

**STATISTICS SEMINARS****Both seminars are at 3:30 p.m in SIEG Hall 134****Speaker:** Bradley Efron, Stanford University**Title:** *Large-Scale Prediction Problems***Date:** Monday, February 2, 2009**Speaker:** Thordis Thorarinsdottir
Department of Statistics, UW**Title:** *Probabilistic Forecasts of Wind Speed:
Ensemble Model Output Statistics using
Heteroskedastic Censored Regression***Date:** Monday, February 9, 2009***Welcome:***

Robbin Thornton is the new Undergraduate Advisor replacing **Addi Daisley** on a temporary basis. Addi accepted an Advising position in the Department of Mathematics, UW. Robbin was formerly an Academic Recruiter at the UW Bothell campus and is a graduate of the UW Jackson School of International Studies.

Kris Shaw is replacing **Son Le** and is working with **Chris Henry**. **Son Le** accepted a position with the City of Tacoma libraries.

New Students:

Amanda Allen, Texas Tech University
Silvia Barbi, University of Bologna
Ricky Chmielecki, U.S. Coast Guard Academy
Charles Doss, University of Chicago
Bailey Draper, Colorado State University
Rob Evans, University of Cambridge
Hoyt Koepke, University of British Columbia
Julia Palacios Roman, University of Calif., Berkeley
Dominique Perrault-Joncas, McGill University
Stefan Sharkansky, Stanford University
Natalie Thompson, University of British Columbia
Shaun White, University of Auckland

Congratulations to the following families :

Angie and Justin Hugeback are the proud parents of **Henry Owen Hugeback**. He was born on January 5, 2009 weighing in at 8 lb. 4oz.

Hil and Kerryn Lyons are the proud parents of **James Nathan Lyons** born on June 3, 2008 weighing 7 lb. 8 oz.

Sibel Sirakaya and her husband are the proud parents of **Can Alemdar**. He was born on August 29, 2009 and weighed 7 lb. 3 oz.

Marloes Maathuis (Alumni) and Steve Schimmel are the proud parents of **Jasper** born January 23, 2009.

Congratulations:

Nilanjan Chatterjee (Alumni) has been elected a *Fellow of the American Statistical Society*.

Jeffrey Eaton received the highly competitive *Marshall Scholarship* which pays for postgraduate students to attend the University of their choice within the United Kingdom. He is attending the Imperial College located in London. His specific interest is in modeling of infectious disease epidemics. Jeff also was awarded the *Dean's Medal for 2008* graduating from the UW with Bachelor's Degrees in both Mathematics and Sociology, a Master's Degree in Statistics and a minor in Music.

Qunhua Li (Alumni) won the *2008 WNAR Best Student Paper competition*.

Vladimir Minin won the *2007 Leonard J. Savage Award for Outstanding Dissertation in Applied Bayesian Methodology*. The award is given by the International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA).

Nate Derby (Alumni) has been chosen to be the *Academic Chair for the 2009 Pacific Northwest SAS Users Group* to be held September 28-29 in Portland, Oregon. He also recently joined the executive committees of the Pacific Northwest and Vancouver (BC) SAS Users Groups.

2008 Graduates



M.S.

- Jeffrey Eaton – Enrolled in PhD Epidemiology program at Imperial College, London, England.
- Cathee (Kneeling) Till – Statistical Research Associate, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

PhD

- Leontine Alkema – Postdoctoral Fellow, Earth Institute, Affiliated Faculty member of the Department of Statistics, Columbia University
- Audrey Fu – Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Cambridge
- Krista Gile – Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellowship, University of Oxford
- Qunhua Li – Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California, Berkeley
- Assaf Oron – Postdoctoral Fellow, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
- Marios Pavlides – Lecturer of Mathematics, Department of Electrical Engineering, Frederick University of Cyprus
- Larissa Stanberry – Lecturer, University of Bristol
- Toby White – Assistant Professor, Departments of Actuarial Science & Finance, Drake University
- Ahrim Youn graduated with her Ph.D. in December 2008.