

Transitioning between School and Work with Disabilities



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Description: This webinar will provide an overview of resources that help job seekers with disabilities navigate transitions between school and work, as well as testimonials. Many statisticians alternate between holding a professional position and attending educational programs, often leading to multiple transitions between school and work throughout one's career trajectory. This webinar brings together experts on accommodations for transitions to work as well as statisticians with disabilities who have experienced transitions between school and work during their careers. A Q&A and discussion period will follow the presentations. All are welcome to attend the webinar. Register [here](#).

Moderator: [Anja Zgodic](#), Chair of the Committee on Statistics and Disabilities, and PhD candidate in Biostatistics at the University of South Carolina.

Speakers:

- **[Erin Chapman](#):** Erin is a mathematician and computer scientist who is very autistic, has ADHD and several severe psychological conditions in addition to chronic kidney disease. Erin will talk about the decision to disclose, preparing for the accommodations process, things to do to protect yourself, and how to handle disclosing to coworkers if they need to be involved in accommodations.
- **[Peter Flom](#):** Peter, retired data analyst and a learning-disabled adult. Peter will talk about "Things we wish our bosses knew".
- **[Ryan Machtmes](#):** Ryan is President and CEO of ThinkingResearch, LLC, a private statistical consulting company; he is also a former Presidential Management Fellow and former Fellow of the American Federation for the Blind's Blind Leaders Development Program. Ryan will share insights from his experiences as a Blind statistical consultant and Federal employee.
- **[Alexis Popa](#):** Alexis is a Consultant for the Job Accommodation Network (JAN), where she fields questions from employees and employers regarding their rights and responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and assists in identifying accommodation solutions for employees with cognitive and mental health conditions.