

BASUG October 2025 SAS Blowout Presenter Biographies

Jim Box
Principal Data Scientist
SAS Institute Inc.

Enhance Your Coding Experience with the SAS Plugin for VS Code (any SAS)
Check Your Biases – Understand How AI Systems Work, What Can Go Wrong, and What You Should Be Asking Before Using



Jim Box is a Principal Data Scientist in the Life Sciences Customer Advisory group, where he works with organizations to show them how to use SAS software to solve their business requirements. Prior to coming to SAS ten years ago, he spent 20 years in the clinical research industry, where he led teams of statisticians, SAS programmers, data managers and software developers.

Jane Eslinger
Consultant
President and CEO of Eslinger Enterprises

Making a Readable PROC COMPARE Report in Excel
Highlighting the Differences: PROC COMPARE in Excel



Jane Eslinger is an independent programmer based in North Carolina with over 20 years of experience with SAS. Jane has authored two books: *The SAS® Programmer's PROC REPORT Handbook: Basic to Advanced Reporting Techniques* and *The SAS® Programmer's PROC REPORT Handbook: ODS Companion*. Her SAS certifications include Advanced Programmer for SAS®9, SAS® Certified Data Scientist, and SAS® Certified Advanced Visual Business Analyst. She has presented at numerous conferences and users' groups across the US, including SAS Global Forum from 2015 to 2020. Jane has served as a statistician and statistical programmer in the social science and clinical research fields. She earned her BS in Statistics from NC State University.

Chris Hemedinger
Director of SAS User Engagement
SAS Institute Inc.

Using SAS With Microsoft 365: A Programming Approach
From Chirps to Charts: Using BirdNET-PI and SAS to Monitor Backyard Biodiversity



Chris Hemedinger has been with SAS since 1993 and is the Director of SAS User Engagement. His talented team looks after SAS online communities, SAS user groups, developer experience and GitHub, tech newsletters, expert webinars and tutorials. Chris is a recovering software developer who helped build popular SAS products such as SAS Enterprise Guide. Inexplicably, Chris is still coasting on the limited fame he earned as an author of SAS For Dummies, now in its third edition.

Michael Salé, DPS
Associate Dean, Leo J. Meehan School of Business at Stonehill College

Panel Discussion Moderator



Michael Salé is an Associate Dean at Stonehill College. He has vast experience in information technology management/consulting and multiple successes in helping organizations leverage IT systems to meet their strategic goals. He is also an Agile and XP software development coach. Dr. Salé began his career as a Senior Project Manager in the higher education software industry where he led the implementation of enterprise-level administrative software at hundreds of colleges and universities in the United States and overseas. He also owns his own consulting firm, Portico Consulting Group, which specializes in providing services to college and university information technology teams. His main teaching areas include management information systems, data analytics, and software engineering. He has been using SAS for nearly 25 years and has been teaching SAS skills throughout his tenure at Stonehill. In 2023, he was recognized as the SAS Distinguished Educator.