Short Biography

Dr. Subhabrata (Subha) Chakraborti is Professor of Statistics and Morrow Faculty Excellence Fellow at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, USA. He has been at the University of Alabama since 1984, after receiving his Ph.D. in Statistics from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He is a Fellow of the American Statistical Association since 2008, a distinct honor awarded to less than 1% of its thousands of members. For his meritorious contributions, he has been elected as a member of the International Statistical Institute, housed in the Netherlands. He has been the recipient of a highly prestigious Fulbright Senior Scholar award to South Africa, awarded by the US government. At the University of Pretoria, South Africa, Professor Chakraborti has been awarded the high honor of the rank of an Extraordinary Professor by the University of Pretoria, South Africa. This special award allows him privileges of a local professor, including teaching and supervising postgraduate students. Further, in 2011, he was awarded the South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARCHI) Tier 1 *Social Science Chair in Nonparametric, Robust Statistical Inference and Statistical Process Control* at the University of Pretoria. This unique and extraordinary award was made for his career accomplishments and continuing contributions to scholarship and academics.

In his career spanning over a thirty year period, Professor Chakraborti has made significant and influential contributions in a number of important research areas including *censored/survival data analysis*, *income distribution analysis*, *poverty and income inequality*, *industrial statistics* and *general statistical inference*. His research is cited regularly and receives significant number of citations by others. Some of his publications in the field have been on the most highly cited articles list. Scholars from around the world visit him and are visited by him for collaborative research. He has authored and co-authored over one hundred publications in a variety of journals and outlets. His papers have appeared in several influential international journals such as The Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Technometrics, Journal of Quality Technology, Quality Engineering, Quality and Reliability Engineering International, *American Statistician*, *Sankhya*, Review of Economics and Statistics, *Economics Letters*, Biometrical Journal, International Journal of Advanced Manufacturing Technology, IEEE-Transactions, Communications in Statistics, Journal of Applied Statistics, Journal of Experimental Education and Statistica Neerlandica. He continues to be a strong and active researcher, mentoring students and young colleagues from around the world, publishing regularly. His current research interests include applications of statistical methods, including nonparametric methods, to the area of statistical process control. He is also the co-author of three editions of a highly acclaimed book *Nonparametric Statistical Inference* (2010) published by Taylor and Francis publishers in the USA. Reviews and citations of this book, available worldwide for over more than twenty years, have been extraordinarily positive and numerous.

Professor Chakraborti has supervised over twenty successful postgraduate (Master's and Ph.D.) students and has been highly cited for his contributions in mentoring and collaborative work with students and scholars from around the world. He has been a Fulbright Senior Scholar to South Africa, a distinct honor from the US government and a visiting professor in several countries including Turkey, Holland, India and Brazil. Professor Chakraborti is heavily involved in editorial work; in addition to the editorial boards of journals he has served on in the past, he is currently serving his fifteen year term as an Associate Editor of Communications in Statistics, an international peer review journal published by Taylor and Francis. He has been sought after because of his teaching, research, mentoring and strong communication skills. He has delivered many seminars, keynote addresses, conducted workshops, organized and chaired special conference sessions. He has been a visiting professor at Pennsylvania State University, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, University of California, Berkeley and universities in Holland, Brazil, Turkey, India, and South Africa. Professor Chakraborti was the winner of the prestigious 1988-89 Burlington Northern Faculty Achievement Award, at The University of Alabama, for excellence in teaching.

Professor Chakraborti assists a number of national and international journals, universities, government and non-governmental agencies as a reviewer. He has presented research seminars, workshops and keynote addresses at conference venues around the world. He has been the organizer of several invited and contributed paper sessions at various congresses and has just completed co-editing a special issue on *nonparametric statistical process control* for the renowned peer review journal *Quality and Reliability Engineering International* co-edited by Professor Doug Montgomery and published by John Wiley, USA.