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## **American Statistical Association Announces Winners of Joint Student Paper Competition**

***Winning papers will be presented at the  
2008 Joint Statistical Meetings of the ASA***

**ALEXANDRIA VA (PRWEB) FEBRUARY 25, 2008** – The American Statistical Association (ASA), the nation's preeminent professional statistical society, has announced the winners of its 2008 Joint Student Paper Competition. The winners, graduate or undergraduate students or recent graduates, will present their papers at the Joint Statistical Meetings of the ASA in Denver August 3-7.

Sponsored by the Social Statistics, Government Statistics, and Survey Research Methods Sections of the ASA, the papers selected involve either a new statistical methodology or a creative application of statistical analysis to a problem, policy question, or other issue.

The 2008 winners are:

- Qizuan Chen, University of Michigan, "Bayesian Penalized Spline Model-Based Estimation for Finite Population Proportion in Unequal Probability Sampling"
- Saki Kinney, Duke University, "Model selection with partially synthetic data"
- Santanu Pramanik, University of Maryland, "The Prior Selection and Approximations in a Hierarchical Bayes Approach: An Application to the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimation"
- Cheng Yong Tang, Iowa State University, "Local Post-Stratification and Diagnostics in Dual System Accuracy and Coverage Evaluation for US Census"
- Bryan Smucker, Pennsylvania State University, "Calculating Cell Bounds in Contingency Tables Based on Conditional Frequencies"

### **About the American Statistical Association**

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