**INTERESTING TIDBITS**

- Statistics the fastest growing STEM major in the new issue of *The World of Statistics*
  

**NIH NEWS**

- Sending the same application again...when should you stop?
  
- Big Data research experience for undergraduates
  
- Updated NIH Diversity Statement
  
  - Includes links to several
- SciENcv.org will create the new format Biosketch
  
- NIH’s Center for Scientific Review (CSR)’s *Insider’s Guide to Peer Review for Applicants* has tips for a competitive application.
  
  - Don’t jump too fast into writing your application.
  - Propose something significant.
  - And more....

**CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

- **4th Workshop on Biostatistics and Bioinformatics**
  
  - **Event dates:** May 8-10, 2015
  - **Event location:** Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
  - Biostatistics and Bioinformatics have been playing key and important roles in statistics and other scientific research fields in recent years. The goal of this workshop is to stimulate research and to foster the interaction of researchers in Biostatistics & Bioinformatics research areas. The workshop will provide the opportunity for faculty and graduate students to meet the top researchers, identify important directions for future research, and facilitate research collaboration. The keynote speaker is Professor Xiao-Li Meng, Harvard University. There will be invited talks by distinguished researchers, and a poster session by young researchers and graduate students.
  - For more information, please visit the website: [http://www2.gsu.edu/~matyiz/2015workshop/](http://www2.gsu.edu/~matyiz/2015workshop/)
  - Registration is now open. Please register for the workshop as soon as possible. A poster session is open for junior researchers and graduate students. Please register and submit the abstract on the website. The previous workshops were successfully held in Atlanta. Please check the website.
INVITED SESSION PROPOSALS FOR IBC 2016 DUE March 1

- The International Program Committee (IPC) of the XXVIIIth International Biometric Conference (IBC2016) calls for invited session proposals. IBC2016 will be held July 10-15 at the Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Victoria is named the ‘City of Gardens’ and provides easy access to recreational activities like kayaking, whale watching, hiking, and more.
- An invited session brings together a small number of speakers (two - four) on a particular statistical topic. In addition, a discussant may form part of a session. A discussant describes the latest research in an area of statistical theory or application and makes it accessible to a ‘non-expert’ audience.
- We encourage the submission of proposals covering a wide range of topics in the theory and application of statistics to biological and life sciences. Sessions that involve speakers from diverse geographical regions are encouraged where possible.
- Invited session proposals should be sent by email to the IBC2016 IPC Chairman, Fred van Eeuwijk: fred.vaneeuwijk@wur.nl

Proposals should include:
- Your name, affiliation, contact address, and email address
- Suggested session title and keywords
- Motivations for the proposed invitation
- Suggested organizer (possibly yourself), speakers, and discussant
- Tentative titles for the talks of invited speakers
- Please note that a session organizer cannot be an invited speaker of the same session.
- The deadline for invited session proposals has been extended until 1 March 2015. Proposals will be evaluated by the IPC, and the authors will be informed in early April 2015 of acceptance, rejection or revision (on topic and speakers). Revised proposals will need to be resubmitted by 15 April 2015. By early May 2015, authors of revised proposals will be informed about the decision of the IPC for acceptance or rejection. (Acceptance of a proposal comes without financial compensations for the proposers of the session.)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Postdoc position at Iowa State University
  - The Department of Statistics at Iowa State University invites applications for a postdoctoral research position. The successful candidate will work with faculty and graduate students to advance plant science research by the development, implementation, and application of statistical methods. Relevant topics include genomics, hierarchical modeling, functional data analysis, statistical learning, and prediction from massive training datasets containing spatially and temporally correlated observations. Position qualifications are a PhD in statistics, biostatistics, or a related field; excellent training in statistical methods; and strong programming and communication skills. The position is open until filled, with initial appointment for two years and a third year possible.
  - To apply, send a CV, a statement of interest, and contact information (e-mail and phone number) for two references to Dan Nettleton at dnett@iastate.edu.

- Assistant/Associate Professor, University at Albany
  - The School of Public Health of the University at Albany, State University of New York is recruiting for a full-time, tenure track faculty position in Biostatistics at the rank of Assistant/Associate Professor. Candidates must have a solid methodological background in biostatistics, excellent oral and written communication skills, a strong interest in teaching and mentoring of both Masters and PhD degree-seeking graduate students, and ability to collaborate with research investigators in public health and/or medical fields of study.
  - To apply go to http://albany.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=56276
• **Post-doctoral fellow position, Indiana University School of Medicine**
  o Position Description: Department of Biostatistics, Indiana University School of Medicine invites applications for an open post-doctoral fellow position. This position is created with funding support from the Regenstrief Institute, a national leader in electronic medical record systems, to explore new statistical methodological issues concerning big data analysis, with a special emphasis on the analysis of electronic health records data. The fellow will work under the joint supervision of Drs. Wanzhu Tu and Xiaochun Li, and will be supported by a team of MS-level biostatisticians and data managers.
  o Contact Cynthia Warburton at cmwarbur@iu.edu

• **Post-doctoral fellow position, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory**
  o The CASCADE project at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) is looking for a postdoctoral researcher to develop and apply statistical methods to the study of extreme weather events in a changing climate. The postdoc will work with statisticians at the University of California, Berkeley and climate scientists from LBNL as part of the interdisciplinary Calibrated and Systematic Characterization, Attribution, and Detection of Extremes (CASCADE) project.
  o More details and application information available at [https://lbl.taleo.net/careersection/2/jobdetail.ftl?lang=en&job=80496](https://lbl.taleo.net/careersection/2/jobdetail.ftl?lang=en&job=80496)

• **Tenure-track assistant professor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln**
  o Tenure-track assistant professor (9-month) in Bayes (and some non-Bayes) spatial and spatio-temporal analysis with applications in agriculture and natural resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, start August 2015.
  o To apply for this position, go to [http://employment.unl.edu](http://employment.unl.edu) (requisition # F_150001)

• **Tenure-Track Faculty Position, University of Michigan**
  o The Department of Biostatistics at the University of Michigan is seeking applicants for a tenure-track faculty position to begin in Fall 2015 or earlier. A particular focus of this search is on candidates that would contribute to research and administration in the University of Michigan Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center (UM-KECC). Interested applicants should email a CV, three reference letters, a statement of research interests and academic transcripts (if a recent graduate) to: Biostatfacultysearch@umich.edu