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Upcoming Events

January 29

Family Holiday Celebration

Bowling at Clover Lanes @ 6:30 p.m.

February 4 -6

Student Recruitment Weekend

February 11

Brown Bag Seminar
Hongqi Xue

U. of R. remains a member of RARES

University of Rochester will continue with the RARES program at the University for 2010! RARES offers U. of R. & Strong Hospital employees the opportunity to save on hundreds of area and national products and services ranging from amusement parks to car washes to movie tickets to zoos.

Our Website - www.rares.org

For your convenience, RARES cards are available in the front office - see Sue.

In Grant News...

Mike McDermott writes...

We have received word from NIH (NINDS) that they will fund our R01 entitled "**Biostatistics and Data Management for a Trial of Corticosteroid Regimens in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy**" (1 R01 NS061795, PIs **Michael P. McDermott, Ph.D.** and **Rabi Tawil, M.D.**). The total budget is > \$3 million over a five-year period. Rabi Tawil is a professor in the Department of Neurology.

The study is an international randomized, double-blind clinical trial designed to compare the efficacy and safety of three different corticosteroid regimens in boys with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, with the aim of establishing standards of practice regarding corticosteroid treatment.

Promotions &

Appointments...

Congratulations go out to the following faculty members:

Effective October 1, 2009, **Rui Hu**, Research Assistant Professor, and **Sung Yong Park**, Research Assistant Professor.



Rui Hu



Sung Yong Park

Effective November 1, 2009, **Anthony Almudevar**, Associate Professor.



Anthony Almudevar

Effective December 1, **Olivier Hyrien**, Associate Professor, and **Mike McDermott**, Professor.



Olivier Hyrien

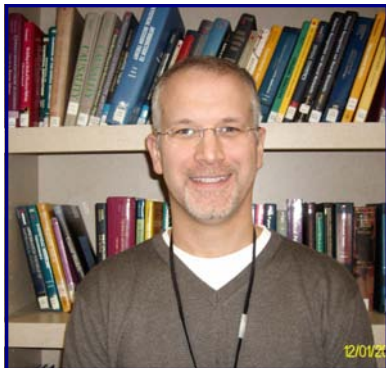


Mike McDermott

Please Welcome to the Department...



As of November 1st, **Terry Doll** will be working with **Dongwen Wang** in Bioinformatics and NYS Clinical Education Initiative as a web developer.



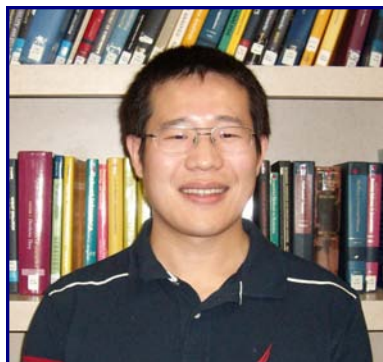
Donald Harrington, a master's level biostatistician, is working with **Sally Thurston** and **Phil Davidson** on the Seychelles Project.



Hongwei Zhao, a faculty member in our department from 1998 to 2008, and now Associate Professor in the Dept. of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Texas A&M University, was in town November 2 - 4. She was here to assist with analysis of a cost study associated with the MADIT-CRT trial that was recently completed.



As of December 1st, **Malora Zavaglia** is the Administrative Assistant for **David Oakes**, Interim Chair.



Gang (Ben) Zhang is a Research Assistant with **Hulin Wu**.

And a Ph.D. gets awarded to...



Abbie Stokes-Riner, Ph.D. who successfully defended her thesis, "Residual Diagnostic Methods for Bayesian Structural Equation Models" on November 17, 2009. Abbie has taken a position as a biostatistician at the EMMES Corporation, a contract research organization in Rockville, MD. Abbie will work with their vaccine and infectious disease group. Congratulations, Abbie!!

Keith's Computer Corner

Windows 7 is now available to the department

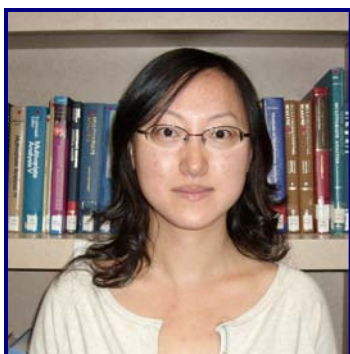
Windows 7 is the long awaited successor to the unwanted Windows VISTA operating system (which was universally disliked). Version 7 boasts improvements such as better search, increased speed, faster wakeup and a live taskbar. It has been installed on a few machines in the department so far and the initial reviews are good. Time will tell, but if you are interested in upgrading to Windows 7 please see me.

Biostats Department - Wide Shared Calendar

The Biostats Department - Wide Shared Calendar is now available via Outlook. It is available to everyone in the department. Users will have permission to enter their out of office times, vacation times, events, etc. as well as edit and delete them. The name of the shared calendar is Calendar,Biostats. To connect in Outlook: Open your calendar in Outlook. Then select the option to open a shared calendar. Then enter Biostats_Vac. This shared calendar is not available using Outlook Web Access from offsite locations.

Please connect when convenient and let me know if you have any trouble.
Thank you - Keith Bourgeois - x56691

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Xiang Liu received a travel award to attend the University of Florida, Dept. of Statistics, Twelfth Annual Winter Workshop: Categorical Data Analysis, January 15-16, 2010 in Gainesville, Florida.



Hui Zhang received news that he is one of the recipients of the ENAR Distinguished Student Paper Awards for his paper entitled, "Generalized ANOVA for Concurrently Modeling Mean and Variance within a Longitudinal Data Setting" to be awarded at the 2010 ENAR Spring Meetings in New Orleans. This award will cover travel expenses, as well as one year of ENAR membership including access to the journal *Biometrics*.

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**January through December 2010 Schedule of Health Insurance Orientation/
Enrollment Sessions for Postdoctoral Research Associates and Postdoctoral
Teaching Fellows *with Position Codes 93 or 94***

To assist the Postdoctoral Research Associates and Postdoctoral Teaching Fellows in learning more about their University benefit plans and options, we are encouraging them to attend an orientation/enrollment session. The following orientation/enrollment sessions have been scheduled:

Wednesday, 1/13/10	Louise Slaughter Conference Room 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	(1-9555)
Wednesday, 2/10/10	Louise Slaughter Conference Room 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	(1-9555)
Wednesday, 3/10/10	Louise Slaughter Conference Room 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	(1-9555)
Wednesday, 4/14/10	Northeastern Conference Room 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	(1-9535)
Wednesday, 5/12/10	Louise Slaughter Conference Room 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	(1-9555)
Wednesday, 6/16/10	Louise Slaughter Conference Room 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	(1-9555)
Wednesday, 7/14/10	Louise Slaughter Conference Room 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	(1-9555)
Wednesday, 8/11/10	Louise Slaughter Conference Room 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	(1-9555)
Wednesday, 9/8/10	Louise Slaughter Conference Room 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	(1-9555)
Wednesday, 10/13/10	Louise Slaughter Conference Room 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	(1-9555)
Wednesday, 11/17/10	Louise Slaughter Conference Room 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	(1-9555)
Wednesday, 12/15/10	Louise Slaughter Conference Room 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	(1-9555)

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Benefits Office at x33600 or x54636.