

Georgia Statistics Day

1 Objectives of Georgia Statistics Day

Georgia Statistics Day is a one-day conference on theoretical and applied data science with the goal of promoting interdisciplinary research within the flagship institutions of the state of Georgia. This annual conference aims to enable junior researchers in the Southeast region of the United States, including graduate students, to present their work, to see state of the art developments in research on statistics and related scientific areas, and to interact with some of the key players in the area. Georgia Statistics Day puts emphasis on mentoring of junior researchers and on interaction between senior and junior researchers.

2 Georgia Statistics Day Vision Statement

In order to assure continuity in terms of objectives of the Georgia Statistics Day series, especially with regard to mentoring and training, a steering committee will be formed prior to the meetings. This is a committee of three to five rotating members (see Section ?? for the current composition). This committee is not actively involved in the organization of a particular Georgia Statistics Day conference, but does provide guidance and oversight to assure that the vision and goals for the series are met. The mission statement that was adopted before the inaugural 2015 meeting reads as follows:

“The purpose of the Georgia Statistics Day series of conferences is to nurture and encourage junior researchers in the field, and to stimulate research in topics of practical relevance to science and industry.

The conferences focus on new directions of research in statistical theory and applications. Only one session at a time will be scheduled so that everyone can attend every talk. Ample time is scheduled for poster sessions and informal roundtable discussion. A comfortable setting is provided for the free exchange of ideas.

Through this conference series senior researchers will provide leadership, inspiration and direction to junior researchers.”

3 Georgia Statistics Day Policy Statement

In order to implement this vision, the following guiding policy statements were adopted by the Georgia Statistics Day Steering Committee:

- a. There will not be parallel sessions; oral presentations are by invitation only.
- b. Researchers will be encouraged to submit abstracts, some of which will be invited for oral presentation; others will be invited for poster presentation.
- c. Poster presentations will be given the same prominence as oral presentations with ample time for viewing and discussion. The abstracts for posters will be made available along with the abstracts for talks.
- d. The registration fee will include lunch.
- e. Some funding will be made available to cover local expenses of junior participants.
- f. Junior researchers will be offered the option of being paired with a senior mentor for the duration of the conference. Students will have opportunity to interact with keynote speaker, preferably during meals.
- g. Effort will be made to publicize the event widely, especially among junior researchers.
- h. The Steering Committee consists of three to five persons and changes after every conference, normally with one person rotating off.
- i. The Poster Evaluation Committee consists of faculty as well as graduate students from the participating institutes.
- j. The hosting institution and steering committee for a Georgia Statistics Day will be decided two years in advance, and will be announced at the closing of an event. This will facilitate external funding with earlier deadlines.
- k. Policy and vision can be amended by a majority vote of the Steering Committee.

In conclusion, these conferences emphasize providing guidance and encouragement for new researchers and the fostering of interaction between new and experienced researchers.