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Careers Day In Applied Statistics

The annual SCASA Careers Day in Statistics is being held this year at:

Cal State Dominguez Hills
Saturday, March 12
from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

The guest speaker this year is
Steven Book

with a talk entitled
"The Role of Statistics in
Cost Analysis".

Steven Book is Professor of Mathematics at Cal State Dominguez Hills and also the Director of Resource Analysis for

Aerospace Corporation.

The event will be held at the Small College, Bldg. 12, with the talk being presented at 12:30 pm. The cafeteria will be open for self-service lunch. There is no fee for this event. Representatives of various organizations will be present for participants to meet with on an informal basis.

This yearly SCASA event has proved in the past to be very successful in providing job seekers and employers the opportunity to make contact and exchange information. It also affords students the oppor-

tunity to get information about career opportunities in the statistical profession directly from those working in various industries and organizations. Students, those seeking employment now or in the near future, and professionals from all areas are encouraged to attend.

Cal State Dominguez Hills is located at 1000 E Victoria St. in Carson. The campus is close to the 91, Harbor and 405 freeways. Free parking is available. For any other information please contact either Herman Loether @ (310) 516-3431 or Hamid Namini @ (805)-447-6875.

SCASA 13th Annual Workshop in Applied Statistics Update

The Annual Applied Statistics Workshop is scheduled to be held this year on

Friday June 3, 1994
at Cal State Long Beach.

The featured speaker will be
Trevor J. Hastie
AT&T/Bell Labs.

The title of the presentation is
"Generalized Additive Models
and Related Technology"

More detailed information on the event, registration etc. will be in upcoming newsletter issues. For information now you can contact either Connie Vadheim at (310) 222-3842 or Roberta Madison at (818) 885-4645.

Always one of the highlights of the SCASA year, this event again promises to be most interesting and informative. Members are encouraged to attend.

New Department of Statistics in the Works at UCLA

The development of a new Department of Statistics is in its beginning stages at UCLA. The interdivisional program will result as a merging of the current Division of Statistics in the Department of Mathematics and the current Social Statistics program. The department

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will fall under the umbrella of the College of Letters and Sciences and will be located in the Math/Sciences building. The new program is being financed and supported by the colleges of Life Sciences, Social Sciences and Physical Sciences. According to the program's director, Professor Jan Deleeuw of the Mathematics Department, while things are underway, it will still be sometime before the new Department is functioning. We hope to have more detailed information on the program's initial and future development in the next newsletter issue. In the meantime, anyone interested may contact Prof. Deleeuw in the Department of Mathematics at (310) 825-4701.

A Message To Our Northridge Colleagues...

The recent earthquake disaster was a jolt to us all but most certainly nothing compared to its effect on our friends at Northridge. On behalf of the Chapter we would like to extend our concern and sympathies. If anyone would like to write us a note (in care of the editor), we would like to hear from you. Let us know how you are both professionally and personally and if there's anything the Chapter can do for support. Our thoughts are with you.

*Subir Ghosh - President
Rita Petersen - editor*

President's Message...

Let us thank our 1992-1993 President, Tony (Peter) Lachenbruch for his excellent leadership and service. Let us also thank all our 1992-1993 Chapter Officers and all our Chapter members for making our chapter the very best.

The SCASA and AMGEN conference "Design and Statistical Issues in Health Care, Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Industries" on November 13, 1993 was a great success. Thanks to Hamid Namini and his AMGEN colleagues. Hamid is even inspired to organize another conference in this next year.

The fall kickoff meeting on November 20 was also a great success. Tom and Eileen Boardman gave stimulating talks on Quality Improvement. Thanks to Don Bentley and his Pomona colleagues.

Hermann Loether and Hamid Namini are in charge of the Careers Day in Statistics. They need your support and cooperation to make the event a success.

An increase of your Chapter membership annual dues by \$2.00 was approved at the Fall Kickoff meeting.

Wishing you a very happy and prosperous New Year!

Subir Ghosh - President

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SDSU and San Diego Chapter activities

San Diego State has had a number of interesting events this past year, including such talk titles as "How to Remain in Business and Stay Alive" (by Jim Warren), "An Exploratory Categorical Analysis Technique" (by Janice Callahan), "How We Count Fish from the Air: An Application of Delta-lognormal Models" (by Nancy Lo) and "Using Statistics to Win At Gambling" (by John Feguson).

There are a number of talks scheduled for the upcoming year. To receive more information on SDSU events and SD Chapter activities, contact either Amanda Golbeck @ (619) 594-4170 or Joe Moser at (619)594-6191.

U C Riverside Statistics Department Colloquia 1993-1994 Winter Quarter.

Talks are at 3:45 - 5:00 pm in Stat/Comp. Bldg. - Rm. 2678
Refreshments are served at 3:30pm in Stat/Comp. Bldg. - Rm. 2634.

Information: Call
(714) 787-3774

February 22

Speaker:
Richard Eyman,
School of Education, UCR

March 1

Speaker:
Robert Hanneman,
Dept. of Sociology, UCR

RAND Statistics Seminar Series

Schedule of Events

March 24

Speaker:
James Zidek,
Dept. of Statistics,
University of
British Columbia
(to be held in the
Administration Room)

June 2

Speaker:
Trevor Hastie,
AT&T Bell Laboratories

June 30

Speaker:
James Hodges,
Division of Biostatistics,
School of Public Health
University of Minnesota

All talks are held on Thursdays in the Main Conference room (with the exception of those noted) at 4:00pm with refreshments being served at 3:30pm. For further information contact Sharon Koga at (310) 393-0411, ext. 7142. RAND is located at 1700 Main St. across from Santa Monica City Hall.

UCLA SEMINARS IN STATISTICS

Call Don Ylvasaker at
(310) 825-4819
for information

Tuesday, February 22nd

Speaker:
Bill Navidi
USC
Topic:
PCR and some
sperm typing data

Monday, February 28th

Speaker:
David Freedman
UCB
Topic:
From association to
causation via regression

Monday, March 7th

Speaker:
Paul Speckman
University of Missouri
Topic:
Semiparametric
change-point methods

*Location of seminars are as follows:
Monday talks will be held at
3:00pm in Math Sciences room
6627. Tuesday talks are held at
3:00pm in Math Sciences 6201.*

Other Seminars and Colloquia:

UCLA School of Public Health
Call (310) 825-5250 for information

USC Dept of Preventive Medicine
Call Brian Langholz @ (310) 342-1212
for information

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ASSISTANT STATISTICIAN

Coordinating Center for leading Multicenter Clinical Trials Group

Position available for Assistant Statistician in the statistical coordinating center for international multicenter clinical trials evaluating treatment of children with cancer. Initial responsibilities will be to work with Ph.D. statisticians in clinical trial design, computerized data management, monitoring, analysis, and statistical programming.

Applicants should have a MS or equivalent in statistics or related field. Familiarity with statistical packages required. Good oral and written communication skills are essential.

Interested applicants should send resume, names and addresses of three references, and graduate transcripts to:

JULIE SANTORO
NATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION
CHILDRENS CANCER GROUP
P.O. Box 60012
Arcadia, CA 91066-6012

PART-TIME STATISTICAL WORK

Part time help wanted for performing statistical analysis of data using standard software packages (SPSS, SAS, etc.) Graduate student preferred. Approximately 10 hours a week for five months.

Send resume to:

DynCorp
2727 Hamner Ave.
P.O. Box 398
Norco, CA 91760
Attn: D80

A Note from the Editor:

We've had very few employment ads in the past few issues. A sign of the times to be sure. But there are employment opportunities out there that don't seem to reach our desk. The chapter newsletter, while small in its subscription compared to local newspapers, is focused in terms of those it reaches. Our membership consists of approximately 600 members, students and professionals in the statistics field. For those seeking applicants it is an ideal way to reach potential employees. I've had very excellent feedback from those who have placed ads in the past in terms of both the quantity of responses and success in finding candidates.

I would like to ask the members to keep their ears and eyes open. If you know of any position open, please, let me know. It doesn't cost anything and in these rather troubled economic times provides a most valuable service to our members.

Thanks,
Rita (editor).

Have you paid your chapter dues? Please check the mailing label. If you are in arrears, contact the Chapter Treasurer at (310) 825-5250. If you have a change of address, notify the Chapter Secretary, Harold Dyck @ (909) 880-5765.



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