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Greetings from the Chairman

Dear friends,

As this palindromic year closes, I am pleased to report that our Department has been sparked by the valuable additions of Dan McGee (Medical University of South Carolina), Suresh Chattopadhyay (Duke and Virginia), Eric Chicken (Purdue) and post-doc Hong Chang (telecommunications industry). They have infused the Department with new research perspectives and a broadened curriculum including six new courses in epidemiology and biostatistics developed by Dan. The Department welcomed a class of nine promising first-year graduate students. The Department has also increased its grant activities and interdisciplinary research. The Administration has made a strong commitment to the Department’s growth and this year we are recruiting for two Assistant Professors, one endowed chair, one joint position with the School for Computational Science and Information Technology, and one Assistant in Statistics Position.

This year was diminished, however, by the departures of Duane Meeter to retirement, Lei Li to the Department of Statistics at Florida State University in April 2002. On Saturday, April 20, the Department hosted Duane Meeter Day in recognition of his professional accomplishments and in deep appreciation of his many contributions.

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To all of our faculty, students, staff, alumni, and friends, I encourage you to visit us when you can and I ask you to keep us up-to-date on your activities. Best wishes for the holidays and new year.

Mary Graced the University community with warmth and dedication. It is with sadness I note the passing of former FSU President John Champion who died on November 22. Dr. Champion was President of FSU from 1965-1969. He had many enduring achievements including the establishment of the Law School, the first FSU International Center (in Florence, Italy) and the Program in Medical Sciences, the precursor of our Medical School. He and his wife Mary grazed the University community with warmth and dedication.

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Leyseifer (professor and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs), Xu-Feng Niu (professor), Douglas Zahn (professor and chair of the Duane Meeter Day committee), and Blake Whitten (a Ph.D. alumnus). Brad Jones (a former student) gave a brief talk and played the violin. Special talks were also given by Carol and Erica (the Meeter daughters) who, afterwards, performed a duet on the flute and oboe. Dr. Meeter was also presented with piles of chocolates and a book of letters of appreciation from his many fans. Additional photos from the Duane Meeter Day Celebration and a list of his Ph.D. students can be found on our website at http://stat.fsu.edu/DMD.html.

Nonparametric Statistics Research Conference

To stimulate research in nonparametric statistics and to support the goals of the Nonparametric Statistics Section of the American Statistical Association, the Department of Statistics at Florida State University is hosting a Nonparametric Statistics Research Conference on January 17th and 18th, 2002. The Program Committee consists of Flouri Bunea, Myles Hollander, and Jayaram Setheraman. Flouri is coordinating the conference which will highlight the major trends in several areas of nonparametric statistics to facilitate the exchange of research ideas, promote collaboration among researchers from the US and Europe, and contribute to the further development of the field. The program will include invited talks and contributed posters on all areas of nonparametric statistics. More information about the conference can be found at http://stat.fsu.edu/nonpar/. A list of speakers and participants is below.

Ibrahim Ahmad, University of Central Florida
Michael Akritas, Penn State University
Florentina Bunea, Florida State University
Raymond J. Carroll, Texas A&M University
Ralph D’Agostino, Boston University
Kjeld Doksum, University of Wisconsin
Dana Dragasceanu, Swiss Federal Research Institute WSL,
Michael Ernst, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis
Joseph L. Gastwirth, George Washington University
Joe Gilat, University of Connecticut
Tom Hettmansperger, Penn State University
Myles Hollander, Florida State University
Nicole Lazar, Carnegie Mellon University
Regina Liu, Rutgers University
Robert Lund, University of Georgia
James D. Lynch, University of South Carolina
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Eric Matzner-Lober, CRIST-ENSAI, France
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Alumni Contributions

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All kidding aside, there are two kinds of luck that I’m aware of. One form of luck involves making decisions before we know the correct choice: if we later discover that we made the right choice, we commonly say that we were lucky… the other form of luck is the fact that there is so much about our lives that is beyond our control. Take for instance our birth. This is something we have absolutely no say whatsoever. From whom we are born, where on earth we are born, when we are born… these are all things that are beyond our control, and yet, these very things have a profound influence on almost every aspect of our lives. I, for one, feel very lucky, very fortunate, to be born into a region and a time where people have a real chance to live in comfort and to pursue their dreams relatively free from oppression and injustice. It was from this environment where I was able to make my dreams a reality with the support of God, the support of my family, and the help of good people like Dr. Lim.

Near the end of my undergraduate program in chemistry, I decided to switch to statistics as my path in graduate school. It took about 4 years of chemistry to learn that I had a love for mathematics — some say I’m a slow learner. After taking an introductory course with Dr. Pi-Erh Lin in ’92, I was convinced that I found my niche and went for my dream of doing statistical work in the biomedical sciences. However, breaking into the field of statistics as a graduate student with a background in chemistry was not easy. My first round of applications in ’93 was met with a full set of rejections. Still, I didn’t give up. Encouraged by Florida State’s Dept. of Statistics the following year as an undergraduate and took a battery of courses, struggling to catch up. The faculty at the department were friendly and always open to my questions after class. Still, after that first year, my prospects for entering graduate school looked somewhat slim simply because of the lack of mathematical courses in my background. Yet luck would have it that I was able to receive an internship and that event brought me into weekly contact with Dr. Lin as my statistical advisor with work performed for Dr. Hofer at the Institute of Molecular Biophysics. Both men were really great, taking the time to show me the techniques of analysis in their fields of expertise as true mentors do. Few teachers are better than experience, and few things are more exciting than working in research on real problems. By the end of the summer, I was certain that I made the right decision about my future, and my fortune had changed entirely simply because of the lack of mathematical courses in my background. Yet luck would have it that I was able to receive an internship and that event brought me into weekly contact with Dr. Lin as my statistical advisor with work performed for Dr. Hofer at the Institute of Molecular Biophysics.

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Axelia Athinouas (M.S. 2001) is a Biostatistician with Pharmaceutica Products Development (Pharmaco) in Lawrenceville, NJ.

Lawrence Barker (Ph.D. 1979) is a Supervisory Epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, GA. Dr. Barker was appointed Branch Chief of the Assessment Branch, Data Management Division, National Immunization Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Assessment Branch oversees, conducts, and analyzes the National Immunization Survey, the world’s largest ongoing telephone survey and the US’s primary tool for assessing immunization coverage in young children.

Heather Schonrock Brabson (M.S. 1997) is an Associate Director for the American General Financial Group in Houston, TX. “A lot has changed since I left school. I’m now married and working in Houston, Texas while my husband gets his MBA from Rice University. My new name is Heather Brabson. I work for American General Financial Group as Associate Director of Actuarial Product Management. I am in charge of software testing (actuarial, regression, and automated testing) as well as technical support of the software that our insurance agents use to sell our products.”

Xu (Sherry) Cao (M.S. 1999) is a Statistical Analyst with Guidant Corporation in Santa Clara, CA. “I have been working as a statistical analyst at Guidant for almost 6 months. It’s a medical device company. The headquarters is in Indianapolis and we are making stents here in Santa Clara.” Sherry has a daughter, Jasmine, who is nearly 2 years old.

Cheng Chen (Ph.D. 1981) works for NEC America, Inc. in Irving, Texas.

Larry Crow (Ph.D. 1971) and his wife Mary Francs celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in April 2002 in Italy. Also, Larry’s paper “A Method for Achieving an Enhanced Mission Capability” was selected as the winner of the Society of Reliability Engineers’ Stan Ohlan Award as the best paper presented to the 2002 Annual Reliability and Maintainability Symposium, in Seattle, WA. Larry is the Vice President of Reliability at the ITI Research Institute in Atlanta, GA..

Ivo Dinov (M.S. 1998) is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in Statistics (a joint position with Neurology) at the UCLA School of Medicine. He joined our department in 1983 and has, during the 28 years of his affiliation with the University of Massachusettes at Amherst, “...I worked in the department of Mathematics and Statistics there for 28 years. My wife and I have moved to Raleigh, NC to be with our daughter Arati, her husband Andy, and their two-year-old son, Ross, who also live in Raleigh. Ramesh has the title of Professor Emeritus from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.”

Dong Ho Park (Ph.D. 1982) is a Professor at Hallym University, Korea.

Ryan Petka (M.S. 2000) is a Senior Statistical Consultant with Ernst & Young LLP.

Brett Pressnell (Ph.D. 1989) in collaboration with Peter Hall and Doo Poskitt of the Australian National University, was awarded the American Statistical Association’s 2002 Award for Outstanding Statistical Application for the paper “A Functional Data-Analytic Approach to Signal Discrimination” (Technometrics, Volume 43, No. 1, February 2001). The award was presented on August 13 at the Joint Statistical Meetings in New York. Brett is currently a Professor at the University of Florida.

Brian Thomson (M.S. 2001) is an instructor at Florida Community College in Jacksonville. “So far, I love it!”


Bill Salokar (M.S. 1980) is a Marketing Manager with NPO WorldGroup in Atlanta, GA. “I’m enjoying my relatively new career (4 years) of working on the supplier side of the market research business. I have the opportunity to work with some of the largest US companies in a wide variety of industries.

Atlanta is a great place to live and work. My family includes my wife of 20 years, Nancy, and two children - Andrew, 16 and Ellie, 11.”

Mark Serafin (M.S. 1994) is a Research Associate for the Sphooshim Health District in Everett, WA.

Heather Smith (M.S. 1999) is a Professor with the Department of Statistics at Cal Poly State University. San Luis Obispo, CA. “I love living and working in San Luis! Teaching and consulting are both a lot of fun!”

Peyman Soma (Ph.D. 1975) is a Professor and Deputy Chairman at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Department of Biostatistics in Houston, TX. “I am now a Bayesian biostatistician working at the largest cancer center in the world. I have designed more clinical trials than any other statistician on earth - over 300 at the latest. My colleagues call me ‘Rex the Wonderdog’. To get an idea of what I’m up to these days, take a peek at my March 2002 JASA article.”

Mihoko Wakahama (M.S. 1999) now works for GlaxoSmithKline in Japan.

William Warde (M.S. 1967) is Professor & Head of the Statistics Department at Oklahoma State University. “I am involved with AP Statistics - grading for the second year this summer. & will be teaching a couple of courses at Hong Kong Institute of Technology for the OSU School of Hotel & Restaurant Administration.”

Mickio Ishiyama Wolcott (M.S. 1999) works for Equifax in Atlanta, GA.

Fred Huffer Promoted to Full Professor

Dr. Fred Huffer earned a B.A. in Mathematics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1978 and received his Ph.D. from Stanford University in 1982. He joined our department in 1983 and has, since then, proven to be an excellent teacher, sounding board, and invaluable member of the department. Earlier this year he was promoted from Associate Professor to Professor, effective Fall 2002.

Dr. Huffer has taught a wide variety of courses in our department. In recent years his STA 5326 (Distribution Theory and Inference), STA 5327 (Statistical Inference), and STA 5208 (Linear Statistical Models) have been a fundamental part of our core program for Ph.D. students. He has also served on many departmental committees, including the Faculty Evaluation & Merit Increase, Promotion & Tenure, Executive, Academic Affairs, and Graduate Student Evaluation and Awards Committees.

Dr. Huffer has actively participated in dissertation direction at FSU. Fred’s five completed (Ph.D. students are C. Park (Yonsei University, Seoul), C. Lin (Tamking University, Tamsui, Taiwan), H. Wu (Frontier Science and Technology Research Foundation, Harvard University), K. Lawson (Abbot Laboratories), and J. Stein (Rio Grande Medical Technologies, Albuquerque). He has written several joint publications with all but one of these students within the past 3 years. His research interests cover many areas including theory and applications of scan statistics, spatial statistics, survival analysis, Bayesian statistics using Dirichlet process priors, and Markov chain Monte Carlo estimation.

Jayaram Sethuraman Receives Prestigious Award

Dr. Jayaram Sethuraman was recently awarded the 2002 President’s Continuing Education Award for his work with the Research and Engineering Apprenticeship Program (REAP). The President’s Continuing Education Award recognizes outstanding faculty contributions to continuing education and outreach as an important part of the University’s mission.

With the award, Dr. Sethuraman received a $2000 honorarium and a plaque that reads, “For his distinguished and enduring commitment to the field of Continuing Education, he is especially recognized for his work, since 1981, with the Research and Engineering Apprenticeship Program (REAP) where he has personally mentored 62 high school juniors and seniors from Leon County and taught them problem solving skills in Probability and Statistics.”

Andreas Petrosavitis died on July 24, 2001. Andreas received his Ph.D. from our department under the direction of Richard Cornell in 1970. The obituary given at his funeral is available at http://www.med.mun.ca/chhdbc/Andres/Eulogy.htm.
Recent Publications:

Recent Graduates:
Vietnam Zhao (Ph. D. 2002) is an Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Statistics at Georgia State University. This June he received a R.L. Anderson Student Paper Scholarship for the 2002 SROC/ASA Summer Research Conference. He also received a Dissertation Research Grant from FSU in 2002. His paper “Goodness-of-fit test for proportional hazards assumption via empirical likelihood” (with Ian W. McKeague) was selected to receive the 2002 International Chinese Statistical Association ICSA Student Awards and Travel Fellowship — he received a certificate, $400, and tuition for some short courses at the Applied Statistics Symposium on June 6-8, 2002. Yichuan also won the ICSA Award and Travel Fellowship the year before. Finally, Yichuan was the winner of the Department’s R.A. Bradley award in the 2001-2002 academic year. Initiated in 1979, the Bradley award is for a Ph.D. graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement. The award includes a cash prize and recognition on a plaque in the Department’s Commons Room.

Feiming Chen Feiming will be working as a Research Analyst for Spectra Marketing Systems, Inc. in Chicago. (Fall 2002).
Sandra Hall (Fall 2002)
Mathew Hall, Kansas University Medical Center, Cancer Research Division, Kansas City, Kansas. (2002)
Ayesha Delshiai, FSU Statistics Ph.D. program (2001)

The FSU/AT Joint Colloquium Speaker from UP this fall was Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr. Other outside colloquium speakers last year were: Greg Ridgeway (RAND Statistics Group, CA), Radu V. Craiu (Univ. of Toronto), Klaus Utikal (Univ. of Mainz, Germany), Alexandre Carvalho (Northwestern), Alfred Hero (Univ. of Michigan), Michael Mascagni (FSU Dept. of Computer Science), Amy Grady (National Center for Atmospheric Research), Richard L. Smith (UNL, Chapel Hill), Ronald A. DeVore (Univ. of South Carolina), Monica Hurdal (FSU Dept. of Mathematics), Dr. Richard Pfeffer (Russby Professor of Meteorology, FSU), and Ruth Ann Killian (US Census Bureau).
Faculty Spotlight

Kaisheng Song

Recent Publications:

Doug Zahn

Recent Activities:
- Dan Borotto (Psychology) and I taught Offerings 12 and 13 of the Borotto-Zahn Consultancy Skills Course, along with an Advanced Course, a Groups Course, and two Booster Shots (review sessions for graduates of previous offerings of the course) to statisticians and other government officials in the United Kingdom Civil Service. We have now taught over 340 British civil servants, about 70% being statisticians, in our United Kingdom courses since 1996. Participants range from some of the newest statisticians in the Office of National Statistics (ONS) to some of the most senior executives in the ONS. Enthusiasm for the course continues to run high as Offering 14 which starts in December 2002 was fully booked by September 1 and there is now a waiting list for Offering 15 which will start in May 2003.

Other Professional Activities:
- International Alliance for Learning, Houston, TX, January, 2002; ASA-NYC, August, 2002.
- "I have read a book called The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life by Parker Palmer that I am enthusiastic about and recommend to anyone interested in taking a different look at this vocation called teaching. I created a Topic Contributed Panel Discussion of this book for the ASA-NYC meetings in August 2002 which was well received."

Myles Hollander

Recent Publications:

Other Professional Activities:
- Dr. Hollander was an invited speaker at the Third International Conference on Mathematical Methods in Reliability, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway, June, 2002. He presented a talk on "Nonparametric Bayes methods for repair models" (based on joint research with J. Setheram).

Fred Huffer

"I gave a talk "Symbolic and Numerical Computations for Distributions Involving Linear Combinations of Spacings or ExponentialVariables" based on my joint work with Chien-Tai Lin at the International Workshop on Applied Probability at the University of Simon Bolivar in Caracas, Venezuela in January 2002.

Pi-Erh Lin

Pi-Erh Lin is Co-PI on a Florida DOT grant studying “the traffic fatality causes and effects” with Lisa Spanhour of the Department of Civil Engineering at the FAMU/FSU College of Engineering.

Florentina Bunea

Flori gave invited talks in Spring at the FSU/UF joint colloquia series at the University of Florida and at the University of Toronto. During the summer she participated in three conferences (including the ISM) and gave an invited talk at the International Conference on Current Advances and Trends in Nonparametric Statistics held in Crete and also at the 65th annual meeting of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, Banff, Canada. She received an NSF travel award for the conference in Crete. Her recent technical reports include Nonparametric Hazard Function Regression Models (joint with Ian McKeague) and Two-stage Model Selection Procedures in Partially Linear Regression (joint with Marten Wegkamp).

Ian McKeague

Current Grants:
- NSF Grant ATM-0222244, Opportunities for Research Collaboration between the Mathematical Sciences and the Geosciences Program — “Ocean Circulation and Climate Modeling” and “Dynamisms Using Bayesian Hierarchical Methods”, 2002—2005, Ian McKeague (Project Director and Principal Investigator), in collaboration with Kevin Speer (FSU, Michael Lapine (Duke), Susan Lozier (Duke) and Chris Wilke (Miss. State)). Total budget = $750,000. FSU portion = $260,000. NSF is the lead institution.

Xufeng Niu

Grant Highlights:

Recent Publications:


Other Professional Activities:
- I visited China from June 14 to July 19 and gave talks in Beijing University and Shansi University.
Dr. Somesh Chattopadhyay joined the department in August 2002. He received his Ph.D. in Statistics from the University of Virginia in 2001. After receiving his Ph.D., Dr. Chattopadhyay spent a year in the Institute of Statistics and Decision Sciences at Duke University as a visiting assistant professor before joining Florida State University. His primary research interests lie in the field of biostatistics and applied probability. In particular, he is interested in probability and statistical modeling and inference in biomedical problems, MCMC and Bayesian computation, and stochastic optimization. He has also recently become interested in genetics and microarray analysis. Dr. Chattopadhyay’s dissertation at the University of Virginia was on hormone pulse detection and parameter estimation in human and other animals where he used a new idea of selective smoothing and an alternate Metropolis-diffusion algorithm.

Dr. Chattopadhyay and his wife Maitreyi Chattopadhyay both are originally from Calcutta (now Kolkata), India. He earned his B.Sc. in Statistics and M.Sc. in Statistics from the Indian Statistical Institute in 1994 and 1996, respectively.

Dr. Eric Chicken joined the faculty in August, 2002. He holds a Ph. D. in Statistics from Purdue University. His primary research interests lie in the field of non-parametric analysis. In particular, he works on problems involving data compression, denoising contaminated signals, high-speed automobile-bicycle interactions, image reconstruction, and nonparametric function estimation.

Dr. Chicken graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1986 with a B.S. in mathematics. After graduation, he entered the United States Air Force as an officer and began working as a satellite engineer in a mission control center for US and NATO communications satellites. After nearly ten years of working with the military in Colorado, Delaware, California, and Massachusetts, he left to pursue a degree at Purdue University. After graduating in 2001, he took a position as a visiting assistant professor at Purdue University. Dr. Chicken married Rebecca Seuland in 1988. They have three children, a house not yet unpacked since their move from Indiana, and no lawnmower.

Dr. Dan McGee was hired this year as our newest full professor. He currently teaches an “Intro to Epidemiology” special topics course and will teach special topics courses in “Medical Consulting” and “Intro to Biostatistics” next Spring.

“I received my bachelor’s and master’s degrees in mathematics from the University of California at Berkeley followed by masters and Ph.D. degrees in biostatistics from the Johns Hopkins University. I spent time as an enlisted member of the U.S. Marine Corps and as an officer in the U.S. Public Health Service. After twenty years service time, I joined academia and worked at three different medical schools before joining the statistics department at FSU in August of 2002. I have a wife, two children, two grand children, and a dog.

My major research interest is the study of disease occurrence in human populations. I presently have funding from the National Institutes of Health that allows me to examine issues in summarizing statistical results from diverse groups from around the world. This research combines elements of meta-analysis, and data warehousing and mining.”

Our Departmental Funds

The Statistics General Development Fund was created to provide general support for our department in a variety of areas. The Ralph A. Bradley Student Awards named for our department’s founder, Dr. Ralph A. Bradley. The award is presented to a graduating Ph.D. student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement, culminating in the presentation of the best doctoral dissertation of the year.

The Ronald and Carolyn Hobbs Endowed Fund in Statistics was established by Ron Hobbs (M.S. ’67) and his wife Carolyn. This fund will enable the Department to fill the Ronald and Carolyn Hobbs Endowed Chair in the 2004-2005 academic year.

The Yongyuann and Anna Li Fund was established by Anna Li in memory of her husband Yongyuann Li who died from cancer on April 7, 1997. The award consists of a cash prize and certificate and is presented to the graduate student who presents the best student colloquium each year.

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