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**General Exam:**

**Speaker:** Assaf Oron

**Title:** *The Up-and-Down percentile-finding method: stochastic properties, estimation and design*

**Date:** Friday, December 9, 2005

**Place:** C301 Padelford

**Time:** 12:30 p.m.

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**Speaker:** Arindam RoyChoudhury

**Title:** *Likelihood Inference for Population Structure, Using Coalescent*

**Date:** Wednesday, December 14, 2005

**Place:** C301 Padelford

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

***Combined Fund Drive***

Campaign deadlines have been extended: Paper contribution forms are due in the UW CFD by November 30th. Online giving has been extended to December 20th on the UW CFD website at [www.uwcfid.washington.edu](http://www.uwcfid.washington.edu). Choose "Give Today" and then "Giving Station."

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***Goodbye and Best Wishes:***

**Heiko Bailer** received his Ph.D. and he just took the position of Director at the Delta One Equity Trading Group of ABN AMBRO, London, UK. He will soon be leaving Miami for his new position in London.

**Caroline Cutting** received her Master's Degree and left for Namibia (west of Botswana) in the northwest of South Africa) in November with the Peace Corps.

***Statistics Seminar:***

**Speaker:** R. Douglas Martin

**Title:** *Robust Covariance Matrix Estimation with Applications in Finance*

**Date:** Monday, November 21, 2005

**Place:** Smith 102

**Time:** 3:30 P.M.

***Holidays:***

The University of Washington will be closed on November 24-25 for "Thanksgiving" holiday.



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