

2026 Waksberg Award



We are pleased to announce that Dr. Frauke Kreuter is the 2026 recipient of the Waksberg Award.

About the Waksberg Award

The journal *Survey Methodology* established an annual invited paper series in 2001 in honor of Joseph Waksberg to recognize his contributions to survey statistics and methodology. Each year, a prominent survey statistician is chosen to write a paper that reviews the development and current state of an important topic in survey statistics and methodology, reflecting the mixture of theory and practice that characterized Joseph Waksberg's work.

Joseph Waksberg was a giant in survey sampling for nearly seven decades, beginning at the U.S. Census Bureau in 1940 and moving to Westat in 1973, where he served as Chairman of the Board from 1990 until his death in 2006. The award includes an honorarium made possible by a grant from Westat.

About Dr. Frauke Kreuter

For the past two decades, Dr. Kreuter has spearheaded novel research in survey methodology, especially at the interface with big data and large-scale computing. Her work on survey paradata served as foundation for the emerging field of adaptive and responsive survey designs, more recently she shaped the discipline's thinking about the connection between surveys and AI.

Through her service on NASEM committees, Dr. Kreuter contributed to establishing principles of privacy protection in federal statistical data products based on combined data sources. She has also directed and built training programs, producing a new generation of data-science-savvy survey researchers.

Dr. Kreuter will give the Waksberg Invited Address at the Statistics Canada Symposium in 2026 and will write a paper planned for publication in the December 2026 issue of *Survey Methodology*.

Selection Committee

The recipient of the 2026 Waksberg paper was selected by a four-person committee appointed by *Survey Methodology* and the *American Statistical Association*: Jae-Kwang Kim (chair), Kristen Olson, Paul Smith, and Alina Matei.

For more information on the Waksberg Award, please visit:

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/12-001-x/award-prix-eng.htm>

Jae-Kwang Kim

Chair of the 2026 Waksberg Award Committee

Other news

- The call for nominations for the 2027 Waksberg Award is open until February 15, 2026. Paul A. Smith, chair of the 2027 Committee, can be contacted at **P.A.Smith@soton.ac.uk** for further details. For more information on the Waksberg Award, please visit <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/12-001-x/award-prix-eng.htm>
- The journal *Statistics in Transition New Series* (<https://sit.stat.gov.pl/>) has been selected for inclusion in *Web of Science*, which represents one of the most trusted, publisher-independent global citation databases.