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## President's Corner

Dear KISS members, I feel very honored and excited to begin my term in January as President of the Korean International Statistical Society. Throughout my involvement with KISS, first as a board member and then as president-elect, my efforts have primarily focused on ways to support the careers of our junior members. I believe that we have made considerable strides on this front over the past several years: we initiated a KISS mentoring program, established a career development award (there have been eight recipients so far), and offered two career development workshops at the 2015 and 2016 Joint Statistical Meetings. But we can do even more, especially if we join forces with other statistical organizations to help Korean and other Asian statisticians to succeed in the workplace and overcome any challenges due to language, cultural, and

volunteering to be an officer or board member of the organization, working a shift at our KISS booth during JSM, helping us to recruit new members, or just by attending the different events that we sponsor. You will find that there are many personal and professional rewards in getting involved. You will not only further your knowledge about the statistics field and expand your professional network, but you junior statisticians will also develop organizational, administrative, and leadership skills that can be valuable for career advancement. And by working together, we can

other barriers.

The timing to do this couldn't be better. Barry Nussbaum, who will become the President of the American Statistical Society (ASA) in 2017, has an article in this issue of the KISS newsletter in which he discusses one of his major initiatives, which is to address the professional needs of Asians and encourage their active participation in ASA activities. To help him carry out this initiative, he assembled a committee that is led by David Morganstein, past President of the ASA, and includes representatives from each of the Asian statistical societies: KISS, International Chinese Statistical Association, and International Indian Statistical Association. Seonjin Kim from Miami University and I are representing KISS. One of the activities that the committee is planning is a professional skills workshop for Asian statisticians that will be jointly organized by the four statistical societies and held at the

help KISS continue to grow, not only in size but also in influence. Please feel free to email me if you would like to find out more about how you can help out or have ideas for how KISS can better serve the needs of its members ([mimi.kim@einstein.yu.edu](mailto:mimi.kim@einstein.yu.edu)). Finally, I would like to acknowledge the significant contributions of our outgoing President, Dr. Dongseok Choi. KISS would not be the vibrant organization it is today without his vision, passion, and hard work over the years. I'm also especially grateful to Mi-Ok Kim for her tireless efforts and enthusiasm as Executive Director,

2017 JSM meetings. We will also be reaching out to members of our respective organizations to identify Asian statisticians who are interested in being involved with the ASA at a higher level.

In addition to nurturing the careers of junior KISS members, my other priorities will be to increase the membership, visibility and financial resources of KISS, and to develop and strengthen ties between KISS and other statistical societies both here and in Korea. I would also like to explore the possibility of establishing graduate student and post-doc exchange programs between statistics departments in the US and Korea, and look into how we can enhance communications regarding professional opportunities for statisticians in both countries.

We all have incredibly busy professional and personal lives, but I hope that over the coming year, you will all find a little time to contribute to KISS somehow, whether by

and to Cheolwoo Park, the Communications Director, for keeping us all well informed and connected. Their responsibilities will be assumed by Kiseop Lee and Ryung Kim, respectively, and I look forward to working closely with them during the next two years.

Happy New Year to you all and I hope to see many of you at the KISS annual meeting and dinner in Baltimore at the 2017 Joint Statistical Meetings. I promise you it will be a fun-filled evening—stay tuned for details! Sincerely,  
Mimi

### Past-President's Corner

Dear KISSers,

Happy New Year!

Thank You (all members)!  
Thank You (all officers)!  
Thank you (all board members)!

I cannot say enough thanks for your support during the past 6 years for KISS. KISS has become one of key statistical societies in a relatively short time period and works together with other statistical societies to promote and serve our profession. KISS has been one of hosting societies of JSM and actively co-hosting many other conferences, for example. Its successes were only possible thanks to many members'

### 2016 KISS Election

The KISS had its second Presidential election and elected Dr. Donsig Jang, Vice President and Director of the Center for Excellence in Survey Research at NORC, as the President elect. Dr. Jang will start his term as the President Elect in Jan. 2017.

The Nomination and Election Committee was formed under Article 9 of the By-Laws, chaired by the Executive Director, Mi-Ok Kim. As appointed by the President, Dongseok Choi, included Drs. Hokwon Cho (Univ. of Nevada, Las Vegas), Yongman Kim (FDA), Jeongyoun Ahn (Univ. of Georgia), and Kiseop Lee (Purdue Univ.) served on the Committee. Open nomina-

active participation and strong support, and dedicated officers and board members. It was my privilege and great joy that I could serve as the president of KISS for the last 6 years. I very much enjoyed working together with members and officers for our society and beyond. I hoped that we could elect the next president earlier, but it took a longer than I expected. But, the time has finally come. I am so pleased and relieved that KISS has an even stronger leadership in coming years. I hope that all KISS members continue to give their support and love to the new president, Dr. Mimi Kim and her leadership team.

As many of you may know, my advisor Prof. George Tiao was the founding president of ICSA. ICSA was founded in 1987 and it plans a big 30-year celebration in Chicago next year. (Congratulations

tions from general members were sought after but no nominations were made. The Committee nominated three individuals based on potential for bolstering KISS' ability to reach out to peer professional societies including the Korean Statistical Society (KSS) and statisticians in industry and government sections. Drs. Donsig Jang and Jaekwang Kim accepted the nomination and became candidates. Considering many commitments and responsibilities that both candidates have, it would not have been surprising if either had turned down the nomination. The Committee believes that their interest in KISS and willingness to serve KISS made them to expand their availability and accept the

ICSA!) Thus, I could observe how ICSA could grow in its early years and became a major statistical society. I hoped that we would have our own society one day. When I was asked to be in charge of Korean group meetings at JSM in 2010, I was very delighted that an opportunity to establish an official organization had finally come. It was more challenging to found a society than I imagined. However, thanks to the strong team work by officers and board members and active members' participation, we could manage to found a society and it became a collegial and well-connected society. I hope that KISS continues to serve our members well in the future. I look forward to our own 30-year anniversary in 2041!

Cheers!  
Dongseok Choi

nomination. In this regards, the Committee thanks Drs. Donsig Jang and Jaekwang Kim again. The Election opened on Dec. 5th and closed on Dec. 19th.

Dr. Donsig Jang is Vice President of the Center for Excellence in Survey Research and serves as its Director. He is responsible for overseeing all staff and operations in the CESR department; building and leading the survey analytics team to help transform data collections to meet the demands of information with respect to timeliness, quantity, and quality; and building and leading data analytics team to bring advanced analytics to all NORC project offerings.





## 2016 KISS Annual Meeting at JSM

The 2016 KISS annual meeting was held at the Joint Statistical Meetings on the August 1st in Chicago.

1. President Dongseok Choi reported the last year's KISS activities on behalf of all officers (see below for more details)
2. KISS Career Development Award
3. President's Invited Talk: Dr. Barry Nussbaum (ASA President-elect)

4. Business items and announcements:
  - Changes in leadership
  - KISS JSM 2017 Program Chair: Dr. Hyokoung Hong (Michigan State University), JSM invited session proposals for KISS sponsorship (8/31/2016)
  - KSS spring/fall meetings, invited sessions
5. *Communications for Statistical Applications and*

*Methods:*

- Looking for proposals for special issues
  - Being under review by SCOPUS for indexing
  - Need more submissions
6. Dinner

### KISS Officers' Reports

- KISS Election: New election for President-elect in December.
- KISS workshop on leadership skill development (7/31), Panels: Dr. Sastry Pantula, Dr. Jessica Kim, Dr. Wei Shen, Dr. Moto-mi Mori, Panel discussion and a small group discussion

- Executive Director: Oregon title registration renewal (\$50), Oregon CT-12 report (\$10), IRS tax report.
- Communications Director: KISS webpage renewed: <http://www.statkiss.org/>, A newsletter was published in January, 2016, You are very welcome to submit any news, up-

dates, and articles for KISS newsletters, The 5th newsletter, Jan 2017

- Treasurer: Report membership paid and KISS Financial report:  
 2015 Carry forward: \$15,127  
 2015 Income: \$ 2,100  
 2015 Expense: \$ 490  
 2015 Balance: \$16,736  
 Membership  
 Lifetime: 51, Regular: 98,  
 Spouse: 1, Students: 43, KSS/  
 KISS from Korea: 60

- Program Chair: KSS Spring meeting, May 2016 (Daegu, Korea), Invited Paper Session: Structured Approaches to Modeling and Data Analysis

IISA (International Indian Statistical Association) Conference, August 2016 (Corvallis, Oregon), Invited Paper Session: i) Recent Advances in Dimensionality Reduction, ii) Statistical Model-

ing for Correlated Data

KISS is the sponsor of the following 6 sessions:

- 8/1/2016 (Invited) Contemporary Topics in Design and Analysis of Complex Survival Data
- 8/2/2016 (Invited) Manifold-Valued Data Analysis for High-Dimensional Biomedical Datasets

7/31/2016 (Topic-Contributed) Challenges in the Analysis of Large Spatial Data

- 8/2/2016 (Topic-Contributed) Regularization: A Versatile Technique for High Dimensional Data Analysis
- 8/2/2016 (Topic-Contributed) Methods and Theory for Integrative Data Analyses
- 8/3/2016 (Contributed) Topics in Statistical Methods and Applications

### Awardees at JSM 2016

Journal of Nonparametric  
Statistics Best Paper award  
(2015) :  
Dr. Won Chang (University of  
Cincinnati)



### Dinner at JSM



## 2016 KISS Career Development Workshop

### Dr. Mimi Kim

Leadership skills were the focus of the second **KISS Career Development Workshop** which was held at the 2016 JSM meeting in Chicago. With background music provided by the Lollapalooza rock concerts that were going on outside in Grant Park, a panel of four accomplished leaders from academia, industry, and government spoke for over an hour, sharing their personal stories and pearls of wisdom about leading and managing people in different work environments. The speakers were **Dr. Sastry**

er, that good leaders are made and not born, and that these skills can be developed over time by “leaning in”, getting out of our comfort zones, and taking advantage of different opportunities to lead in the workplace. These can include activities like organizing a journal club or seminar series, directing a biostatistics core of a research center, and mentoring others. The junior statisti-

to others and training the next generation.

- Take responsibility for your decisions and mistakes
- Be a good listener
- You can't make everyone happy but you can strive to be fair

**Pantula**, Dean, College of Science at Oregon State University and Past President of the American Statistical Association; **Dr. Jessica Kim**, Senior Statistician at the US Food and Drug Administration; **Dr. Wei Shen**, Senior Director of Global Statistical Science at Eli Lilly and Past President of the International Chinese Statistical Association, and **Dr. Motomi Mori**, Director of the Biostatistics Shared Resource of the Knight Cancer Institute at Oregon Health and Science University. These leaders talked about

cians in the audience were also encouraged to get actively involved in professional organizations such as KISS or the ASA, and volunteer for positions which can provide valuable leadership and administrative experiences outside of work.

Other important leadership advice offered by the panelists included:

- Strive for excellence and take pride in what you d

how we all undergo years of formal and rigorous scientific training that enable us to be competent statisticians in our jobs, but learn little about what it takes to become an effective leader: strong interpersonal skills, communication skills, ability to resolve conflicts and make difficult decisions. Some of these “softer” skills can be harder to obtain for Asian statisticians who were raised outside of the US and for whom English is not their first language. The panelists were firmly of the opinion, howev-

- Don't obsess over who gets the credit; obtain gratification from other people's successes. Their successes will be your successes.
- Protect your junior people
- Make yourself replaceable. Strong leaders are generous about giving leadership opportunities



## 2016 KISS Career Development Award

### Dr. Mi-Ok Kim

The 2016 Career Development Awards Committee was chaired by Mi-Ok Kim, and included Drs. Donsig Jang (Mathematica Policy Research, currently at NORC), Cheolwoo Park (Univ. of Georgia), and Hangjoon Kim (Univ. of Cincinnati). The Committee received six applications and reviewed them under the following two criteria:

(1) Significance of the applicants' accomplishments in

light of important milestones of their respective areas of statistical research and application

(2) Relevance of the career goals to the general scientific society and real world.

The Committee took efforts to consider each application on its own merit, accounting for the applicants' various career paths. After a careful review, the Committee selected Drs. Sungkyu Jung (Univ. of Pittsburgh) and

Youngdeok Hwang (IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center) as awardees. Each awardee was presented a certificate for recognition of their respective outstanding early career achievements and a \$500 prize at the KISS Annual Meeting in Chicago.



## The American Statistical Association, the Korean International Statistical Society and YOU

### Dr. Barry D. Nussbaum, President, American Statistical Association

For many young statisticians, the task of either successfully fulfilling scholastic requirements or starting work and trying to, "get up the corporate or academic ladder" seems like more than a full time job. However, this is the perfect time to add active statistical society membership to your "to do" list. Today's statistics departments in graduate schools have many Asian students. Frequently, these students excel at statistics, data science, and

and many more. There are over 25 sections and they are all open to all to join with very modest fees. For full disclosure, I started my ASA involvement by joining the environment section when I was a new statistician for the US Environmental Protection Agency. As I rose to become the EPA's chief statistician, I was careful to keep my ASA ties and progressed to chair of the environment section, then chair of the SPAIG com-

many related analytic fields. They often come to the major meetings such as the Joint Statistical Meetings (this year in Chicago) and/or the IISA international conference (this year in Oregon) and present outstanding papers.

BUT there is more! Success in the profession requires more than doing outstanding work and presenting excellent papers and seminars. It also involves actively participating in one or more of the chapters, committees, or sections

mittee, and now elected to be the next president of the ASA. OK, not everyone gets to be the president of the ASA, but there are plenty of very gratifying positions in the association that mutually benefit your career, the association, and the profession as a whole.

Recognizing the large number of Asian statisticians, I have established a new ASA initiative in conjunction with KISS (as well as ICSA and IISA). We

of the statistical societies.

The American Statistical Association wants to see more and more Asian statisticians participating in association activities. There are many avenues to choose from. ASA chapters are based on geographical areas. This is an opportunity to meet and collaborate with statisticians in your area. No need to bemoan the lack of travel funds! ASA committees cover such diverse areas as publications; survey review; awards;

have already set up a task force including members of each of these groups to determine the needs of Asian statisticians as they prepare for and enter the profession, with a view to their success as professionals and to their on-going involvement in our societies. This task force is clearly designed to understand the needs of Asian statisticians and to make sure all our societies are meeting

collaboration among academia, industry, and government; career development; and minorities just to name a few. While actual committee members are appointed, you have the opportunity to view and indicate your desire to be appointed to a committee by visiting the <http://www.amstat.org> website. ASA sections are based on subject matter. These include sections on biometrics, biopharmaceuticals, education, government, defense, sports,

those needs. In addition to the task force, I have made some personal contacts including presenting a paper in September, 2016 at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Workshop in Survey Methodology sponsored by Statistics Korea in Daejeon. I am convinced these efforts will lead to better careers, increased societal involvement, and an improved profession.

## Member's Profile: Dr. Kiseop Lee, New KISS Executive Director

Dr. Kiseop Lee studied mathematics as an undergraduate at Seoul National University. During his junior year, he sought to study a more applied field, and enrolled in Statistics courses. This experience informed his decision to pursue graduate study in Statistics during his senior year. In preparation for his entrance exam, Dr. Lee had to study material from 10 different courses, with much of this being independent study based on notes borrowed from his friends. It is important to note that this

After receiving his Ph.D. in 2002, Dr. Lee became an Assistant Professor in the Department of Mathematics at the University of Louisville. His first sabbatical leave was at the international financial firm Invesco, Inc., during the 2008 - 2009 academic year. His task was to develop a credit risk-related program, but the Wall Street collapse that occurred shortly after his arrival in September 2008

A new opportunity arose in Spring 2016, when the Department of Statistics at Purdue University opened a senior, tenured position. He first spent the Spring 2016 semester as a Visiting Professor, teaching a core course of the Computational Finance program. During this time, he got a job offer and accepted the position.

was the only year that the Department of Statistics at Seoul National University required such a great deal of courses for the entrance exam.

After his admission to the Masters program in Statistics, Dr. Lee studied Probability theory for two years under the guidance of Professor Jongwoo Jeon. In 1997, he went to Purdue University in pursuit of a Ph.D. in Statistics, with a focus on Mathematical Finance, under the guidance of Professor Philip Protter.

completely changed this plan, and Dr. Lee left after six months.

During this time, Mathematical Finance became very popular in Korea. Consequently, Dr. Lee received many invitations to give short course lectures at both the Mathematics and Statistics Departments of Seoul National University, Yonsei University, KAIST, Postech, Korea Univer-

Dr. Lee is now leading the Computational Finance program at the Department of Statistics. Also, he is an associate editor of six professional journals, including the Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference. He was selected as the Executive Director of KISS and started serving in this position in January 2017.



sity, and Ajou University.

In 2010, Dr. Lee was invited as a Foreign Visiting Scholar of the WCU program at Ajou University's Financial Engineering Department. After spending the summer months of 2011 - 2013 at Ajou, in 2014 he became a MBA instructor at the University of Louisville Business School, teaching business statistics in their MBA program.

Before he joined as an officer, he was the most frequent presence at the JSM KISS booth since 2012.

## Member's Profile: Dr. Ryung S. Kim, New KISS Communications Director

Dr. Ryung S. Kim is an Associate Professor at the Department of Epidemiology and Population Health in Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City. He is also the founder of Missional Consulting Group, LLC. Dr. Kim received his B.S in Statistics at Seoul National University in 2000 and Ph.D. in Biostatistics at Harvard University in 2005. He will be the Communication Director of KISS from 2017.

For a decade after graduation, I searched for ways to contribute to our society as a statistician. I believe statisticians are called to be skeptics. We are skeptics among the scientists who are skeptics to begin with. It is common to sit with leading scientists in their area, listen for half an hour, and help them clear their aims, designs, and methods. Often we calm their over-optimism about findings, or other times validate

them. Since we are at an era that annually produces millions of peer-reviewed research publications, that finds the most cited research findings irreproducible, our critical ability, healthy and informed skepticism, is becoming more important than ever. I find it fascinating how people form conclusions from observations: we are likely to selectively process new observations to enforce our own beliefs. I find it in



politics, public opinions, faith, and also in science.

I moved to New York City for a family reason eight years ago. It led me to my current position at Einstein where we have about 15 biostatistics faculty in our division. I am thankful for the very collegial and productive culture of our department. I am living with my beautiful wife, Youngin,

and two very active boys, Juyoung and Woohyuk. Now about my research interest: when I first graduated, I started with solving problems in medicine and particularly in genomics. But I have grown to take interest in the works of the public sector and what goes into public policies. I am interested in people. Perhaps I am just getting older.

**Formal Research Topics** For the past few years, I have been working with New York City and its Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. We are now developing methods to use Electronic Health Records to improve the accuracy of prevalence estimation based on traditional population-representative surveys. These

involve survey analysis methods, measurement error models, and small area estimation. My other work is in bioinformatics, causal inference, and epidemiological study methods for nested case-control and case-cohort studies. I also work as a statistical collaborator on numerous NIH projects.

## Member's News

- Dr. Eun Sug Park, Senior Research Scientist at the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) and Adjunct Professor of Statistics at Texas A&M University, has been appointed as Editor for Statistics of the journal 'Chemometrics and Intelligent Laboratory Systems' (<http://www.journals.elsevier.com/chemometrics-and-intelligent-laboratory-systems/>).

- Asaph Young Chun, Research Chief for Decennial Directorate of the U.S. Census Bureau, has won the recent ASA election to serve as Program Chair-Elect (2017) and Program Chair (2018) of

ASA Social Statistics Section. He feels humbled and honored for the opportunity to serve ASA and its members and will take office on January 1, 2017. He envisions to "spearhead a SSS mission

-enabling program that forwards social science research, formulates social policies, and advances knowledge in the social sciences by the rigorous use of social statistics."



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## Call for Papers: Communications for Statistical Applications and Methods

### Dr. Chul H. Ahn

*Communications for Statistical Applications and Methods* is an official journal of the Korean Statistical Society and Korean International Statistical Society beginning in 2013. Abbreviated title is 'CSAM'. It contains original articles dedicated to application research in various fields of statistics and probability, or contributing to applied statistics through innovative data analysis and interpretation. However, articles dealing with

statistical education are also welcomed. The journal welcomes articles from all countries. Our objective is to increase the visibility of CSAM journal by growing its content and distribution. By continually raising the quality of the journal and thereby increasing the likelihood of citation, we are working hard to list this journal in Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE). We encourage all KSS and KISS members to submit papers via CSAM to reach this

goal in the near future.

The journal accepts articles written in English and is published bi-monthly in January, March, May, July, September, and November. All of the manuscripts are peer-reviewed. CSAM welcomes only original research articles for the form of publication. For details about instruction for authors including manuscript preparation and submission, please visit [http://](http://csam.or.kr)

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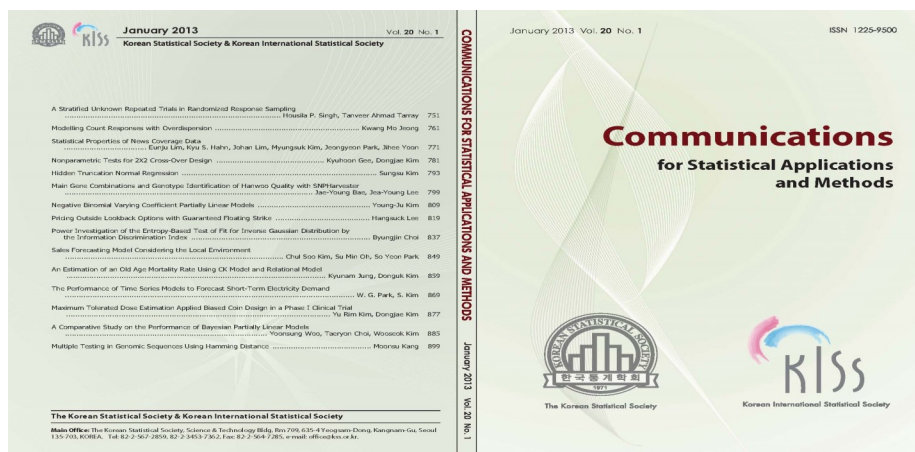
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### Upcoming Meetings

- DAHSU 2017: Data Science and Computational Precision Health, February 20-22, 2017, South San Francisco Conference Center, San Francisco, CA, USA [http://www.statkiss.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/CPH2017\\_Flyer\\_CallforPaperPoster.pdf](http://www.statkiss.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/CPH2017_Flyer_CallforPaperPoster.pdf)



- ENAR 2016, March 12-15, 2017, Washington, DC, USA, <http://www.enar.org/meetings/spring2017/index.cfm>
- KSS 2017 Spring Meeting (5/26-27, Sookmyung Women's University) Seoul, Korea, <http://www.kss.or.kr/> (Note: there will be a KSS invitation session.)
- WNAR 2017, June 25-28, 2017, Santa Fe, New Mexico, <http://www.wnar.org/event-2330256>
- Joint Statistical Meetings 2017, July 29- August 3, 2017, Baltimore, MD, USA, <https://ww2.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2017/>



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KISS has launched the website at <http://statkiss.org>. It contains the information about KISS, News and events, job opportunities, upcoming and past meetings, membership online registration, guest board, and photo gallery. Here is a brief membership online registration Instruction:

1. Please review different membership types from under Membership in the KISS website:

<http://statkiss.org/Membership.php>

2. Please fill out the membership form under Membership/Form:

<http://statkiss.org/Form.php>

'\*' represents required fields

3. If you click "Submit", the screen shows the following message: "Thanks for submitting the form. If you would like to pay your membership fee by credit card online, please click here."

4. If you are not a student and would like to pay the membership fee online,

please click "please click here". Then it will lead you to Membership/Payment: <http://statkiss.org/Payment.php>

5. Please select one membership type and click "Submit", then you will be forwarded to PayPal website.

6. You can pay as a guest (if you do not have an account with PayPal and do not

want to create a new one), or you can login with your PayPal account to pay.

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