



Reading Leadership Books, Leading with Courage

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This talk reflects on how leadership reading can strengthen women statisticians in a time of rapid change. Drawing on my own experience in academia, professional associations, project work, and mentoring, I show how leadership often begins in challenging or unexpected situations. I discuss lessons from selected books by Brené Brown, Sally Helgesen and Marshall Goldsmith, and Amanda L. Golbeck and colleagues, focusing on courage, authenticity, inclusivity, and continuous growth. I argue that technical expertise alone is not enough: effective leadership in statistics also requires empathy, communication, integrity, and the willingness to support others. Leadership books can help women statisticians build confidence, broaden their perspective, and lead with both data and courage.

Two Books that Inspire: "Eisenhower on Leadership" and "Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom"

James Cochran, College of Business, The University of Alabama

In this talk, we discuss leadership lessons that can be learned from these books and the lives of Nelson Mandela and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Why Skillful Statistical Collaborators Make Skillful Leaders

Jessica Utts, University of California, Irvine

If you are a statistician and want to become an effective leader (formal or informal), you will find a wealth of ideas in the book "Leadership and Women in Statistics" (2016), edited by Amanda Golbeck, Ingram Olkin and Yulia Gel. The book contains essays from dozens of statisticians and leadership experts, covering a multitude of ideas, examples, and personal histories. In my talk I will present some of the ideas and stories I found most compelling. In the second part of my talk, I will discuss my views on leading an academic department, based on my own departments and on serving as an external reviewer for about a dozen statistics and math departments.

Developing a Leadership Book Club

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Leadership book clubs are an effective way to develop your power skills as you progress in your career. They can be designed to transform yourself, your team, your organizational unit, or your whole organization. By sustained silent reading and reflecting, people learn about leadership independently. By getting together with book club members to discuss and share reflections, people learn about leadership from each other. Shared reflections help club members to gain new perspectives, deepen connections with others, and accelerate learning. In this talk, I will outline the steps for building a leadership book club, and I will share my experience launching and leading a Leadership Classics Book Club for my university.

