



**AMERICAN STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION  
HOUSTON AREA CHAPTER  
NEWSLETTER  
December 6, 2012**



**\*\*\*Wednesday, December 12, 2012\*\*\*  
Holiday Pot Luck Get together**

Happy holidays! This year we are starting a new HACASA tradition: A holiday potluck get together for statisticians! On December 12, please join us for a potluck get together at 5:30pm, and bring your favorite dish to celebrate any holiday you observe in this season. RSVP to [HoustonASA@gmail.com](mailto:HoustonASA@gmail.com) and let us know what you will be bringing. If everyone brings a dish, there should be plenty to go around. Families are welcome for this holiday occasion! HACASA will supply drinks, and you are welcome to bring your own to compliment your holiday dish. If you are not sure how much to bring, enough for 4-5 people should be plenty.

**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:** **\*Wednesday December 12, 2012\*** at Duncan Hall, Rice University  
**5:30pm – 7:30 pm Social Time and Potluck: Room 3092 \*\*\*Different Room\*\*\***



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 Hadley Wickham 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](mailto:HoustonASA@gmail.com).**

**Introducing the officers!**

The officers for the 2012-2013 academic year are:

President: Hao Liu ([haol@bcm.edu](mailto:haol@bcm.edu))

President Elect: Becky Slack ([RSSlack@mdanderson.org](mailto:RSSlack@mdanderson.org))

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Science Fair Coordinator: Erin Hodgess ([HodgessE@uhd.edu](mailto:HodgessE@uhd.edu))

ASA Chapter Representative: Becky Slack ([RSSlack@mdanderson.org](mailto:RSSlack@mdanderson.org))

## 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 December) we will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> **Wednesday** of each month, depending on the month. In the Spring (January through May), we return to the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> **Tuesday** of the month, depending on the month. The official dates and locations are below (all rooms are located in Duncan Hall on Rice University Campus):

**Wednesday, September 12, 2012 (DH1049)**

**Wednesday, October 17, 2012 (DH1049) 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of October**

**Wednesday, November 14, 2012 (DH 3092)**

**Wednesday, December 12, 2012 (DH 3092) Holiday Potluck**

**Tuesday, January 15, 2013 (room TBA) 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of January**

**Tuesday, February 12, 2013 (room TBA)**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2013 (room TBA)**

**Tuesday, April 9, 2013 (room TBA)**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2013 (room TBA) (Science Fair Winners)**

## Let us know what you think!

Send comments to Michael Swartz at [HoustonASA@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:margaret.kuczynski@gmail.com))

## **JOB POSTINGS**

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](http://www.statlab.utep.edu). More information on the HACASA website.

## Opening at the Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center, Baylor College of Medicine

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. For more information see the HACASA website. Contact Dr. Chad Creighton: [creightc@bcm.edu](mailto:creightc@bcm.edu).