Council for Emerging and New Statisticians

About CENS

Council for Emerging and New Statisticians (CENS) was formed in 2012 by ENAR's Regional Advisory Board (RAB) in 2012 to help ENAR better address the needs of all students and recent graduates. CENS is composed of 10 graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, or recent graduates, who are ENAR members from academia, government, or private industry. With the help of the RAB Liaison, CENS members collaborate to:

- Bring student/recent graduate concerns to the attention of RAB and ENAR
- Work to help ENAR better serve all students/recent graduates
- Advise and help implement ideas to enhance the benefits of ENAR membership and to increase awareness of the benefits of ENAR membership to students
- Organize a CENS session at each ENAR Spring Meeting
- Assist in planning events that help advance students' and recent graduates' education and careers
- Contribute to the development of ENAR's social media presence

CENS Mission

CENS seeks to advocate for the needs and concerns of students and recent graduates in collaboration with ENAR's Regional Advisory Board. Through annual events at the ENAR Spring Meeting, CENS strives to promote the benefits of participating in the ENAR community, support the advancement of students and recent graduates, and facilitate stronger connections within the statistical community.

Join CENS

We are actively recruiting new members! Each member is appointed to a 2-year term. Within CENS, three or four people are chosen to participate in the steering committee, which reports to the RAB chair. Members of the steering committee will serve an additional year on CENS. CENS members will meet in person yearly at the ENAR Spring Meeting and participate in conference calls throughout the year to plan events and address issues as they arise. If you are interested in joining CENS, please email enar.cens@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

CENS Session at JSM 2022 | Fuzzy Clusters: Crossing Boundaries Between Non-academic and Academic Domains
Monday, August 8, 2022, from 2:00 PM – 3:50 PM ET

Careers in the field of statistics have traditionally fallen into non-overlapping domains, namely academic and non-academic. Graduate students and recent graduates are expected to pursue a career path in one domain, to the exclusion of the other. This apparent dichotomy can pose a challenge to new statisticians, who often have limited professional experience outside of their program. This panel aims to foster awareness of alternative career pathways, particularly those which may cross over professional domains. Panelists from a variety of backgrounds will share their knowledge and experiences in career planning and successfully transitioning between industry, government, non-profit and academic sectors.

Broader topics for discussion that are applicable to statisticians across sectors will include professional development and networking, appropriate timelines for considering career changes, opportunities to work jointly across domains, and

unique skills from one sector that can foster innovation in another. Domain-specific topics will include non-traditional and administrative careers in academia, and the expanding scope and diversity of non-academic positions.

CENS Steering Committee 2022-2023
Anna Seffernick, Ohio State University (co-chair)
Sarah Samorodnitsky, University of Minnesota (co-chair)
Daniel Mork, Harvard University
Arinjita Bhattacharyya, Merck

Current CENS Members 2022-2023
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