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Statistics Seminar

Speaker: Michael Smith
Discipline of Econometrics and
Business Statistics
University of Sydney

Title: *Bayesian Component Selection in
High Dimensional Models*

Date: Monday, April 3, 2006

Place: Savery 249

Time: 3:30 P.M.

Congratulations!

Matthew Stephens has been awarded the Guy medal in Bronze by the Royal Statistical Society!

Rebecca Nugent's paper "*Clustering with Confidence*" was the winner of the 2005 ASA Statistical Computing and Graphics Student Paper Competition. That is the second year in a row UW Statistics has won (**Marloes Maathuis** won in 2004)!

Out of Town

Elizabeth Thompson 3/29-31, Fields Inst. in Toronto
4/1-2, Ottawa

Welcome

Claudia Czado, University of Technology, Munich Germany is visiting CSSS and Statistics over the next few weeks. She will be collaborating with UW professor Tilman Gneiting on some research work.

Piet Groeneboom of the Department of Mathematics, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands is here to teach a special topics course entitled, "*Non-Standard Asymptotics and Particle Systems*". He will also be doing research with Jon Wellner.

Rossella Onorati from University of Palermo, Italy, is visiting from February through July to attend courses and discuss research with Peter Guttorp. She is the first participant in our exchange program with the University of Palermo.

Bike Commuting

The Statistics team, "*Random Stats in a Robust State*" rode 2,028 miles, made 305 trips (174 in the rain) for the **University of Washington's Third Ride in the Rain** event during the month of January. The team came in 4th for mileage, 6th in average miles, and 13th in rain rides out of 90 UW teams. This was a big increase in miles, trips and rain rides from the past two years for our team in this event.

For those who prefer riding in better weather, **Bike to Work Day** is on May 19th. See the link

http://www.cbcef.org/commuting_btwd.html

If anyone wants to ride for the team for the Bike to Work commuting challenge during the month of May, please contact Cheryl. Here is the link:

http://www.cbcef.org/commuting_btucc.html