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#### SCHEDULED EVENTS

Wednesday, November 13, 2013	Evening Lecture Series (Regressions Gone Wrong)	Boston, MA
Thursday, November 14, 2013	Business Analytics Research at IBM Talk	Amherst, MA
Saturday, November 16, 2013	Common Core Statistics Standards Workshop	Northampton, MA
Tuesday, December 17, 2013	Evening Lecture Series (Heathcare Systems Engineering)	Boston, MA

Event schedule at the chapter website: http://www.amstat.org/chapters/boston

Detailed announcements appear later in this newsletter. All events are announced in advance to members on our email list. We are currently planning events for the coming year. If you have suggestions please contact Program Chair John McKenzie, mckenzie@babson.edu.

# **EVENTS**

# **Evening Lecture Series**

Regressions Gone Wrong: Why Many Reports of Regression Analyses Mislead

Dr. David C. Hoaglin Professor of Biostatistics and Health Services Research Quantitative Health Sciences University of Massachusetts Medical School

**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2013 **Time:** Light Dinner: 6:15 pm; Presentation: 7:00 pm

**Location:** Ledge Room 4-002B, 1620 Tremont Street (One Brigham Circle), Boston, MA You must enter from the first floor at One Brigham Circle. Show your ID and ask the guard to release the elevator to the 4th floor. Stairs won't work going up. There will be signs to the reserved room (4-002B). To leave, you can use the elevator or the stairs back down to the first floor.

Transportation: MBTA Green Line Health Street Branch Stop at Brigham Circle

**Parking:** The building has a Stop and Shop, which has a parking lot with a few strictly-enforced 90-min spaces. There is also nearby street parking after 6:00 pm.

**Registration:** <u>http://bcasa2013nov.eventbrite.com</u>. Request for registration by Monday, November 11. **Cost:** Dinner: \$8 for chapter members; \$10 for non-members; students free. Presentation: free

#### Abstract:

Regression methods play an important role in many analyses: multiple regression, logistic regression, survival models, and longitudinal analysis. Surprisingly, many articles and books describe certain results of such analyses in ways that lead readers astray. The talk will examine reasons for these problems and suggest remedies.

**Speaker:** Professor Hoaglin was previously associated with Abt Associates and Harvard University. The author of numerous books and papers, he is a 1980 Fellow of the American Statistical Association. In 1994 he received a Founders Award for "his dedicated service and commitment to the Association and the profession through unstinting leadership in working with the Board of Directors, ASA Sections, the Council of Sections, and the Boston Chapter". He is the chapter's 1997 Mosteller Statistician of the Year recipient.

# **Business Analytics Research at IBM**

Speaker: Bonnie Ray, IBM T.J. Watson Research CenterLocation: Mathematics Department, Amherst College, Amherst, MADate: Thursday, November 14, 2013 (4:00 pm in Seeley Mudd 206 with refreshments in Seeley Mudd 208 at 3:30)

As one of the largest IT companies in the world, IBM has been at the forefront of systems, software, and physical and mathematical sciences research for many decades. However, only in the last ten years has it begun to systematically apply advanced statistics and optimization capabilities to support its internal business decision making. In this talk, I'll provide examples of how the Business Analytics and Math Sciences organization within IBM Research has partnered with other IBM divisions to enable data-driven business transformation. For one example, that of predicting performance of new business initiatives, I'll discuss two different statistical approaches investigated, Regression Trees and Nearest Neighbors with Metric Learning, and discuss their performance from both a technical and a business perspective. I'll also highlight some open problems with potential for future research.

# **Common Core Statistics Standards Workshop**

The primary goal of this workshop is to provide an opportunity for middle and high school teachers who teach mathematics and science courses to discuss and apply the data analysis and statistical concepts embodied in the *Massachusetts Curriculum Framework for Mathematics, The Common Core Standards for Mathematics*, and in the *Guidelines for Assessment and Instruction in Statistics Education (GAISE) Pre-K-12 Curriculum Framework* endorsed by the American Statistical Association (ASA). Teachers will explore problems that require them to formulate statistical questions, collect, organize, analyze, and draw conclusions from data. The program will include examining what students can be expected to do at the most basic level of understanding data analysis and what can be expected of them as their skills develop and experience broadens. Local statisticians and representatives from the Boston Chapter of the American Statistical Association will also be invited to attend to provide networking opportunities for attending teachers.

**Program Chairs:** Rachel Stavely-Hale, Chair, Department of Mathematics, Northampton High School, and Katherine T. Halvorsen, Department of Mathematics & Statistics, Smith College

8:00 - 8:30	Teachers arrive and register. Coffee, tea, juice, and pastries available.
8:30 - 8:45	Welcome by Rachel Stavely-Hale and Katherine Halvorsen, Program Chairs and Representatives from the Boston Chapter of the American Statistical Association.
8:45 - 9:00	Overview of GAISE Pre-K–12 Report, Common Core State Standards for Middle and High School Mathematics, and Massachusetts Curricular Framework.
9:00 - 10:30	Session 1: Patrick Hopfensperger, Summarize and describe distributions of measurement data. Focus on understanding measures of center and spread. Develop understanding of statistical variability. (Massachusetts Curriculum Framework and Common Core Standards 6.SP, High School S-ID 1-4)
10:30 - 10:45	Break with snacks and coffee
10:45- 12:15	Session 2: Pat Hopfensperger, Investigate patterns of association in bivariate data. Particular focus on bivariate categorical data. ( <i>Massachusetts Curriculum Framework and Common Core Standards</i> 8.SP 4 and High School S-ID 5-6, S-CP 4-5)
12:15 - 1:30	Lunch provided. Time to visit with presenters and representatives from the American Statistical Association
1:30 - 3:00	Session 3: Katherine Halvorsen, Using randomization tests to make inferences & justify conclusions. ((Massachusetts Curriculum Framework and Common Core Standards for 7.SP and High School S-IC 1-5)
3:00 - 3:30	Evaluation and Reflection

## Schedule for Workshop Saturday, November 16, 2013

#### **Optional Graduate Credit Available:**

Optional 0.5 graduate credit hours is available from Adams State College for \$55. Visit <u>www.asa.adams.edu</u> and click on the register button to register as either a grade 5-8 or grade 9-12 teacher. We will need to verify your attendance at the workshop for you to receive credit, so please make sure you sign in at the registration desk when you arrive at the workshop on Saturday, November 16.

# **Evening Lecture Series**

#### **Healthcare Systems Engineering**

Dr. James C. Benneyan

Director of the NSF Center for Organization Transformation, the New England VA Engineering Resource Center, and Northeastern University's Quality and Productivity Research Laboratory

**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2013 **Time:** Informal Reception with Snacks: 6:30 pm; Presentation: 7:00 pm

Location: Northeastern University, Boston, MA

Co-Sponsor: BOSTON INFORMS: http://boston.chapter.informs.org

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### Tom Lane

The most pleasant job of the chapter president is to participate in the selection of the Mosteller Statistician of the Year award winner. This year the award goes to former chapter president Kathy Monti. In addition to her service to the chapter, she has contributed to the national ASA in numerous ways as diverse as service on the board of directors, the council of sections, the council of chapters, and the committee on fellows. See the notice elsewhere in this newsletter for early word on the award banquet. Kathy moved out of our area to Chicago to be nearer to her family. We look forward to welcoming her back for the award banquet.

Speaking of chapter service, I'm pleased to announce that the chapter's executive committee has appointed Eugenie Coakley and Lisa Mukherjee to the positions of secretary and treasurer, respectively. As announced in the last issue, Eugenie and Lisa were elected last spring to terms starting in January. However, current office holders Sachiko Miyahara and Huichao Chen decided to step down now so that Eugenie and Lisa can begin their terms right away. I thank Sachiko and Huichao for their many years of chapter service. Vanessa Xanthakis continues as vice president.

The chapter could not continue without the service of these volunteers. In the spring we will have another election for the remaining officer positions: president, program chair, webmaster, and newsletter editor. Please consider helping us out by joining the planning committee, and perhaps running for one of the open positions next year.

Other volunteers are busy preparing our events for the coming year. During 2014 we will host the Joint Statistical Meetings, in honor of the 175th anniversary of the founding of the ASA here in Boston. Program Chair John McKenzie, vice chair Bob Goldman, and other committee members are planning other local events to commemorate this anniversary. For instance, we're hoping to schedule our annual winter party at MIT. You may recall that we held this party a few years ago in MIT's Walker Memorial. You may not know that this building is named for Francis Walker, former president of both MIT and ASA. Stay tuned for more information.

I hope to see you at several of our chapter events in the coming year.

# The 2013 NESSIS REPORT

#### Scott Evans and Mark Glickman

The 2013 New England Symposium on Statistics in Sports (NESSIS) was held on September 21, 2013, at the Harvard University Science Center. The symposium format was a mixture of invited talks, a poster session, and a panel discussion. The 2013 NESSIS drew a diverse crowd of approximately 180 including attendees from at least 30 states.

NESSIS was highlighted by two featured talks. First, Jim Albert, Executive Editor of the *Journal of Quantitative Analysis in Sports*, spoke on Assessing Streakiness in Home Run Hitting. The second featured talk was a presentation by Richard Smith of SAMSI on Completing the Results of the 2013 Boston Marathon. This talk had special significance given its connection to Lingzi Lu, a master's degree student in statistics at Boston University who died in the marathon bombings.

NESSIS also featured a panel consisting of Vince Gennaro, President of SABR; Ben Baumer, former Statistical Analyst for Baseball Operations for the New York Mets; Eric M. Van, former Sabermetric Baseball Operations Consultant for the Boston Red Sox; and Moderator Andy Andres, Head Coach and Lead Instructor of the MIT Science of Baseball Program and Fenway Park Datacaster/stringer for mlb.com and MLBAM (Gameday).

Abstract submissions to NESSIS included statistical applications to baseball, basketball, football, hockey, tennis, golf, soccer, cricket, squash, track, and more. Abstract submissions were critically screened to keep content quality high. Some of the presentations at the 2013 NESSIS will be published in a special sports statistics theme issue of *CHANCE*.

NESSIS was established by Mark Glickman and Scott Evans to enhance the communication and collaboration between statisticians and quantitative analysts connected with sports teams, sports media, and universities. The first NESSIS was held in 2007 and drew more than one hundred registrants. The enthusiasm for the 2007 NESSIS inspired a second NESSIS that was held in 2009 and a third NESSIS in 2011. Continued enthusiasm inspired the 2013 NESSIS, and the symposium is intended to be held biannually. The reasons for running a sports statistics symposium are predicated on the need for advanced analytic methods in games and sports. The utilization of statistical methods in sports applications is growing rapidly. Sports teams use statistical analyses to evaluate players and game strategies, and sports associations develop ranking and ratings systems of players and teams. The evolution of the application of statistics to sports continues to be enhanced with extensive collaboration and interaction between sports analysts and professional statisticians. Unfortunately, opportunities for this collaboration are still relatively uncommon, as academic statisticians often work in isolation developing statistical methods for sports applications, while sports organizations often do not have access to well-trained statistical expertise and cutting edge statistical tools for the analysis of sports data. The main goal of NESSIS is to bridge this gap.

NESSIS was sponsored by the Statistics in Sports Section of the American Statistical Association (ASA), the Boston Chapter of ASA, the Harvard University Department of Statistics, ESPN Stats and Info, RStudio, Revolution Analytics, and Sports Data Hub.

The NESSIS founders hope that the enthusiasm generated from NESSIS will increase the collaboration between academic statisticians and analysts connected with sports teams and will improve the quality of statistical design and analysis in sports. Future NESSIS events will continue to encourage the development of cutting edge statistical thinking in sports applications and adaptations to evolving data collection technologies. Technical talk videos, presentation slides, photographs, and additional information about the 2013 NESSIS (as well as the 2007, 2009, and 2011 NESSIS events) can be found at <u>www.nessis.org</u>. Look for NESSIS V in 2015!

# **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Mosteller Statistician of the Year Banquet

Please reserve Wednesday, February 26, 2014, to honor Katherine L. Monti as the 2014 Mosteller Statistician of the Year.

## **Celebrating HSPH's Centennial**

The Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) is celebrating its centennial. It grew out of the Harvard-MIT School for Health Officers, the nation's first graduate training program in public health. In 1922, the School split off from MIT, helped by a sizeable grant from the Rockefeller Foundation, and located in the Longwood Medical Area of Boston. The Department of Biostatistics, originally called the Department of Vital Statistics, was one of its four core departments. From the start, faculty members were expected to commit themselves to research as well as teaching. In 1946, the HSPH became an independent, degree-granting body, no longer affiliated with the Harvard Medical School.

Further information about the HSPH Centennial can be found at http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/centennial/.

#### Play the Winner: Honoring the Scientific Achievements of Marvin Zelen

November 25, 2013 9:00-5:00 PM Linda K. Paresky Center, Simmons College 300 The Fenway Boston, MA

Professor Marvin Zelen began his career in statistics in the 1950's. Over the course of his long career, he has advanced the field of statistical science and practiced its applications in biomedical science. Most notably, his research had significant impact in areas of experimental designs, randomization methods, designs of cancer clinical trials, and early detection of cancer. He has authored over 200 scientific publications. He was Chair of the Department of Biostatistics at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard School of Public Health for many years. He is a visionary leader, inspiring colleague and has been a generous mentor to many of us.

Further details about this special symposium, including registration information, are available at <a href="http://bcb.dfci.harvard.edu/calendar/Zelen/">http://bcb.dfci.harvard.edu/calendar/Zelen/</a>

## Marvin Zelen Leadership Award

Nominations for the 2014 Marvin Zelen Leadership Award, to be given in May 2014, are welcome and should be sent to the following address:

Marvin Zelen Leadership Award Committee Department of Biostatistics Harvard School of Public Health 655 Huntington Avenue, Bldg. 2, 4th Floor Boston, MA 02115

or to the following e-mail address: <u>vbeaulie@hsph.harvard.edu</u>.

Nominations should include a letter describing the contributions of the candidate, specifically highlighting the criteria for the award, and a curriculum vita. Supporting letters and materials would be extremely helpful to the committee. The deadline for nominations is December 1, 2013.



## L. Adrienne Cupples Award for Excellence in Teaching, Research, and Service in Biostatistics

#### **Purpose of the Award**

This annual award recognizes a biostatistician whose academic achievements reflect the contributions to teaching, research, and service exemplified by Professor L. Adrienne Cupples. Dr. Cupples joined the faculty at the Boston University School of Public Health (BUSPH) in 1981 and later served as founding Chair of the Department of Biostatistics and Co-Executive Director of the Graduate Program in Biostatistics. During her tenure at BUSPH, she has advanced the field of biostatistics through extensive publications in major journals and book chapters on collaborative and methodological research, development and effective teaching of a wide range of biostatistics courses, and mentorship of numerous graduate students and faculty.

#### **Eligibility and Nominations**

To be eligible, the nominee must be an internationally recognized statistician/biostatistician who has made significant contributions to the statistical sciences through teaching, research, and service, and who will be willing to deliver a lecture at the award ceremony held in the Department of Biostatistics at Boston University on April 3rd, 2014.

Nominations should include the nominee's name and contact information, rationale for the nomination not exceeding 2 pages in length, and the nominee's *curriculum vitae*. Nominations may be made by faculty, collaborators, students, or staff working with or familiar with the work of the nominee. Nominations will be accepted through November 15, 2013 and the winner will be notified by December 2, 2013.

Please send nominations via e-mail to: Lisa M. Sullivan, PhD Associate Dean for Education Professor and Chair, Department of Biostatistics Isull@bu.edu

#### **Selection Criteria**

Criteria for the award include, but are not limited to, excellence in the following areas:

- Biostatistics education (teaching, curriculum design, course development)
- Collaborative or methodological biostatistical research
- Service to the profession
- Student and faculty mentoring

#### **Award Selection Committee**

The Award Selection Committee will be comprised of eight members: six members of the faculty of the Boston University Department of Biostatistics representing varying areas of expertise and faculty rank and two student members currently enrolled in the graduate program in Biostatistics at Boston University.

#### Winners

Winners of the award will receive a \$1000 honorarium, and all expenses to attend and present at the Boston University Department of Biostatistics at an Annual Award Day, generally held on the first Thursday in April. Faculty, staff and students interested in biostatistics from the Boston area will be invited to the presentation given by the Cupples' Award recipient.

## Lingzi Lu Memorial Award

An award is being created by the American Statistical Association (ASA) in partnership with the International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA) in remembrance of Lingzi Lu. The first-year student in the master's program in statistics at Boston University lost her life in the senseless bombing at the Boston Marathon in April 2013. She was an ambitious, talented and vibrant student, who eagerly looked forward to a career as a master's-level statistician.

Through the Lingzi Lu Memorial Award, the ASA and the ICSA will support the studies of similarly dedicated people who are in master's programs in statistics or who have recently earned their master's degree in statistics. The hope is that in so doing, the award will honor not only the memory of Lingzi, but also the talented statistician she would have become. The award will provide support for travel to the ASA's annual Conference on Statistical Practice.

**Qualifications:** To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled in a master's degree program in statistics or biostatistics at the time of application for the award, or must have completed a master's degree in statistics or biostatistics no more than two years prior to the time of application for the award.

**Application Process:** Application and deadline information will be announced each year by the ASA and the ICSA through each organization's member-communications channels. Applications will be received by the ASA, and the award recipient will be selected by a committee jointly appointed by the ASA and the ICSA.

To contribute online to the award fund, please visit

#### https://www.amstat.org/giving/index.cfm?fuseaction=ShowApp

(part way down the form are instructions for how to designate your contribution to the Lingzi Lu Memorial Fund). Those individuals or companies that contribute at least \$500 or \$2500, respectively, by December 31, 2013, will be gratefully acknowledged as "Founding Contributors" on this website.

#### Mu Sigma Rho

It's not too early to start thinking about your outstanding statistics students and considering nominating them for membership in Mu Sigma Rho. Both undergraduate and graduate students can be nominated. Information can be found at: <u>http://math.smith.edu/~nhorton/msr.html</u> or by contacting Liam O'Brien at <u>lobrien@colby.edu</u>. Although the deadline isn't until March 1st, 2014, nominations are accepted anytime.

## **Planning Committee Meeting**

The BCASA Planning Committee is open to all interested members. We meet approximately every six weeks to plan upcoming events of the chapter. Please join us and have an impact on chapter events and activities. Dinner is provided. For more information contact Chapter President Tom Lane, <u>tlane@alum.mit.edu</u>.

# BCASA ASA 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Steering Committee

Boston is the home city of the ASA (http://magazine.amstat.org/blog/2013/04/01/175\_4\_2013/). The American Statistical Association was founded on November 27, 1839 in Boston. The ASA Board of Directors has created the 175th Anniversary Steering Committee to plan for its dodransbicentennial. The Boston Chapter of the ASA has created a similar committee to "Celebrate Our Past" and "Energize Our Future", the themes of the 175th anniversary. It will consider local anniversary activities, including those associated with the 2014 Joint Statistical Meetings. Members interested in participating in the BCASA ASA 175th Anniversary Steering Committee should contact John McKenzie at mckenzie@babson.edu.

## Call for Speakers for the Bentley University Virtual Analytics Symposium

The Bentley University Virtual Analytics Symposium is calling for speakers. The symposium is a premier event on Advanced Analytics and one of the first regular symposiums dedicated specifically to analytics. Prof Tom Davenport was the first speaker in 2009. Subsequent topics ranged from data mining, business analytics applications and practices to some of the more popular topics such as big data, social media analytics and sentiment analysis. The most recent session (10/23/2013) on "How to apply text mining to predict sentiments on companies mentioned in Twitter messages" was very well attended both physically and remotely. Among the many attendants were key practitioners from companies such as EMC, Fidelity, Trinity Partners, <u>Deluxe.com</u> and many others. The event was co-sponsored with BCASA and INFORMS. If you (either academic researchers or industry practitioners) are interested to speak at future symposium events, please contact Nathaniel Lin at <u>nlin@bentley.edu</u>.

## **Event Funding: Request For Proposals (RFPS)**

The Boston Chapter of ASA is accepting proposals for supplementary support funding to plan and conduct events with a statistical theme. Qualified events include short courses and other educational events but are not limited to these. The RFP is open until further notice.

Proposal requirements and additional information:

- Proposals should be no more than 3 pages in length with 2 pages being a description of the program, date and time, program sponsors, location and information on parking or public transportation, targeted audience/expected attendees, rationale for why the program is important and will be attractive to potential attendees, and people responsible for program planning and conduct. The last page is a budget plan.
- Funding for up to \$750 can be requested.
- The event must be open to all chapter members.
- The event must be advertised in the chapter newsletter.
- It is expected that the BCASA is not the only resource supporting the event (e.g., a department or other sponsor should be involved in organization or nominal fees to attendees should be charged).
- Any fees charged to attendees should be reasonable, with special discounts for students. The expectation is that the event will be affordable to statisticians.
- A report of the event must be submitted to BCASA upon completion of the event with possible publication of the event in the BCASA newsletter. The report should include an estimate on the number of attendees, attendee comments, an evaluation of the program, and a financial summary.
- Unused funds should be returned to the BCASA.
- Proposals will be reviewed by members of the Planning Committee of the BCASA. Applicants will be contacted shortly after the Planning Committee meeting that follows application submission.
- Questions should be directed to Scott Evans, Ph.D. (evans@sdac.harvard.edu).
- Proposals should be electronically submitted at least 6 weeks prior to the program to Scott Evans, Ph.D. (evans@sdac.harvard.edu).

# **BOSTON MEETINGS**

## 2013 PQG Conference: Emerging Quantitative Issues in Disease Epigenetics Thursday, November 14, 2013 to Friday, November 15, 2013 Boston, Massachusetts, USA

The conference will seek to examine the interplay between emerging technologies, its applications to diseases epigenetics studies, and interdisciplinary challenges of data analysis involved. It seeks to engage scientists working in experimental, clinical, and computational epigenomics in a discussion centered on three important topics: 1. Chromatin regulation in diseases 2. Epigenetics of genetic variance in disease 3. DNA methylation, somatic mutations, and diseases.

The **Program in Quantitative Genomics** at the Harvard School of Public Health, jointly with the HSPH Department of Biostatistics and the Department of Biostatistics and Computational Biology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, will host its 7th two-day conference at the Joseph B. Martin Conference at Harvard Medical School.

The conference schedule includes time for scientific presentations, as well as a poster session for submitted abstracts. Three abstracts will be selected for Stellar Abstract Awards and to be presented as 15-minute platform talks. Each of these speakers will receive an award of up to \$500 for travel assistance or other conference expenses.

## 2014 New England Statistics Symposium (NESS) Saturday, April 26, 2014 Harvard School of Public Health 651 Huntington Avenue Boston, Massachusetts, USA

The New England Statistics Symposium (NESS) is an annual one-day symposium that began in 1987 through the efforts of Alan Gelfand, Herman Chernoff, and others. 52 people attended the first NESS but attendance has been ~150 participants in recent years.

NESS is a mixture of plenary speakers, invited sessions, contributed sessions, a poster session, and a career development session. Short courses are offered the day before (Friday, April 25, 2014) the symposium. An award is presented to the student with the most impressive presentation.

## 2014 Joint Statistical Meetings and ASA's 175th Anniversary Saturday, August 2, 2014 to Thursday, August 7, 2014 Boston, Massachusetts, USA

The Joint Statistical Meetings is the largest gathering of statisticians held in North America. It is held jointly with the American Statistical Association, the International Biometric Society (ENAR and WNAR), the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, and the Statistical Society of Canada. Attended by over 5500 people, activities of the meeting include oral presentations, panel sessions, poster presentations, continuing education courses, exhibit hall (with state-of-the-art statistical products and opportunities), placement service, society and section business meetings, committee meetings, social activities, and networking opportunities. Boston is the host city for JSM 2014 and offers a wide range of possibilities for sharing time with friends and colleagues. This will also be ASA's 175th Anniversary and a celebration will be planned. For information, contact jsm@amstat.org or phone toll-free (888) 231-3473.

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