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The American Statistical Society has announced that the winner of the 2018 Karl E. Peace Award for Outstanding Statistical Contributions for the Betterment of Society is Dr. Patrick Ball, Human Rights Data Analysis Group.

Dr. Ball was recognized for his work in bringing justice to human rights violations across the globe and the pioneering use of statistical design and analysis principles in this important work and for the founding and continued leadership of the Human Rights Data Analysis Group, an organization that provides data-driven testimony in war crime trials and has published reports on human rights violations, including war crimes, refugee displacement, and police violence.

Established in 2012, the Karl E. Peace Award for Outstanding Statistical Contributions for the Betterment of Society recognizes statisticians who have made substantial contributions to the statistical profession and to society in general. The award was established by Mr. Christopher K. Peace, son of Dr. Karl E. Peace, on behalf of the Peace family to honor the life work of his father. Dr. Peace endowed The Georgia Southern University Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health to honor his late wife, Dr. Jiann-Ping Hsu.