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Department of Statistics Seminar

**Speaker:** Brian Lucena  
Department of Statistics  
**Title:** *Markov Random Fields and Issues of Computation*  
**Date:** Monday, October 14, 2002  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Thomson 119

**Welcome New Students:**

Ryan Admiraal from Calvin College  
Heiko Bailer returned to resume work on his Ph.D. degree.  
Eric Aldrich from Duke University  
George Barnidge from University of California, Santa Clara  
Veronica Berrocal from Michigan State University  
Caroline Cutting from Michigan Institute of Technology  
Nema Dean from Trinity College, Dublin  
Raphael Gottardo from Portland State University  
Christopher Green from the University of Washington  
Ting-Yuan Liu from Fu Jen Catholic University  
Debashis Mondal from Indian Statistical Institute  
Justin Okano from Harvey Mudd College  
Assaf Oron from Weizman Institute of Science  
Arindam Roy Choudhury from Indian Statistical Institute  
James "McLean" Slougher from Gonzaga University  
Donatello Telesca from Luigi Bocconi University  
Valeria Thompson from the University of Washington  
Daniel Vogel from Dresden University  
Toby White from University of Iowa

Puget Sound ASA Meeting

Thursday, October 17, 2002  
Where: Hales Ales  
(Directions to Hales at <http://www.halesales.com/BrewPub.html>)  
Social Time: 6:00  
Dinner: (buffet style) 6:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$10 students, \$18 non-students  
Presentation by Jim Pratt who is coordinating the chapter's Student Poster Competition effort. This will be a working meeting where we will organize effort needed to run the competition.  
RSVP: psasa@u.washington.edu by 10/14

**Congratulations:**

**Matthew Stephens and Lisa Jenschke** have a new baby girl; **Bethany Kate Jenschke Stephens** was born on Friday, 9/27/02 weighing 6 lb and 12.5 oz.

Congratulations, Good-bye and Best Wishes:

**Ayesha Ali** received her Ph.D. and accepted a position in Department of Statistics and Applied Probability, National University of Singapore.

**Kevin Connelly** received his M.S. degree.

**Kerrie Nelson** received her Ph.D. and accepted a position in the Department of Statistics, University of South Carolina.

**Russell Steele** received his Ph.D. and accepted a position at Department of Mathematics and Statistics at McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

**Out of Town:**

**Elizabeth Thompson** on sabbatical

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