The Special Interest Group of the Mathematical Association of America on Statistics and Data Science Education (SIGMAA SDS-ED) has named Dan Showalter as the recipient of the 2023 Robert V. Hogg Award in Teaching Introductory Statistics and Data Science, while Kaitlyn Fitzgerald has been selected for the 2023 Dexter C. Whittinghill III Award for the Best Contributed Paper on Statistics and Data Science Education at MathFest 2023.

**2023 Hogg Awardee: Dr. Daniel Showalter**

The Hogg Award has been awarded annually since 2013 and provides recognition to an individual who has shown both excellence and growth in teaching introductory statistics at the college level. It is named in honor of Robert V. Hogg, winner of numerous teaching accolades including the Iowa Governor’s Science Medal for Teaching in 1990 and the MAA’s Distinguished Teaching award in 1993. Hogg was a passionate advocate for statistics education who served as the President of the American Statistical Association in 1988.

This year’s Hogg Award Recipient, Dr. Daniel Showalter, is Associate Professor of Mathematics and Program Director of Mathematics and Computer Science at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, VA. Showalter’s data analysis work for the *Why Rural Matters* series of national policy reports is used widely by policymakers, researchers, and educators. His publications include a focus on making introductory statistics more relevant and less anxiety-provoking for all students. He is coauthor of the textbook *Advanced Quantitative Reasoning: Mathematics for the World Around Us*. Showalter was the recipient of the Mathematical Association of America's 2021 John M. Smith Award for Distinguished Teaching for the Virginia-Maryland-DC section. Daniel's decision to pursue a career in teaching statistics was born during a five-year journey around the world. During a 6-month stay with a family in the mountains of East India, he was disturbed by the way moneylenders took advantage of communities with limited quantitative literacy. This inspired him to receive his master's in mathematics and PhD in mathematics education from Ohio University with the goal of raising quantitative literacy.

**2023 Dexter C. Whittinghill III Awardee: Dr. Kaitlyn Fitzgerald**

The Dexter C. Whittinghill III award is named in honor of Dr. Dexter (Dex) Whittinghill, III, Emeritus/Associate Professor in the College of Science and Mathematics at Rowan University who received the inaugural award for outstanding contributed paper. The award has been given annually since2005 for the best contributed paper on Statistics and Data Science Education at a national MAA conference.

This year’s Whittinghill awardee, Dr. Kaitlyn Fitzgerald, is an Assistant Professor, a statistics educator and interdisciplinary researcher at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, California.

The 2023 MathFest contributed paper theme was “My Favorite Statistics / Data Science Activity.” Kaitlyn’s presentation, [“Data Visualization Activities to Illuminate Cognitive Pitfalls and Help Students Become Better Communicators of Data,”](https://sigmaa-sds-ed.github.io/slides/mathfest2023/Data_visualization_tips.pptx) demonstrated how cognitive science can help with data communication. Employing active learning strategies with a focus on storytelling, Kaitlyn had her students use data visualization strategies to highlight different visual aspects in representing the data. Her presentation also discussed the positive aspects of collective feedback. Among many quality presentations at MathFest, audience members gave Kaitlyn the highest marks in the categories of quality of visual presentation, quality of verbal presentation, and contribution to the field of statistics and data science education.

Kaitlyn Fitzgerald and Daniel Showalter will formally receive their awards at the August 2024 MathFest in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Nominations for the 2024 Robert V. Hogg Award are welcome and due by September 30. For more information on the nomination process and other SIGMAA SDS-ED activities, please visit the SIGMAA SDS-ED website <https://sigmaa-sds-ed.github.io/> .