HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

QUOTES

- “Read a thousand books, and your words will flow like a river.” Lisa See
- “The first draft is just you telling yourself the story.” Terry Pratchett
- “You don’t start out writing good stuff. You start out writing crap and thinking it’s good stuff, and then gradually you get better at it. That’s why I say one of the most valuable traits is persistence.” Octavia E. Butler
- “You can always edit a bad page. You can’t edit a blank page.” Jodi Picoult
- “Start writing, no matter what. The water does not flow until the faucet is turned on.” Louis L’Amour
- “And by the way, everything in life is writable about if you have the outgoing guts to do it, and the imagination to improvise. The worst enemy to creativity is self-doubt.” Sylvia Plath
- “I can shake off everything as I write; my sorrows disappear, my courage is reborn.” Anne Frank
- “I believe myself that a good writer doesn’t really need to be told anything except to keep at it.” Chinua Achebe
- “A professional writer is an amateur who didn’t quit.” Richard Bach
UPCOMING DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

• None!

INTERESTING READS (good things to “Read, read, read!”)

• “How a pioneer of machine learning became one of its harshest critics.” The Atlantic.
  o Judea Pearl on causal inference and machine learning.
  o [https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2018/05/machine-learning-is-stuck-on-asking-why/560675/]
• “As machine learning evolves we need to update the definition of a data scientist”.
• Interesting listen: S+SS Episode 57 “Chins and ears are not information rich - awkwardness and social relationships” is now available. Ty Tashiro (@tytashiro), author of Awkward: The Science of Why We’re Socially Awkward and Why That's Awesome, joined the Stats+Stories panel to talk about social awkwardness. He previously appeared as a guest on S+S (Episode #50) when he talked about relationship science.
  o To listen now, please visit [www.statsandstories.net](http://www.statsandstories.net) or Apple Podcasts. Please forward information about S+S and S+SS to any of your colleagues or friends who might enjoy exploring the statistics behind the stories and the stories behind the statistics.

R-LADIES!

• Emilie Seena, Patricia Castro and I have co-launched an R-Ladies chapter for Atlanta ([https://www.meetup.com/rladies-atlanta/](https://www.meetup.com/rladies-atlanta/)) which is part of the Global R-Ladies group Web: [https://www.rladies.org](https://www.rladies.org); Github: [https://github.com/rladies](https://github.com/rladies); Twitter @RLadiesAtlanta.
• “R-Ladies Atlanta welcomes members of all R proficiency levels, whether you are a new or aspiring R user, or an experienced R programmer interested in mentoring, networking & expert upskilling. Our non-profit, civil society community is designed to develop our members’ R skills & knowledge through social, collaborative learning & sharing.”
• We invite everyone to join and get involved. Feel free to send/share this announcement with anyone interested in R – you don’t have to be a statistician to get involved.
• We are planning to host our first meeting next month:
  - DATE: May 29, 2018
  - TIME: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
  - LOCATION: 3280 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30305
• Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Melinda Higgins
  o melinda.higgins@emory.edu
  o [ASA Chapter Representative for GA ASA; Co-founder R-Ladies Atlanta]
JOB OPENINGS

The Department of Biostatistics in the Gillings School of Global Public Health and the School of Nursing (SON) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are seeking a non-tenure Research- or Clinical-track faculty member with strong interest and commitment to engage in collaborative research in nursing, teach and conduct independent methodological research at a level commensurate with the non-tenure Research- or Clinical track.

This 12-month full-time position is open at the Assistant or Associate Professor rank with primary appointment in Biostatistics and secondary appointment in Nursing. Though applicants with experience in all areas of biostatistics are encouraged to apply, the Department and SON recognize a general need for expertise in the following areas:

- bioinformatics
- "-omics"
- big data
- survey sampling
- structural equations modeling

The highly ranked Biostatistics Department is in one of the top schools of public health in the country. The SON is nationally recognized as one of the premiere nursing schools in the country, with a tri-fold mission of excellence in nursing education, research and practice.

Applicants should hold a PhD in biostatistics or statistics or commensurate degree, and possess excellent communication skills.

The review of applications will start in July 2018. This position will remain open until filled.

To apply, use the electronic submission website at unc.peopleadmin.com/postings/137617 and upload PDF versions of your CV, cover letter, and research and teaching statements.

Candidates must also arrange for three letters of recommendation to be emailed to vera.bennett@unc.edu addressed to:
Faculty Search Committee
c/o Vera Bennett
Department of Biostatistics CB #7420, McGavran-Greenberg Hall
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Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7420

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, color, disability, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or status as a protected veteran.
• Please see USAJOBS position postings for a Mathematical Statistician GS-12/13. Positions are located in the Statistical Science Team in the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
  o Positions close on June 1.
  o Responsibilities include:
    ▪ Serve as program technical advisor developing methods and selecting techniques to conduct methodological research to improve sample surveys or experimental designs.
    ▪ Design, develop, and apply mathematical techniques to statistical research related to methodology used in research, and evaluate the results.
    ▪ Provide advice and assistance for statistical projects or studies that are new or significant departures from the relationships established in previous problems, studies, or investigations, causing outcomes that are usually original in nature.
    ▪ Communicate information to various audiences.
    ▪ Write statistical and analytic reports from major studies and continuing projects; and disseminates results of research projects in a wide range of venues including manuscripts, and special reports.
  o www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/499658900
  o www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/499664400

• Montana State University’s Statistical Consulting and Research Services (SCRS) offers statistical consulting and collaboration to faculty, students, and staff, mainly at MSU. SCRS assists in research planning, proposal writing, data analysis, visualization of data and results, and dissemination of results and associated conclusions. SCRS is currently located in the Department of Mathematical Sciences. The position is part-time (0.65 - 1.0 FTE) and currently grant funded through one or more of the following NIH grants:
  · Montana INBRE (www.inbre.montana.edu/)
  · CAIRHE (www.montana.edu/cairhe)
  · Mountain West CTR-IN (ctrin.unlv.edu/)
  · AI-AN CTRP (www.montana.edu/aian).
  o Reporting to the Director of SCRS and the Head of the Department of Mathematical Sciences, the Assistant (or Co-) Director will provide statistical consulting at all phases of research projects for people with widely varying statistical backgrounds and from a variety of disciplines represented on campus. The directors also present instructional seminars and workshops; manage projects, clients, graduate research assistants, and part-time consultants; supervise and mentor graduate students; track and provide information for annual reports of the funding grants; and work to facilitate the growth and sustainability of SCRS.
  o This position could be hired at the Assistant Director or Co-Director level, depending on the education, experience and interest of the successful candidate. If hired at the Co-Director level, the option to be appointed into a research faculty position will also be available.
  o Contract renewal is dependent on successful performance and continuation of funding. Work plans agreed upon by the employee and the director will be used as a basis for annual evaluations
  o jobs.montana.edu/postings/12249
CARTOONS SOURCES:

- [http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-QuGkQkl-PAM/UdxZ4DkBZXI/AAAAAAAIAkQ/5S0CDJNBT6M/s640/vacay.gif](http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-QuGkQkl-PAM/UdxZ4DkBZXI/AAAAAAAIAkQ/5S0CDJNBT6M/s640/vacay.gif)
- [http://www.soc.cas.cz/sites/default/files/uvod/phd080117s.gif](http://www.soc.cas.cz/sites/default/files/uvod/phd080117s.gif)
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