

---

# North Texas Chapter American Statistical Association

Volume 24, Issue 1

January 2024

---

## Upcoming events:

- The **Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair (DRSEF)** will be held on February 17, 2024, at Centennial Hall in Fair Park. This is a fantastic opportunity to engage with young students (6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders) and foster their interest in STEM, statistics, and data science. Our chapter is sponsoring an ASA Special Award for DRSEF, and we are seeking volunteers to serve as judges. If you are interested in this role, please let us know or sign up using the following link (<https://forms.gle/akK9d7CTWiegimBw6>).
- The next **ASA North Texas Chapter's Colloquium** will take place on March 21, 2024 and will feature [Dr. Andrew Jamieson](#) (from the Lyda Hill Department of Bioinformatics, UT Southwestern Medical Center), whose research focuses on developing advanced AI and machine learning models for biomedical applications (<https://labs.utsouthwestern.edu/jamieson-lab>). Guests can enjoy refreshments during the social hour preceding the lecture. Full details will be available shortly on our chapter's website: <https://www.amstat-nt.org/>.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual [ASA DataFest](#) will be held at Southern Methodist University from April 12 - 14, 2024. Teams of undergraduate students from any Texas university with any level of statistical training are welcome to participate. Faculty members, practicing statisticians, or anyone with significant analytical experience are welcome to be judges, mentors, and break-out presenters. For further details, please contact Dr. Charles South ([csouth@smu.edu](mailto:csouth@smu.edu)) or click [here](#).
- SMU will host the **Bill Schucany Visiting Scholar Lecture**, featuring a talk by **Dr. David Banks**, Professor of Practice of Statistics at Duke University. This lecture is open to the public and will take place on **Friday, April 19, 2024**. Save the date, and more details will be released soon.

- SMU, UT Dallas, and UT Arlington will each host a seminar series on Fridays throughout Spring 2024. Details can be found on our chapter website at <https://www.amstat-nt.org/events/seminars>.

### **Announcements:**

- We are approaching the time to conduct our **Chapter officer elections** for the 2024-2025 term. In accordance with our chapter bylaws, we are pleased to announce that Dr. Qiwei Li from UT Dallas, who currently serves as the Vice-President/Program Officer, will assume the role of Chapter President. We are pleased to announce that nominations for Vice-President/Program Officer are now open to all members of the ASA North Texas Chapter for the 2024-2025 term. Our current Secretary/Treasurer (Dr. Steven Chiou) and Chapter Representative (Dr. Julia Kozlitina) have volunteered to run for another term, but we welcome additional nominations for these roles. A detailed description of the officer's roles and duties can be found [here](#). Please send your nominations (self-nominations are encouraged!) to the chapter email ([amstat.nt@gmail.com](mailto:amstat.nt@gmail.com)) or to any present chapter officer by February 29, 2024. Online voting will be open to all Chapter members between March 1-14, 2024. The election results will be declared at the ASA North Texas Chapter Colloquium on March 21, 2024.

Finally, our sincere thanks to our outgoing Chapter President, Dr. Stephen Robertson (SMU), for his 7 years of dedicated service to the Chapter! We wish him continued success in his role as the director of the MASDA program at SMU!

### **Chapter Officers**

President – Steve Robertson ([sdrobert@mail.smu.edu](mailto:sdrobert@mail.smu.edu))

Vice-President/Program Officer – Qiwei Li ([qiwei.li@utdallas.edu](mailto:qiwei.li@utdallas.edu))

Secretary/Treasurer – Sy Han (Steven) Chiou ([schiou@mail.smu.edu](mailto:schiou@mail.smu.edu))

Chapter Representative – Julia Kozlitina  
([julia.kozlitina@utsouthwestern.edu](mailto:julia.kozlitina@utsouthwestern.edu))