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The 2015 BITSS Annual Meeting

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- Interview Corner – we want to hear from you!
- Share your questions for today's Q&A panel.
- Reception tonight at 5:00pm.





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- What is BITSS?
- The year in review & looking ahead to 2016.
- Today's meeting.



What is BITSS?

The Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences (BITSS) was established in 2012 **to strengthen the quality of social science research and evidence used for policy-making,** by enhancing the practices of economists, psychologists, political scientists, and other social scientists.




A year in reproducibility

SCIENCE

Study on Attitudes Toward Same-Sex Marriage Retracted by a Scientific Journal

By BENEDICT CAREY MAY 28, 2015



SOCIAL SCIENCE

June 5, 2015 12:22 p.m.

Will Academia Waste the Michael LaCour Scandal?

By Drew Foster

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Why The Retracted Gay Marriage Study Matters

The study at the centre of the 'worm wars' storm appeared to show that same-sex parents improved children's school attendance. Photograph: Jerome...

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What is BITSS?

Norms + Consensus	Build standards of openness, integrity, and transparency
Tools + Resources	Identify, fund, and develop tools and resources
Education	Deliver coursework for students, faculty, and researchers through our network.
Research	Understand the problem, explore solutions, and monitor progress
Recognition	Reward exceptional achievements in the advancement of transparent social science.



Changing Norms + Building Consensus

- ☑ Transparency and Openness Promotion (TOP) Guidelines developed and published, with over 530 journals (!) signed on
- ☑ BITSS Blog
- ☑ Launched the BITSS Catalyst Program



Tools + Resources

- ☑ New BITSS.org website that connect you to our network, research and resources
- ☑ E.g.,
- ☑ Library of slideshows and lectures
- ☑ Manual of Best Practices in Research Transparency, software



Education

- ☑ BITSS Summer Institute with participants from across social sciences
- ☑ Semester-long course on transparency
- ☑ Over 100 participants in international workshops in Kenya, UK



Research

- ☑ Ten funded projects through the Social Science Meta-Analysis and Research Transparency (SSMART) grant program, \$300,000 in funding
- ☑ Growing internal capacity, publications by BITSS research staff (e.g., PLoS One)



Recognition

- ☑ Ten recipients of the inaugural Leamer-Rosenthal Prize for Open Social Science - awarded today!



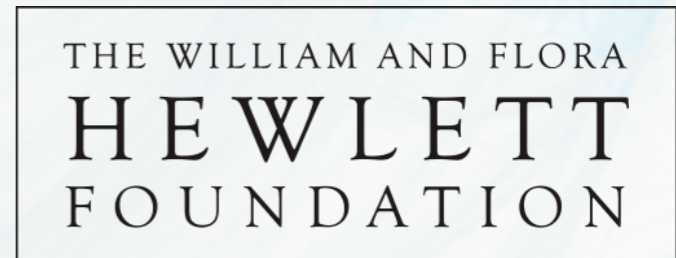
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Meeting Agenda

- ☑ Professor Edward Leamer, UCLA: S-values
- ☑ Professor Paul Romer, NYU: Macro models
- ☑ Leamer-Rosenthal Prize Recipient award ceremony
- ☑ Q&A Panel and Discussion

Tomorrow

- ☑ Presentation of new research on transparency, including this year's SSMART grant recipients

