



**AMERICAN STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION
HOUSTON AREA CHAPTER
NEWSLETTER
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*****Tuesday, October 8, 2013***
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“The Role of the Biostatistician in Cancer Research”

This will be a personal and historical tour of some of the outstanding contributions to biostatistics in the 20th Century. The ground breaking accomplishments of the group of the National Institutes of Health biostatisticians will be discussed and some of the individual accomplishments of Jerome Cornfield, Nathan Mantel, and David R. Cox. Some predictions will be given for research in the 21st Century.

HACASA meetings are open to the public! Please pass on copies of this announcement to colleagues and friends and post on appropriate bulletin boards.

WHEN and WHERE: ***Tuesday, October 8, 2013*** at Duncan Hall, Rice University
5:30pm - Social Time and with snacks & drinks: Room 1049
6:30pm – Talk (Room 1049)



Duncan Hall (also known as the Computational Engineering Building) is on the northeast side of the Rice University Campus. For parking information and directions please refer to the Rice parking websites, the following have been found helpful:

<http://cohesion.rice.edu/campuservices/parktrans/parking/visitors.cfm>
<http://www.rice.edu/maps/maps.html>

Thank you to **Rice University** and the **Department of Statistics at Rice University** for their generous support of HACASA by allowing us the use of their facilities for our gatherings, and **sponsoring FREE PARKING. See an officer for a voucher at the meeting.**

To help us cover cost of our weekly snacks, we are asking for small donations (\$5 or more). Also, please RSVP so we can bring enough snacks and drinks. Please RSVP to Margaret Kuzynski at HoustonASA@gmail.com.

Introducing the officers!

The officers for the 2012-2013 academic year are:

President: Becky Slack (RSSlack@mdanderson.org)

President Elect and Science Fair Coordinator: Erin Hodgess (HodgessE@uhd.edu)

Past President: Hao Liu (haol@bcm.edu)

Secretary: Michael Swartz (Michael.D.Swartz@uth.tmc.edu)

Treasurer: Margaret Kuczynski (margaret.kuczynski@gmail.com)
ASA Chapter Representative: Heidi Spratt (hespratt@utmb.edu)

Reminder!

Membership dues: Students: \$1, and non-students: \$8.

Welcome New Members!

Please take a moment at this month's meeting to welcome new members!



Mark Your Calendars!

This year we are still meeting every month. In the Fall Semester (September through November) we will meet on the 2nd Tuesday. Starting in December and through the Spring, (January through May), we will move to the 3rd **Tuesday** of the month. The official dates and locations are below (all rooms are located in Duncan Hall on Rice University Campus):

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 (DH3092)
Tuesday, October 8, 2013 (DH1049)
Tuesday, November 12, 2013 (DH1049)
Tuesday, December 17, 2013 (TBA) Holiday Potluck
Tuesday, January 21, 2014 (TBA)
Tuesday, February 18, 2014 (TBA)
Tuesday, March 18, 2014 (TBA)
Tuesday, April 15, 2014 (TBA)
Tuesday, May 20, 2014 (TBA) (Science Fair Winners)

Let us know what you think!

Send comments to Michael Swartz at HoustonASA@gmail.com with the subject COMMENTS.
Or Send comments / additions / corrections concerning the HACASA newsletter to Michael Swartz at Michael.D.Swartz@uth.tmc.edu

Announcements

New Website is launched!

Our new website is launched! Please visit it for more information and announcements:

<http://sites.google.com/site/houstonasa/>

for comments and suggestions regarding content, please contact our website coordinator/maintainer: Margaret Kuczynski (margaret.kuczynski@gmail.com)

JOB POSTINGS

Associate/Full Professor of Biostatistics/Clinical Trials Position at University of Texas School of Public Health (Tenure Track):

The University of Texas School of Public Health (UTSPH) seeks a **senior** biostatistician to take a leadership role in the Coordinating Center for Clinical Trials. This is a state funded tenure-track faculty position at the Associate or Full Professor level in the Division of Biostatistics at The University of Texas School of Public Health, Houston campus in the Texas Medical Center. For more information see job postings on the HACASA website.

Assistant Professor of Biostatistics (Tenure Track), Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston:

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB Health) is recruiting a tenure track Assistant Professor (Biostatistics) to join the faculty in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health (PMCH). The department administers expanding clinical sciences, population health sciences, rehabilitation sciences and MPH programs, which are linked to the preventive medicine residency programs. Faculty members are active in clinical translational sciences and population health sciences research. Research strengths of PMCH faculty include aging, Hispanic health, cancer and comparative effectiveness/patient center outcome research (CER/PCOR). The department is exceptionally strong in providing collaborative expertise throughout the university. More information can be found at <http://pmch.utmb.edu/> or the Job Postings on the HACASA website.

Assistant Professor at the University of Texas at Austin:

The Department of Statistics and Data Sciences at The University of Texas at Austin invites applications for a faculty appointment at the level of Assistant Professor to begin in Fall 2014.

The successful candidate will be expected to teach undergraduate and graduate statistics courses, develop an externally funded research program, supervise graduate students, collaborate with other faculty, and be involved in service to the university and the profession. For more information see http://facultyjobs.utexas.edu/potential/view_job.cfm?jobID=2039 or the Job Postings on the HACASA website.

Statistician wanted for industry:

United Global Solutions is currently in search of a Statistician for a Houston client to analyze and interpret data from various sources and provide expert opinions. This is an opportunity to help build a Statistics Department from the ground up, where you will be given the chance to be in a leadership role from the very beginning!

Requirements:

- Masters degree or PhD in Statistics
- Outgoing personality
- 3-7 years of experience
- Experience compiling reports, tables, and charts based on statistical methods

Benefits:

Our client offers outstanding benefits including, but not limited to: Medical, Dental, Vision, Life, 401(k), FSA, Holidays, PTO, Training and Mentoring programs.

Contact Adam Kaye, Executive Recruiter, United Global Solutions LLC, 832-294-2949, adam.kaye@ugsmail.com

Opening at the Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center, Houston TX.

The Dan L Duncan Cancer Center Division of Biostatistics at Baylor College of Medicine (Houston) collaborates with investigators engaged in the molecular profiling of cancers at various levels of complexity (including somatic mutation, mRNA, microRNA, DNA

copy number, and protein), with the overall goal of better understanding cancer biology and improving cancer diagnosis and treatment. For this position, we are looking for someone to assist in statistical analysis of high throughput molecular data, including integration of datasets from disparate sources. BS in statistics, MIS, or related field required. For more information contact: Dr. Chad Creighton <creightc@bcm.edu>. More information on the HACASA Website soon.

Opening at University of Texas El Paso

The Department of Mathematical Sciences at The University of Texas at El Paso invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant/Associate Professor level starting fall 2013. The Department is seeking someone who will develop an independent research program in statistics and teach undergraduate and graduate courses in statistics. Opportunities exist to participate in consulting and collaborative research through the Statistical Consulting Laboratory www.statlab.utep.edu. More information on the HACASA website.