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**Welcome:**

**Mark S. Handcock** began his term as Chair of Statistics on July 1 following the successful completion of **Peter Guttorp's** term.

**Vickie Graybeal** is the new lead Departmental Administrator. She has 23 years of experience at the University of Washington and brings to the department a wealth of administrative knowledge about the College of Arts and Sciences and the University of Washington as a whole.

**Michael Schweinberger** from the University of Groningen, The Netherlands. He was awarded a Rubicon research fellowship from the Netherlands Organization of Scientific Research (NWO). He will also be collaborating with Mark S. Handcock and Martina Morris on dynamic models for social networks.

**All incoming and returning students. The new students coming autumn quarter are:**

**Nicholas Basch**

MS in Mathematics in Finance, New York University  
BS in Applied Math and Economics, Brown University  
\*ARCS Fellowship Recipient\*

**Robert Branom**

BS Statistics, University of Washington  
BA History, University of Washington

**Xi "Cici" Chen**

MS in Statistics, University of Alaska  
BS in Statistics, Anhui University  
\*Top Scholar Fellowship Recipient\*

**Anna Klimova**

MS in Mathematics, St. Petersburg State University

**Jung-Lim Shin**

PhD in Plant Physiology & Molecular Biology, Washington State University  
MS in Plant Physiology, Seoul National University  
BHE in Plant Physiology, Seoul National University

**Mark Wheldon**

MS in Statistics, University of Auckland  
BS in Statistics and Psychology, University of Canterbury

**Congratulations**

**Peter Hoff and Jennifer DeWitt** are the proud parents of Henry Hoff born on July 14 weighing 8 lbs and was 21 inches long.

**Brian and Addi Daisley** are the proud parents of Lyla Cynthia Daisley born on April 24 weighing 9 pounds 12 ounces.

**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 environmental metrics, 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.

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

**Autumn Orientation Schedule**

**Thursday, 9/20 10:00 – Welcome back and goodbyes**  
**11:00 – Introduction to the front office**

**Friday, 9/21 9-12:00 - Research talks by current students**

**Saturday, 9/22 8:00 a.m. – Stat/CSSS Hike**  
**8:00 p.m. – Pub Night at Big Time**

**Monday, 9/24 Research Day**  
**9:00-1:00p.m. – Research talks by faculty and lunch**  
**1:00 p.m. – Overview of computer environment**  
**4:30 p.m. – Padelford Pub**

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