

BIO TRENDS

BIOSTATISTICS AND COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY

IN THE NEWS..

Four of the Program's PhD graduates have just taken on new positions:

SIDDHARTHA DALAL (PhD 1975) has been appointed Senior Advisor on Technology to the President of the RAND Corporation, in Santa Monica, CA, effective November 2007. Sid's recent positions have been in scientific/technological research management, at Telcordia in Morristown, NJ, and as a Vice President at the Xerox Corporation in Rochester and in California.

WEI-MIN HUANG (PhD 1982) has been appointed Chair of the Department of Mathematics at Lehigh University, effective July 2007. Wei-Min has been a professor at Lehigh since leaving UR.

DEBAJYOTI SINHA (PhD 1993) has been appointed to the Hobbs Chair in the Department of Statistics at Florida State University, effective September 2007. Deb has been a professor in the Department of Mathematics at the University of New Hampshire and in the Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics & Epidemiology at the Medical University of South Carolina. Just a year ago, he was honored by appointment as Fellow of the American Statistical Association.

KELLY ZOU (PhD 1997) has been appointed as an Associate Director at Barclays Capital, a leading investment bank in London, UK, effective July 2007. Kelly has been on the faculty of the Department of Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School and Director of Biostatistics at Children's Hospital Boston.

Congratulations!!



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Interesting Facts:

- * DNA was first discovered in 1869 by Swiss Friedrich Mieschler
- * The first synthetic human chromosome was constructed by US scientists in 1997.

DID YOU KNOW ?!

Did you know that any files stored on the C: drive on your computer (or any local drives on your UNIX box) are not backed up?
Make sure that you save files in your home directory or in a project folder, both of which are backed up every night.



This month's colloquia is **Thursday November 15.**

The speaker will be Dr. Aiyi Liu from National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Watch your email for further information.



You can also see upcoming colloquia, by visiting our website at www.urmc.rochester.edu/smd/biostat/events/colloqabs.html

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November 2007

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 Brown bag Seminar 12:30	2 Systems Journal Club 4pm	3
4	5	6	7	8 Brown bag Seminar 12:30	9	10
11	12	13 Department / Faculty Meeting 12:45pm	14	15 Aiyi Liu colloquium	16 Systems Journal Club 4pm	17
18	19	20	21	22-23 University Holiday		24
25	26	27	28	29 Brown bag Seminar 12:30	30	

- Department Meeting/Faculty Meeting
- Colloquium
- Journal Club Meetings
- Holiday
- Brown Bag Seminars

CUBE NOTES

Need to brush up on your statistical theory? This semester's **Seminar in Statistical Literature** is focusing on some of the most influential papers in Statistics. Presentations are held every Monday at 3:45 in the conference room.

GSS events for Nov & Dec

- Nov. 5, 5-6pm, Monthly Meeting, room 1-9555 (free pizza)
- Nov. 8, 4-6pm, Ronald McDonald house Philanthropy (volunteers still needed)
- Nov. 30, 4:30-6:30, Holiday Party, in the Atrium (free food, beer, and wine)
- Dec. 3, 5-6pm, Monthly Meeting, room

If you have questions about any GSS event or suggestions for the future, talk to our newly recruited department representative **Zhen Chen**.

Submitted by Abbie Stokes-Riner

Congratulations to **Yan Ma**! He presented and passed his thesis proposal in September. He is researching the multivariate Kappa statistic.

Alex Pearson had the great opportunity to attend the NIH National Student Research Festival where he learned more about the institute and what it would be like to work there. He also presented his research in a poster session.

Make sure to welcome our two visiting students. **Sancheol Kim** is here from South Korea to work with Tony Almudevar, and **Yun Fang**, from PR China, is working with faculty in the Lattimore office.

Wondering what work at a large pharmaceutical company is like? **Qin Yu** and **Haiyan Su** will be talking about their summer internships in upcoming brown bag seminars. Make sure to attend!