KUDOS

- Congratulations to John Hanfelt who has been named a Fellow of the American Statistical Association (to be awarded at the 2015 Joint Statistical Meeting). This is great news and a wonderful recognition of John's contributions to the field!
- Congratulations to alumna Ming Wang, Ph.D., who is a KL2 Scholar at the Penn State's Clinical and Translational Science Institute http://ctsi.psu.edu/training/education-and-training/kl2-program/kl2-awardees-2015/

INTERESTING READS

- *JRSS-B* preprint: “Statistical modelling of citation exchange between statistics journals” by Cristiano Varin, Manuela Cattelan, and David Firth. An interesting discussion of methods for ranking impact of statistics journals by how often they cite each other.

RFAs

- Supplements to Support Interoperability of NIH Funded Biomedical Data Repositories (Admin Supp) (PA-15-144)
  - NIH is accepting administrative supplement requests to support projects that will establish or improve interoperability among NIH funded biomedical data repositories. Improved interoperability is expected to lead to increased efficiency of repositories’ operations and cost reductions, which are significant factors of the NIH’s long-term sustainability plans for the biomedical data repositories.
- The Innovation Fund FOA was published today:
- Collaborative Innovation Award, Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) Program (U01) Grant
  - https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.grants.gov_web_grants_view-2Dopportunity.html-3Foppid-3D275635&d=AwICaQ&c=4R1YgkINMyVWjMjeTwN5tjRn8m8VqTSNCjYLg1wNX4&r=h7-A7Wevh- hpEyECozLoIT_N2mWjYYfu5iYtLSN6YI&m=kGuBbiu0jOl7AIiZ3iDDiC2FY8l6GrgZHi77423jKA&s=DiIAmDytvF5Bv7OFUnHASwO24KDfdErFXb5LUhrrF4YM&e=
INTERNSHIPS

- American Statistical Association Internship list for summer 2015
  - [http://www.amstat.org/education/internships.cfm](http://www.amstat.org/education/internships.cfm)

NIH NEWS

- Data on Age and the Workforce
- Request for input on the impact of biomedical research (Due May 17)
  - [https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2015/04/02/give-input-on-strategies-for-optimizing/?utm_source=nexus&utm_medium=email&utm_content=nihupdate&utm_campaign=mar15](https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2015/04/02/give-input-on-strategies-for-optimizing/?utm_source=nexus&utm_medium=email&utm_content=nihupdate&utm_campaign=mar15)
- REMINDER: New biosketch format required after May 25
  - Podcasts on new biosketch and SciCV
- Clearinghouse for training modules to increase data reproducibility.
- NIGMS Strategic Plan

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- **11th International Conference on Health Policy Statistics (ICHPS)**
  - **STUDENT TRAVEL SUPPORT AVAILABLE**
  - Student Travel Awards are available to students enrolled in a graduate program to attend the 11th International Conference on Health Policy Statistics (ICHPS), sponsored by the American Statistical Association. The ICHPS 2015 will be held October 7-9 in Providence, Rhode Island, USA.
  - For more info about the conference [http://www.amstat.org/meetings/ichps/2015/index.cfm](http://www.amstat.org/meetings/ichps/2015/index.cfm)
  - For more info about the travel award visit [http://www.amstat.org/meetings/ichps/2015/studenttravelaward.cfm](http://www.amstat.org/meetings/ichps/2015/studenttravelaward.cfm)
  - The application deadline for the student travel award is May 15, 2015.
- **Is 'Big Data' a Cause or an Effect? Filtering Signals from Noise, by Krishna Rupanagunta**
  - The speed and complexity of business problems are accelerating like never before. We believe the companies that will succeed in a world of increasing change are the ones who are able to benefit from this change. Decision Sciences and Big Data Analytics provide a powerful opportunity for companies to turn the complexity of their business environments to their advantage. This lecture will discuss how companies are adopting a new ‘Art of Problem Solving’ – and what you can expect from this vastly growing arena.
  - Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30pm Goizueta Business School Room W304
News & Events

- **Scraping the Web for Non-programmers**
  - QuanTM is pleased to announce its second workshop of the 2014-2015 academic year, titled “Scraping the Web for Non-programmers”. Please join us as Sociology graduate student Trent Ryan demonstrates the methods by which researchers collect large online data using OutWit Hub. “Scraping the Web for Non-programmers” will take place on **April 13th, 2015, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**, in Woodruff Library room 314.
  - RSVP [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/100Siv12eVrm_1vDLJifYaVh2Uplzmlp5Cf8h04MKfDI/viewform?usp=send_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/100Siv12eVrm_1vDLJifYaVh2Uplzmlp5Cf8h04MKfDI/viewform?usp=send_form). Seating is limited.

- **Bayesian Statistical Science Section : MCMSki, 5 - 7 January 2016 in Lenzerheide, Switzerland**
  - This will be the first year that the MCMSkii series will form the official meeting of the International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA) Section for Bayesian Computation. A superb set of speakers including Steve Scott (Google), Steve Fienberg (CMU), David Dunson (Duke), Krys Latuszynski (Warwick) and Tony Lelievre (ParisTech) have been invited.
  - The list of invited sessions includes Hamiltonian Monte Carlo, Algorithms for Intractable Problems, Theory of (Ultra)High-Dimensional Bayesian Computation, Bayesian NonParametrics, Bayesian Econometrics, Quasi Monte Carlo, Statistics of Deep Learning, Uncertainty Quantification in Mathematical Models and Biostatistics.
  - In addition there will be tutorials in the afternoons with a practical session from the Stan team, poster sessions on two of the evenings plus a conference dinner at which attendees will be entertained by the unstoppable Imposteriors.
  - The scientific committee would like to issue a call for proposals to organize contributed sessions, tutorials and the presentation of posters on particularly timely and exciting areas of research relevant and of current interest to Bayesian Computation. All proposals should be sent to m.girolami@warwick.ac.uk directly by **May 5th - 5.5.15**.

- **BD2K Center for Causal Discovery Offers Free Summer Short Course, June 8-11, 2015, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA**
  - The Center for Causal Discovery (CCD) [http://www.ccd.pitt.edu/](http://www.ccd.pitt.edu/) is pleased to announce the upcoming Summer Short Course on Causal Discovery from Biomedical Data
  - This intense (and fun), 4-day, hands-on learning event will introduce data scientists and biomedical investigators at the graduate level and above who understand basic statistical principles to:
    - Major topics in causal graphical modeling
    - Machine learning of causal models from biomedical data
    - Advances in biomedical research through causal discovery
  - The CCD short course is directed by Dr. Richard Scheines, a leader in the field of statistical causal models and a pioneer in education technology. Attendees will also learn from and work with other CCD members who are experts in data science and biomedical research at the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, and the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center.
  - 75 person capacity, registration closes **Friday, May 15, 2015**
Learning About the Vocal World: Deciphering the Statistics of Communication

- The CMBC and IQTM will co-host an interdisciplinary symposium titled "Learning About the Vocal World: Deciphering the Statistics of Communication" on May 20, 2015. This symposium will bring together Emory faculty and internationally-recognized scholars from around the country, spanning fields from psychology to neuroscience to physics to medicine.
- The day will consist of main conference discussions, lunchtime round-tables, and a poster session in which Emory graduate students will present posters to be judged by invited speakers. The all-day event (May 20, 2015) will run from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Emory Conference Center.
- Complete event details are available at quantitative.emory.edu. To register to attend the event or to submit an application for a poster, please click here. Abstracts for the poster presentations are due April 27.

JOB OPENINGS

- Visiting Faculty Positions at UC Santa Barbara
  - The Department of Statistics and Applied Probability at UC Santa Barbara is searching for qualified candidates for visiting faculty positions for the 2015-2016 academic year (with possibility of renewal for a second year).
  - A full year appointment carries a teaching load of 5 one-quarter courses per year. Partial year appointments are also possible. Applicants must demonstrate or show strong promise for undergraduate teaching, as well as potential for research and interaction with faculty at UC Santa Barbara. The Department is especially looking for candidates trained to teach undergraduate-level statistics courses (among others Statistics for Economics, Mathematical Statistics, Time Series). Interested candidates should apply by submitting resume, a teaching statement, and have three letters of reference sent (at least one letter should describe teaching accomplishments).
  - Search is ongoing and will continue until positions are filled. Materials should be electronically submitted via UC Recruit: https://recruit.ap.ucsb.edu/apply/JPF00419

- Visiting Assistant Professor position at Texas A&M University
  - The Department of Statistics at Texas A&M University seeks a Visiting Assistant Professor for appointment in the 2015-2016 academic year. This appointment will be non-tenure track. Duties and responsibilities include teaching two courses per semester. Based on applicant preferences, these courses may be taught at either the graduate or undergraduate level, and multiple sections of the same course may be counted separately toward the teaching requirement if undergraduate service courses are taught.
  - The successful applicant must have a doctorate in statistics or biostatistics, and previous experience in teaching at the undergraduate level is preferred. Interested applicants should send a current cv and a two page teaching statement and summary of teaching experience. To apply, please visit AcademicJobsOnline.org. Review of applicants will begin immediately.
• Positions for mathematical statisticians at FDA Center for Biologics
  
  o Mathematical Statisticians at the Food and Drug Administration, Center for Biologics, Division of Biostatistics in Silver Spring, MD. Multiple positions open that offer the opportunity for research and collaboration in the development and evaluation of vaccines, blood products, stem cells and other advanced biotechnology products. [http://bit.ly/CBERjobs](http://bit.ly/CBERjobs) PhD in biostatistics or related field desired. E-mail CV and cover letter to Christopher.egelebo@fda.hhs.gov.

• Non-Tenure-Track Statistics Positions, Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, University of Iowa
  
  o The Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science invites applications for one or more non-tenure-track faculty positions on a one-year appointment to teach statistics during the 2015-16 academic year, subject to budgetary approval. Applications are welcome for full or part-time employment and are potentially renewable. Applicants should possess a PhD in statistics or a related area, in hand by the start date of the appointment. Excellent communications skills are essential. Fall appointments begin August 19, 2015, and candidates must be legally able to work in the United States on that date. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until all positions have been filled.
  
  o Applications should be submitted on line at [http://jobs.uiowa.edu](http://jobs.uiowa.edu). Refer to requisition number 66202.