

Biostatistics & Statistics Annual Introductory Joint Seminar 2008

Awards for (2007-2008):

Faculty Awards:

Vladimir Minin won the 2007 Leonard J. Savage Award for Outstanding Dissertation in Applied Bayesian Methodology. The award is given by the International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA).

Elizabeth Thompson - elected to the National Academy of Sciences. This is one of the highest honors that a scientist can receive and recognizes those who have made distinguished and continuing achievements in original research.

Elizabeth Thompson - awarded an MERIT (Method to Extend Research in Time) from NIH. Merit awards provide long-term support to investigators with impressive records of scientific achievement in research areas of special importance or promise.

Peter Guttorp - received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the American Statistical Association's Section on Statistics and the Environment. The award is in recognition of his innovative work on statistical methodology in environmental research, leadership in the development of environmetrics, and service to the profession.

Adrian Raftery - named IMS Fellow. He received the award for seminal contributions to Bayesian model selection and computation, demography, clustering and stochastic modeling, for influential and novel high-impact statistical applications, and for conscientious professional service.

Student Awards:

Donatello Telesca and Anton Westveld (alumni) for winning the student paper competition the ASA Section of Bayesian Statistical Science (SBSS).

Alex Lenkoski's poster "The mode oriented stochastic search for nondecomposable graphical models" won a "Best Poster" award at the Workshop in High Dimensional Bayesian Inference at the University of Warwick on April 14th-16th, 2008.

Qunhua Li received a travel award to present a paper at the 2008 Bernoulli World Congress/IMS Annual Meeting in Singapore this summer.

Jeffrey Eaton received the highly competitive Marshall Scholarship which pays for postgraduate students to attend the University of their choice within the United Kingdom. Jeffrey Eaton is attending the Imperial College located in London. His specific interest is in mathematical modeling of infectious disease epidemics.

Nilanjan Chatterjee (alumni) was elected Fellow of the American Statistical Society.

Others:

Michael Schweinberger - from the University of Gronigen, The Netherlands was awarded a Rubicon research fellowship from the Netherlands Association of Scientific Research (NWO).

Recent Graduates:**M.S.**

Jeffrey Eaton – Enrolled in PhD Epidemiology program at Imperial College, London, England.

Cathee (Kneeling) Till – Statistical Research Associate, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

PhD

Leontine Alkema – Postdoctoral Fellow, Earth Institute, Affiliated Faculty member of the Department of Statistics, Columbia University

Audrey Fu – Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Cambridge

Krista Gile – Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellowship, University of Oxford

Qunhua Li – Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California, Berkeley

Assaf Oron – Postdoctoral Fellow, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

Marios Pavlides – Lecturer of Mathematics, Department of Electrical Engineering, Frederick University of Cyprus

Larissa Stanberry – Lecturer, University of Bristol

Toby White – Assistant Professor, Departments of Actuarial Science & Finance, Drake University