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Biology Alumnus Elected American Statistical Association Vice President

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Alexandria, VA – Georgia Southern Alum G. David Williamson was recently elected as the Vice President of the American Statistical Association (ASA).

Williamson is senior science adviser and executive director of the Statistical Advisory Group at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as an adjunct professor in the department of biostatistics and bioinformatics in the school of public health at Emory University and at Georgia Southern University. Prior to that, he was the associate director of science at the CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control; chief science officer in the Office of Surveillance, Epidemiology and Laboratory Services; and director of the Division of Health Studies.

Williamson earned his PhD in biostatistics from Emory University in 1987; two master's degrees in statistics and biology from Virginia Tech and Georgia Southern, respectively; and an undergraduate degree in biology from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1973.

Among his appointments with the ASA, Williamson became a fellow in 2004 and was Joint Program Committee chair of JSM in 2000. Active in ASA awards and committees, he also served as vice chair of the Committee on Meetings from 1999–2002; chair (and member) of the Karl Peace Award from 2012–2015; member of the Strategic Initiative on Visibility and Impact in Policy Task Force in 2009–2010; and program chair of the Statistics in Epidemiology Section in 1997.

About the American Statistical Association

The ASA is the world's largest community of statisticians and the oldest continuously operating professional science society in the United States. Its members serve in industry, government and academia in more than 90 countries, advancing research and promoting sound statistical practice to inform public policy and improve human welfare. For additional information, please visit the ASA website at www.amstat.org.

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