

American Statistical Association Names New Editors for *The American Statistician* and *Journal of Quantitative Analysis in Sports*

ALEXANDRIA, VA (PRWEB) JUNE 1, 2011 -- The American Statistical Association (ASA), the nation's preeminent professional statistical society, today announced the appointment of new editors for two of its journals for the term from 2012-2014. Ron Christensen has been selected as editor of *The American Statistician*, and Jim Albert was named editor of the *Journal of Quantitative Analysis in Sports*.

"Ron will be a great editor for TAS," said Peter Westfall, chair of the Editorial Search Committee for TAS. "He has a deep knowledge of statistics and excellent breadth, both in his own research and in his appreciation of others' research. Ron also has a keen interest in TAS, having published many influential papers there."

A professor of statistics at the University of New Mexico, Dr. Christensen has been widely published in TAS as well as the *Journal of the American Statistical Association* (JASA) and has been an associate editor for TAS for six years. He also served several years as a JASA associate editor. He is a Fellow of both the ASA and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics.

"I think TAS should be the journal that every statistician looks forward to reading," Christensen said, "and I think TAS does a good job of living up to that goal. I plan to ensure that TAS continues to live up to its reputation and to help make it the most widely read statistics journal in the world."

Dr. Albert is a professor and undergraduate coordinator in the math and statistics department at Bowling Green University. He served as TAS editor from 2003-2005 and also has served as an associate editor for TAS, JASA, the *Journal of Statistics Education*, and *Communications of Statistics*. He is a Fellow of the ASA. He has served as both program chair and section chair for the ASA Section on Statistics in Sports.

TAS is a truly unique journal, with articles that embrace the idea that statistics reaches across disciplines and into every area of scientific inquiry. TAS showcases the depth and breadth of statistics and statistical inquiry. Every issue contains articles that address teaching, the history of statistics, computing and graphics, and statistical practice.

Articles in JQAS cover a wide variety of sports and perspectives and deal with such subjects as tournament structure, frequency and occurrence of records and the optimal focus of training for decathlons. Additionally, the journal serves as an outlet for professionals in the sports world to raise issues and ask questions that relate to quantitative sports analysis. Articles come from a diverse set of disciplines including statistics, operations research, economics, psychology, sports management and business.

ASA members receive free online subscriptions to TAS and JQAS.

About the American Statistical Association

Headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, the American Statistical Association is the world's largest community of statisticians and the second oldest continuously operating professional society in the United States. For 170 years, the ASA has supported excellence in the development, application, and dissemination of statistical science through meetings, publications, membership services, education, accreditation, and advocacy. Its members serve in industry, government, and academia in more than 90 countries, advancing research and promoting sound statistical practice to inform public policy and improve human welfare. For additional information about the American Statistical Association, please visit the ASA web site at <http://www.amstat.org> or call 703.684.1221.

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