

# UCLA Department of Statistics

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## 2017 De Leeuw Seminar

### “Festschrift Reloaded: The Lion Strikes Back” Patrick Mair and Katharine Mullen

In September 2016 the Journal of Statistical Software (JSS) published a Festschrift for Jan de Leeuw, founding chair of the Department of Statistics at UCLA and founding editor of JSS. The Festschrift commemorated Jan's retirement as well as the 20-year anniversary of JSS. Six contributions surveyed Jan's methodological contributions on topics such as multiway analysis, Gifi, multidimensional scaling, and other, somewhat more exotic scaling approaches. One contribution traced the development of R and other statistical software in the pages of JSS. The final paper by Don Ylvisaker looked back at the early days of the Department of Statistics at UCLA. In this talk, the editors of the Festschrift reflect on some of the highlights presented in these contributions, discuss Jan's role in these developments, and outline some newer research topics Jan has been working on over the last few months.



Patrick Mair received his PhD in Statistics from the University of Vienna in 2005 and did his Venia Legendi in Statistics in 2010. From 2005-2011 he worked as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Statistics and Mathematics, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business. From 2007-2008, he was a Research Fellow at the Department of Statistics/Department of Psychology at UCLA. Since 2013 he works as Senior Lecturer in Statistics at the Department of Psychology, Harvard University.



Katharine Mullen has been associated with the Journal of Statistical Software since 2006, and with the Foundation for Open Access Statistics since 2012. She has previously worked as a postdoc in NIST's Statistical Engineering Division, and as a staff scientist in NIST's Materials Measurement Science Division. Her research interests include optimization and computational physics.