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# *STATISTICS*

## NEWSLETTER

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*Welcome Visitors:*

**Professor Charles Geyer** of the School of Statistics at University of Minnesota will be visiting and doing research with Elizabeth Thompson until June 15th, 2005. He received his Ph.D. from our department in 1990.

**Dr. Tamas Rudas** from the Department of Statistics, Faculty of Social Sciences, Eotvos Lorand University in Budapest, Hungary is teaching Statistics 220 this Autumn quarter and will be visiting for a year.

**Dr. Mervyn Silvapulle** of the Department of Statistical Science, La Trobe University, Bundorra, Victoria, Australia will be visiting and doing research with Michael Perlman through January 2005.

*Welcome New Students:*

**Leontine Alkema** of Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands. She is the recipient of one of the CSSS Hubert M. Blalock Fellowship awards for the 2004-2005 academic year.

**Yanming Di** from the Arizona State University and the Department of Mathematics at Brown University.

**Albert Kim** from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec.

**Ahrim Youn** from Applied Mathematics, University of Washington.

**Haoyuan Zhu** from Columbia University, New York.

**Aimee Nguyen** will be a new Student Office Assistant in our department.

*Congratulations*

**Addi Daisley** will replace **Kristin Sprague** as the Graduate Program Assistant beginning officially on Monday, October 11th.

**Matthew Stephens and Lisa Jenschke** on the birth of their baby girl, **Zoe Maria Jenschke Stephens** on October 5th, weighing 7lb 15oz.

**Michael Newton, Ph.D.** is from our department and now Professor of Statistics and Biostatistics at the University of Wisconsin, who received this year's COPSSS (Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies) award. This is an award for young statisticians (under 40) who have shown exceptional quality of work that influences the profession.

**Jon Wakefield and Zoe** on the birth of their daughter, **Eleanor Anna Wakefield** born October 5th, weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces.

**Statistics Seminars**

**Time: 3:30-5pm**  
**Room: 134 SIEGHALL**

*Special Seminar*

**Speaker: Fritz Scholz**  
**Applied Statistics Group, The Boeing Company, and Dept. of Statistics, UW**

**Title: *Statistics in Aviation-Celebrating 100 Years of Flight***  
**Date: Monday, October 11, 2004**

**Speaker: Alexander McNeill**  
**Dept. of Mathematics, ETH, Zurich**

**Title: *Multivariate Normal Mixture Distributions and Their Copulas: Applications to Financial Modelling***

**Date: Monday, October 18, 2004**

**Combined Fund Drive**

This year's campaign will be the 20th anniversary of the Combined Fund Drive.

Look for your CFD contribution forms and Charity Guides to arrive soon. You may go to the CFD website: <http://hr.dop.wa.gov/cfd> and read about the CFD and learn about charities in the CFD campaign. You may simply choose between a regular payroll deduction and a one-time gift. Please give your forms to Cheryl Bissett upon completion.

**OutofTown:**

**Tilmann Gneiting** is on sabbatical visiting the Geosciences Department at the University of Bayreuth, Germany.

**Peter Guttorp and June Morita** are on sabbatical visiting the Department of Mathematical Sciences in Lund, Sweden.

**Jon Wellner** will be visiting the Department of Mathematics at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam from September 15, 2004 to June 15, 2005.