024)
 - Elevating Careers Through Recognition and Visibility (April 2024)
 - Effective Communication at Work (October 2024)
 - From Campus to Pharma: Interview prep for Aspiring Statistician (February 2025)
 - The Art and Science of Negotiation as a Biostatistician (May 2025)
 - Leading Science and Clinical Research – Biostatistics in the Age of AI (Oct 2025)
- ☐ Basic Knowledge Training in the Pharmaceutical Industry
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 - Clinical Development Plan - Understanding the Big Picture as a Statistician in the Pharmaceutical Industry (May 2024)
 - Main Emphasis of a Statistician's Work in the Pharmaceutical Industry — Section 1: Late-stage Clinical Trial Design (November 2024)
 - Main Emphasis of a Statistician's Work in the Pharmaceutical Industry -- Section 2: Clinical Trial Data Analysis (March 2025)
 - Causal Inference in Pharmaceutical Statisticians (April 2025)
 - The Art and Science of Negotiation (May 2025)
 - Overview of Analysis Strategy on Handling Missing at Random Data and Estimand (September 2025)
 - Introduction to Multiplicity in Clinical Trials (November 2025)
 - Pharmacokinetic Statistics in Pharmaceutical Development (Feb 2026)
 - Preclinical Safety Statistics: Introduction, Perspectives, and New Developments (April 2026)
 - Oncology Drug Development: A Practical Overview for Statisticians (May 2026)



ICSA Mentoring Lounge

About the ICSA Mentoring Lounge:

ICSA proudly presents a highly interactive Zoom-based mentorship initiative, *ICSA Mentoring Lounge*, designed to support junior statisticians transitioning from academia to industry. During this one-hour office-hour format session via Zoom, junior statisticians are encouraged to ask questions or submit them in advance. If you're interested, please register via the registration link and we will send you the Zoom invitation.

- The first session of the ICSA Mentoring Lounge took place on October 1, 2025, featuring a panel of mentors from leading pharmaceutical companies [Margaret Gamalo (Pfizer), Wei Shen (Eli Lilly and Company), Xun Chen (AbbVie)] and moderated by Yushi Liu (Eli Lilly and Company), Hanfei Xu (Eli Lilly and Company).
- The second session of the ICSA Mentoring Lounge took place on December 5th, 2025, featuring mentors from tech industry [Chang Liu (Google), Zerui Zhang (LinkedIn)] and moderated by Yushi Liu (Eli Lilly and Company), Hanfei Xu (Eli Lilly and Company).
- The third session of the ICSA mentoring Lounge took place on February 20th, 2026, providing opportunities to interact with data science team lead: Haoda Fu (Amgen) and Zhaoling Meng (Sanofi), in pharma industry; and moderated by Yushi Liu & Hanfei Xu (Eli Lilly and Company)
- The fourth session of the ICSA mentoring lounge took place on April 20th, 2026, providing opportunities to interact with finance statistics led by Lei Chen & Roy Tang, moderated by Yushi Liu, Hanfei Xu, & Zhe Sun (Eli Lilly and Company).

Feedback from the post-session survey was extremely positive, highlighting the value of direct access to industry experts and the opportunity to ask questions directly from the audience.



Job Listings

Assistant Professor in Optimization and Operations Research / Statistics and Data Science / Financial Mathematics / Engineering and Computational Mathematics / Mathematical Science / Actuarial Science (Ref. 260713005), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

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statistics, FinTech, data science and machine learning. There are currently 56 academic staff and about 154 research personnel in the Department. Please visit the website at <http://www.polyu.edu.hk/ama> for more information about the Department.

Duties

The appointees will be required to:

- (a) teach and contribute to curriculum development at undergraduate and postgraduate levels;
- (b) supervise MPhil and PhD students;
- (c) engage in scholarly research, consultancy and other scholarly activities leading to publications in top-tier refereed journals and award of research grants;
- (d) undertake academic and departmental administrative duties; and
- (e) perform any other duties as assigned by the Head of the Department or his delegates.

Qualifications

Applicants should:

- (a) have a PhD degree in Mathematics / Statistics / Financial Mathematics / Operations Research / Computational Mathematics / Applied Mathematics or a closely related field with experience in Data Science and Analytics;
- (b) have expertise in applied statistics, operation research or mathematics;
- (c) have an established track record in research and scholarship, including refereed publications and external grant applications;
- (d) have a demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching; and
- (e) be highly proficient in written and spoken English.

Conditions of Service

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Application

Please submit an application through PolyU's career website (<https://jobs.polyu.edu.hk/academic>). **Consideration of applications will commence on 10**



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August 2026 until the position is filled. The University's Personal Information Collection Statement for recruitment can be found

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