

The Caucus for Women in Statistics (CWIS) organized several events at the 2009 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM)

The Caucus for Women in Statistics is an organization that supports the role of women statisticians. The Caucus is very visible at the annual Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) sponsored by the American Statistical Association, the Statistical Society of Canada, the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, the Eastern North America and Western North America Biometrics Associations. At the August 2009 JSM the Caucus sponsored several events. They co-hosted the First Time (JSM) Attendee luncheon reception with the American Statistical Association. Cynthia Clark, Administrator at the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service presented advice on how to take advantage of the large number of opportunities available at the JSM. The Caucus hosted an invited paper session and breakfast roundtables at the meeting. They also sponsored the 20th Gertrude Cox Scholarship race, and honored graduate students who received the Gertrude Cox Scholarship recognition in the Tuesday evening JSM Award Ceremony.

The Caucus-sponsored an invited paper session entitled, "The Gertrude Cox Scholarship: 20 years of Recognizing Young Women in Statistics", organized by Holly Shulman (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). The speakers discussed the history of the Gertrude Cox Scholarship, the history of the Cox Race that brought funds to the scholarship, and the impact of the scholarship on the professional careers of those who received the recognition. Participants included Holly Shulman, Stephanie Shipp, (Science and Technology Policy Institute), Julia Bienias (Consultant), and Elizabeth Stuart (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health). Holly, Stephanie, and Julia are former presidents of the Caucus. A poster of past Gertrude Cox scholarship winners is on the Caucus website (<http://caucusforwomeninstatistics.com>). The breakfast buffet roundtable was held at a restaurant near the meeting location. There were 33 attendees with three discussion tables. This was an excellent opportunity for networking and exchange of experiences. Individuals (both women and men) may join the Caucus by contacting Anna Nevius at <mailto:anna.nevius@fda.hhs.gov>. The membership fee is \$25.