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. The SIGMAA SDS-ED has also selected Kaitlyn Fitzgerald for the 2023 Dexter C. Whittinghill III Award for the Best Contributed Paper on Statistics and Data Science Education at MathFest.

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.

The Dexter C. Whittinghill III award has been given annually since 2005 for the best contributed paper on Statistics and Data Science Education. Kaitlyn Fitzgerald’s presentation “Data Visualization Activities to Illuminate Cognitive Pitfalls and Help Students Become Better Communicators of Data,” was well-received by the attendees at 2023 MathFest. Kaitlyn gained high marks for the quality of the presentation and utility of activities on data visualization. Dr. Kaitlyn Fitzgerald is an Assistant Professor, a statistics educator and interdisciplinary researcher at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, California.

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/> .