

ISI WSC 2019 President's Invited Speaker: Get to Know Jessica Utts



Jessica Utts is a Professor Emerita in the Department of Statistics at University of California, Irvine (UCI) and was the 2016 President of the American Statistical Association (ASA). She served as Chair of the UCI Statistics Department for 5 years, and led the department in initiating a major in Data Science. Her honors include being an elected Fellow of the ASA, the Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS), the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Association for Psychological Science. She is the recipient of the ASA Founder's Award, the IMS Harry C. Carver Medal, the Distinguished Service Award for the National Institute of Statistical Sciences, and two awards for distinguished teaching. She has served as President of the Western North American Region of the International Biometric Society (WNAR), Chair of the Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies (COPSS), and is currently on the Council of the International Statistical Institute (ISI).

Professor Utts has a long-standing interest in promoting statistical literacy, and has published three statistics textbooks with that emphasis. In addition to statistics education her research involves applications of statistics to a variety of areas, most notably parapsychology, for which she has appeared on TV shows including Larry King Live, Nightline and CNN News

Professor Utts will deliver the President's Invited Keynote Lecture on "Enhancing Data Science Ethics through Statistical Education and Practice" at the ISI WSC in Kuala Lumpur.