Dr. Kathryn Roeder, Professor in the Department of Statistics at Carnegie Mellon University’s Dietrich College of Humanities & Social Sciences, is the recipient of the Twelfth Annual Janet L. Norwood Award for Outstanding Achievement by a Woman in the Statistical Sciences. She will accept the award at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Dr. Roeder is Professor of Statistics at the Lane Center for Computational Biology. In her early work, she played a pivotal role developing the foundations of DNA forensic inference. Her current work focuses on statistical genomics, and the genetic basis of complex disease with an emphasis on autism. Roeder received her BS in Wildlife Resources from University of Idaho and her Ph.D. in Statistics from Pennsylvania State University. Immediately securing an Assistant Professorship at Yale University, her career path then took her to Carnegie Mellon University in 1994. Dr. Roeder is an elected Member of the International Statistical Institute (‘95), a Fellow of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics (‘97), and a Fellow of the American Statistical Association (‘97). The Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies (COPSS) has twice honored her with the Presidents’ Award (‘97) & the Snedecor Award (‘97). A snapshot of activities over her career include board positions with the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, advisor to both the FBI & NRC/NAS on DNA forensics and numerous editorial positions in prominent journals.

The UAB School of Public Health has a fund-raising effort to grow the endowment for this award in honor of Dr. Norwood and her influence on women in the statistical sciences. For more information about this effort, please contact Dr. David Allison at dallison@uab.edu.
The Janet L. Norwood Award for Outstanding Achievement by a Woman in the Statistical Sciences was established in 2002 not only to honor Dr. Norwood’s achievements, but also to recognize the contribution of all women to the statistical sciences.

Dr. Norwood obtained her B.A. from Douglass College at Rutgers University, and her M.A. and Ph.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, as well as an honorary LL.D. degree from each of the following: Florida International University, Carnegie Mellon University, and Harvard University.

Dr. Norwood was the first woman commissioner of the US Bureau of Labor Statistics and is Past-President of the American Statistical Association. She was the Presidential appointment to the Chair of the Advisory Council on Unemployment Compensation from 1993-96. From 1979 through 1991, Dr. Norwood was the U.S. Commissioner of Labor Statistics, responsible for the Bureau of Labor Statistics and its work in compilation, publication, and interpretation of statistics on employment and unemployment, prices, compensation, industrial relations, productivity, and economic growth. She testified monthly before the Joint Economic Committee and frequently before other Congressional Committees. In recognition of her public service, Dr. Norwood received Distinguished Rank in the Senior Executive Service from President Reagan.

You are cordially invited to attend

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