

Outstanding Statistician of the Year Award to Janet L. Norwood

Janet L. Norwood, Commissioner of Labor Statistics, has been nominated to receive the 1990 Statistician of the Year Award of the Chicago Chapter of the American Statistical Association. Commissioner Norwood will receive the Chicago Chapter award and speak at a luncheon at noon on Tuesday, May 8, 1990 at the Midland Hotel (172 W. Adams at LaSalle). The title of her talk is "Statistics and the Economy."



Norwood visited Moscow in April, 1990 to consult with the Russians regarding improving labor statistics in the USSR. We are looking forward to her comments regarding the dramatic changes taking place in Russia and in Eastern Europe. This is a rare opportunity to obtain a first-hand account of history in the making.

Commissioner Norwood is the past president of the American Statistical Association. She is a fellow of four scientific societies, including the American Statistical Association and the Royal Statistical Society. She is also author of numerous articles dealing with labor statistics and matters relating to the use and interpretation of government statistics.

She has received such prestigious awards as "The Presidential Rank as Distinguished Executive in the U.S. Senior Executive Service" in 1988 and the "Profiles in Excellence" award in 1989. Norwood was cited for "building and maintaining a highly professional institution and effectively establishing a federal-state partnership to provide the nation with timely economic data essential for making a wide range of decisions which affect everyday lives."

She has appeared frequently before committees of United States Congress in matters involving public policy relating to labor statistics. One appearance was documented in the recent PBS television series, "Against All Odds."

Janet Norwood will be the twenty-third person to receive this award from the Chicago Chapter.

The cost of the luncheon is \$20 for ASA-Chicago

Chapter members and \$22 for non-members. The Lucile Derrick Fund will cover the costs for students who wish to attend the luncheon.

To make reservations, please call Richard Smiley at (312) 856-5923 by noon on Friday, May 4. If you make reservations and are unable to attend, please let Richard know as the chapter must pay for luncheons prepared for no-shows.

Officer Slate for 1990-1991

The Nominating Committee has nominated an outstanding slate of Officers and Directors for 1990-91. Unfortunately, at press time a few of the nominees, for personal reasons, could not accept the nomination, and so the Nominating Committee will meet once again to round out the slate of Officers and Directors. Following are the nominees who will be Officers next year:

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The slate of Directors is not yet final. I am pleased, though, to inform you of the four new appointments to the Directors at Large:

Marilyn Einspanier	Illinois Bell
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Respectfully submitted
Al Madansky

Special Event on 'Simpson's Paradox in Civil Litigation'

Plan to attend a special dinner presentation the evening of Tuesday, June 12th at the East Bank Club. Our speakers, Dr. Paul Meier and Mr. Lawrence Dinardo, will give a joint discussion entitled "Simpson's Paradox in Civil Litigation." Hear two points of view: the statistician's and the lawyer's. How does the statistician stay honest when there is no probability-based model or experimental model to support his/her results? When the level of aggregation is difficult to discern and is highly influential on the results? How does a lawyer deal with an independent-minded expert witness? What is the proper role of statistics in employment discrimination litigation?

The speakers will discuss an actual case of alleged age discrimination, *Grubb and Julow vs. Allied Signal Corp.*, which they won. A key factor in winning the case was the identification by Dr. Meier of Simpson's paradox. Our speakers worked together frequently in the past eight years, and have often found that Simpson's paradox is present, but not recognized by the plaintiff. Learn how to recognize its application while attending this lively, interesting and informative presentation.

Dr. Paul Meier has been a Professor of Statistics at the University of Chicago for over 30 years. He is the Ralph and Mary Otis Isham Distinguished Service Professor and was named the 1985-86 Chicago Chapter

Outstanding Statistician of the Year. He is interested in the application of statistics in clinical research and in law. Recently, he has consulted on a number of race and gender discrimination cases.

Mr. Lawrence Dinardo is a partner with Seyfarth Shaw Fairweather & Geraldson. He specializes in the defense of employment discrimination cases brought against employers. During the 1987-88 academic year, on a leave of from the practice of law, he was a visiting associate professor at his alma mater, the University of Notre Dame Law School.

The dinner will be held at the East Bank Club, which was rated by *Time* magazine as the finest health club in the U.S. Come see for yourself; bring your husband, wife, date, friends or attorney. There is limited seating and we expect a sell-out, so please make your paid reservations early. The evening will start at 5 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar in the River Lounge. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the featured presentation. The cost is \$27 for members, \$30 for non-members. To make your reservation, send a check payable to "Chicago Chapter ASA" to Kathy Morrissey, CNA Insurance Companies, CNA Plaza — 25-S, Chicago, IL 60685. Paid reservations must be received by June 6th. For more information, call Kathy at (312) 822-3935. The East Bank Club is located near the Merchandise Mart at 500 N. Kingsbury in Chicago. It is one block west of Orleans between Hubbard and Kinzie. Parking is available downstairs and across the street.

For some interesting pre-dinner reading, see the June 1986 issue of the *Journal of the American Statistical Association*. It contains an article by Dr. Meier entitled "Damned Liars and Expert Witnesses." (No, Mr. Dinardo is not the lawyer referenced.)

Job Opening

The analytics department of a major healthcare cost containment firm is expanding to accommodate new business, and is currently seeking the following:

Analytic Services Manager

The manager will be responsible for planning, designing and supervising analysis for all phases of a major cost-containment program. SAS experience, strong analytic and communication skills, and project management experience are essential. Supervisory experience, an advanced degree or equivalent experience, and knowledge of the healthcare or insurance industries are preferred.

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Job Opening

Free-Lance SAS Programmers and Statisticians needed for manufacturing and marketing projects. Please send your resume to Lupentin Consultants, Inc., 5351 W. Winona St., Chicago, IL 60630; or call 312-736-4059.

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