

**Welcome**

**Angela Hugeback, Department of Statistics, University of Chicago.** Her research is emphasis on point process methodologies for modeling astronomical data, automated recommendation systems, machine learning and statistical computing. She is teaching Statistics 423 this Winter quarter 2008.

**Thordis Linda Thorarinsdottir, University of Aarhus, Denmark** is visiting for one year and will do research with Tilmann Gneiting involving spatio-temporal statistical modeling, applications in meteorology. She will also teach Statistics 220 in the Fall of 2008.

**Felix von Müller, Visiting Scholar from Heinrich-Heine University in Dormagen, Germany** is here until the end of March 2008. He is working on estimation theory.

**GENERAL EXAMINATION****J. McLean Sloughter**

**Title:** *Probabilistic wind forecasting using Bayesian model averaging*

**Date:** Thursday, January 17, 2008

**Place:** C301 Padelford

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Advisor:** Tilmann Gneiting

**STATISTICS SEMINAR**

(joint with the Department of Biostatistics)

**Speaker:** Erica Moodie  
McGill University

**Title:** *The Multivariate Generalized Propensity Score: Estimating Dose-Response Functions from Longitudinal Data*

**Date:** Thursday, January 24, 2007

**Place:** T-639 Health Sciences Building

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

**Congratulations**

**Alumni, Caroline Cutting and Dave Schruth** were married on January 12th at University Congregational United Church of Christ. Dave is a graduate of the UW's Anthropology department. Caroline recently returned from two years with the Peace Corps in Namibia. They first met three years ago while taking a computational molecular biology course together here at the UW.

**Jonathan Gruhl and Lindsay Alexandra Botts** were married on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007.

**Peter Guttorp** was honored for his work on climate change as one of the scientists that contributed to the *United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change* which received the **2007 Nobel Peace Prize** along with former **Vice President Al Gore**.

**Alex Lenkoski** presented a poster, "*Mode Oriented Stochastic Search and Covariance Between Regional Bank Stock Prices*" in Case Studies in Bayesian Statistics at Carnegie Mellon University and was awarded, "*Outstanding Poster*".

**Jon Wakefield and Zoe** are the proud parents of **Eric Stephen Wakefield**. He was born on Friday, December 28 weighing 8 pounds.

**Alumni, Chris Volinsky** along with 2 other researchers at AT&T Research have claimed the **\$50,000 Netflix Progress Prize 2007**.

**News blurb and links here:**

<http://www.research.att.com/~volinsky/netflix/>

An overview of their methods is available in their report:

<http://www.research.att.com/~volinsky/netflix/ProgressPrize2007BellKorSolution.pdf>



