Welcome!

• Seventh Annual Department of Biostatistics TA Training Day

• Purpose

• Acknowledgement of past contributors

• Special thanks to the 2009 Planning Committee: George, Haley, Matt, Jeff, Nick
Reasons for being a good TA

• Pride in our work

• Desire to help others

• Build teaching/communication skills

• Promote our discipline – “ambassadors of biostatistics”
What are some considerations for being a good TA?

• What you teach (content)

• Who you teach (considering the backgrounds and types of students)

• How you teach (approach and organization)
### How does one learn to be a good TA?

- From previous experiences as a student
- By observation of other TAs and instructors
- By experience (trial and error)
- Through books, articles, Web resources
- Through discussion
- Through courses (Teaching at the University Level 300.750, First Term)
What can we do today?

• Discuss

• Learn from each other

• Have fun!