

Carnegie Mellon’s Dunn and Notre Dame’s Bowen Receive 2016 Gertrude M. Cox Scholarships at Joint Statistical Meetings

ALEXANDRIA, VA (July 31, 2016) – At an awards ceremony this evening at the Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM 2016) in Chicago, the ASA presented Robin Marie Dunn, a statistics doctoral student at Carnegie Mellon University, and Claire McKay Bowen, a statistics doctoral student at the University of Notre Dame, with the 2016 Gertrude M. Cox Scholarship in Statistics Award.

JSM 2016 is the largest gathering of statisticians and data scientists in the world.

Claire Bowen is recognized for tremendous academic achievement in pursuit of a PhD in applied and computational mathematics and statistics at the University of Notre Dame; demonstrated research skills and early establishment of a research program in data privacy; and extraordinary community-building and support of STEM education.

Robin Dunn is recognized for outstanding academic achievement in pursuit of her degree in mathematics with a concentration in scientific computing at Kenyon College; active pursuit of and success in research activities both inside and outside of the classroom; and exceptional communication collaborative skills that inspire the best in her students and colleagues.

Jointly sponsored by the ASA Committee on Women in Statistics and the Caucus for Women in Statistics, the Cox scholarship has been presented annually since 1989 to encourage women to enter statistically oriented professions. For their efforts in pursuing rigorous doctoral programs in statistics, Bowen and Dunn each received \$1,000.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Jessica Lynn Gronsbell of Harvard University and Kelly Renee Moran of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Born in 1900, Cox is fondly known as the “First Lady of Statistics” for her pioneering roles in the predominantly male-dominated discipline of statistics. She became the first woman—and the first person—to earn a master’s degree in statistics from Iowa State University, where she was appointed assistant professor of statistics in 1939. In 1940, she became professor of statistics at North Carolina State University. In her time there, she helped establish the university’s department of experimental statistics, the Institute of Statistics of the Consolidated University of North Carolina, and the research division of the Research Triangle Institute. In 1949, she became the first female elected into the International Statistical Institute. She was president of the ASA in 1956 and elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1975.

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About JSM 2016

Occurring annually since 1974, JSM is a joint effort of the American Statistical Association, International Biometric Society (ENAR and WNAR), Institute of Mathematical Statistics, Statistical Society of Canada, International Chinese Statistical Association, International Indian Statistical Association, Korean International Statistical Society, International Society for Bayesian Analysis, Royal Statistical Society, and International Statistical Institute. JSM activities include oral presentations, panel sessions, poster presentations, professional development courses, an exhibit hall, a career service, society and section business meetings, committee meetings, social activities and networking opportunities.

About the American Statistical Association

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