

Biography

Dr. Leeper earned his Ph.D. in 1977 in Biostatistics at the University of Iowa. Since then he has been with The University of Alabama School of Medicine – Tuscaloosa Campus, Department of Community and Rural Medicine, which he chaired from 1987 through 2001. He is also a faculty member of the Applied Statistics Program at The University of Alabama. In the American Public Health Association (APHA) he served on the Program Development Board (chair from 1994-97), Joint Policy Committee (co-chair from 1994-97), Science Board (1997-2000), Education Board (1999-2003) and Governing Council (2000-2001). In the Statistics Section of APHA he was Chair in 2008 – 2009. He chaired the Section on Teaching Statistics in the Health Sciences in the American Statistical Association during 2003. He has published more than 70 referred articles, co-authored four book chapters, and co-authored more than 90 paper presentations/posters. Statistical methodology work has dealt with missing data problems in longitudinal analysis and spatial/temporal analysis. He teaches graduate level courses in statistical methodology and is Clerkship Director of Rural Medicine for medical students. He is also Director of Education and Evaluation for Rural Programs.