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Statistics Seminars:

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Mondays at 3:30 in Smith 304

Speaker: Angela Hugeback, Google

Title: *Point Process Models for Astronomy: Quasars, Coronal Mass Ejections, and Solar Flares*

Date: October 22, 2007

Speaker: Masoud Asgharian, McGill University

Title: *Survival Analysis and Length-Biased Sampling: An application to survival with dementia*

Date: October 29, 2007

Speaker: Catherine Wang
University of Melbourne, Australia

Title: *Structure-based Characteristics and Time Series Clustering*

Date: November 5, 2007

Congratulations:

Qunhua Li was the winner of the best poster competition at the 2007 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM). The award is given to the best poster presentation by a WNAR member (<http://www.wnar.org/>).

The award was for her poster entitled “*Statistical Methods for Peptide Identification Using Tandem Mass Spectrometry Through Sequence Database Searching*”.

Toby and Ruth White are the new parents of **Aleah Tessa White** born on September 12th.

Welcome:

New Faculty:

Professor Vladimir Minin is teaching Stat 516 and is managing the seminars for Stat 590. He is from UCLA, School of Medicine and the Department of Biomathematics. His research interests are: Phylogenetic Reconstruction, Model Selection and Diagnostics, and Viral Evolution.

Visiting Scholars:

Roberto Porto, University of São Paulo
Saboem Jeon, University of Korea.

Dustin Lennon returned to the UW after a year’s leave. He was working at NumeriX (a small company that builds and designs software). His focus was in numerical methods, specifically calibrating financial SDEs and using them to price exotic options.

Richard Arnold, Victoria University in Wellington, NZ is visiting until February and doing research with Jon Wakefield.

Happy Halloween



