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Positions

1. University of California, San Francisco, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics: open rank faculty positions

The Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) invites applications for full-time faculty positions at any rank, in the In Residence faculty series, with an expected start date of July, 2017.

The UCSF Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics provides a supportive academic environment for original methodological research and ample opportunities for collaboration, including with the Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, as well as teaching and mentoring as part of our Master’s Degrees in Clinical Research and Global Health and the Epidemiology and Translational Science and Global Health Sciences PhD programs.

Duties: The successful candidate is expected to conduct collaborative research with biomedical scientists, maintain their own research program, and carry a light teaching load (typically 1 to 2 quarter-length courses per year or the equivalent). We will consider any area of research compatible with current departmental programs. This is an opportunity to join an energetic, involved Biostatistics program at one of the nation’s top medical research institutions.

Qualifications: PhD in Biostatistics or a closely related field. Preference given to candidates with experience in collaboration and consulting in a biomedical environment and excellent teaching and communication skills.

UC San Francisco seeks candidates whose experience, teaching, research, or community service has prepared them to contribute to our commitment to diversity and excellence.

Please apply online at aprecruit.ucsf.edu/apply/JPF01136 by submitting a cover letter, Curriculum Vitae, statements of teaching and research, and the names and contact information of three references. Applications open until the positions are filled, but to assure complete consideration please submit materials by January 31, 2017

Please e-mail Dr. David Glidden, David.Glidden@ucsf.edu, with any questions.
**University of Chicago, Department of Statistics: William H. Kruskal Instructor**

The Department of Statistics at the University of Chicago invites applications for the position of William H. Kruskal Instructor. We seek recent or expected Ph.D. graduates doing advanced research with a connection to statistical methodology or applied mathematics. It is expected that all successful applicants will engage in teaching two undergraduate courses in statistics or applied mathematics. The position is for two years, with the possibility of renewal.

At the time of appointment, successful applicants must have completed all requirements for a Ph.D. in statistics, mathematics, or a related field. Demonstrated research excellence is essential, and research interests related to those of faculty in the Department of Statistics (www.stat.uchicago.edu/people/faculty.shtml) or those of faculty in the newly formed Committee on Computational and Applied Mathematics (www.stat.uchicago.edu/ccam) is preferred.

Applicants must apply online at the University of Chicago Academic Jobs website at [http://tinyurl.com/z8gicyd](http://tinyurl.com/z8gicyd) and must upload a cover letter and CV. Three letters of reference will be required. Referral letter submission information will be provided during the application process. Optionally, a teaching and/or research statement and up to three relevant research publications may also be uploaded as part of the application. Application screening will begin February 20, 2017, and will continue until all positions are filled or the search is closed.

Further inquiry and optional documents may be sent to the Search Committee at search@galton.uchicago.edu or to Kruskal Search Committee, Department of Statistics, Jones 222B, University of Chicago, 5747 S. Ellis Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637.

**Harvard H.T. Chan School of Public Health: Postdoctoral Research Position in Statistical Genetics and Genomics**

Description: Postdoctoral Research Fellow position in statistical genetics and genomics is available at Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health. This position involves developing and applying statistical and computational methods for analysis of high-throughput genetic and genomic data, including Whole Genome Sequencing association studies, integrative analysis of genetic and genomic data high-dimensional phenotype analysis, and genome-wide epigenetic association studies. We seek an individual with strong statistical, computing and genetic backgrounds and who has expertise in statistical and computational methods for big data, statistical genetics and genomics. The work will involve both methodological research with department faculty and collaboration with subject matter researchers.

Qualifications: Ph.D. in a quantitative field, e.g., statistics or biostatistics, computer sciences, strong quantitative research background, statistical and programming proficiency, strong genetic knowledge, as well as good written and oral communication skills.

Application Procedures: To apply for this position, submit your application through the Harvard ARiESe Academic Recruiting Information eSystem at the following link:

[academicpositions.harvard.edu/postings/7155](http://academicpositions.harvard.edu/postings/7155)

Additional Information:
Funding opportunities and information

(1) NSF: Integrative Strategies for Understanding Neural and Cognitive Systems (NSF-NCS)

www.nsf.gov/funding/...

Full Proposal Deadline Date February 6, 2017

SYNOPSIS

The complexities of brain and behavior pose fundamental questions in many areas of science and engineering, drawing intense interest across a broad spectrum of disciplinary perspectives while eluding explanation by any one of them. Rapid advances within and across disciplines are leading to an increasingly interconnected fabric of theories, models, empirical methods and findings, and educational approaches, opening new opportunities to understand complex aspects of neural and cognitive systems through integrative multidisciplinary approaches.

This program calls for innovative, integrative, boundary-crossing proposals that can best capture those opportunities. NSF seeks proposals that are bold, risky, and transcend the perspectives and approaches typical of single-discipline research efforts. This cross-directorate program is one element of NSF’s broader effort directed at Understanding the Brain, a multi-year activity that includes NSF’s participation in the Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative (www.nsf.gov/brain). NSF envisions a connected portfolio of transformative, integrative projects that create synergistic links across investigators and communities, yielding novel ways of tackling the challenges of understanding the brain in action and in context.

Integrative Strategies for Understanding Neural and Cognitive Systems is open to proposals to advance the foundations of one or more of the following integrative research themes, described within the solicitation:

- **Neuroengineering and Brain-Inspired Concepts and Designs**
- **Individuality and Variation**
- **Cognitive and Neural Processes in Realistic, Complex Environments**
- **Data-Intensive Neuroscience and Cognitive Science**.

Within each theme, advances in theory and methods, technological innovations, educational approaches, research infrastructure, and workforce development are all of significant interest. Proposals must be consistent with the missions of the participating directorates. High-risk, high-payoff approaches are expected. Proposals must directly address risks and how they will be managed, potentially transformative payoffs, and the relationship between the risks and rewards at stake.
During FY17 the program will consider two classes of proposals. INTEGRATIVE FOUNDATIONS awards (CISE, EHR, ENG, SBE) will support projects that develop foundational advances that are deeply connected to a broad scope of important research questions in neural and cognitive systems, and have significant potential for transformative advances in one or more of the integrative thematic areas. CORE+ SUPPLEMENTS (CISE, EHR, ENG) will provide additional support to new or existing projects in the participating directorates, to enable additional activities that will connect those projects to significant new integrative opportunities in neural and cognitive systems.

(2) NSF Research Traineeship (NRT) Program

Full Proposal Deadline Date: February 7, 2017 (Applies to both tracks)

Program Guidelines: NSF 16-503

The NSF Research Traineeship (NRT) program is designed to encourage the development and implementation of bold, new, and potentially transformative models for STEM graduate education training. The NRT program seeks proposals that ensure that graduate students in research-based master’s and doctoral degree programs develop the skills, knowledge, and competencies needed to pursue a range of STEM careers. The NRT program includes two tracks: the Traineeship ...

More at www.nsf.gov/funding/...

(3) NIH NCI Ideas lab to advance cancer control and prevention

April 24-26, Potomac, Maryland

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) will host a "Sandpit" workshop (i.e., ideas lab) on April 24-26, 2017, in Potomac, Maryland. The intensive three-day residential workshop will bring together a broad, multidisciplinary group of participants to generate new insights on how knowledge from different behavioral domains, research fields, and national contexts can be integrated for the purpose of advancing cancer control and prevention.

The workshop will specifically focus on integrating knowledge across five key cancer-related health behaviors: tobacco use, alcohol consumption, dietary behavior, physical activity, and UV exposure. At the conclusion of the Sandpit, Cancer Research UK (CRUK) will invite up to five of the teams formed at the workshop to apply for CRUK seed grants to test the feasibility of their ideas.

Prospective Sandpit participants need to submit an application consisting of the following:

- a CV
- names of two professional references
- an 800-word cover letter describing the applicant's interest in the Sandpit
- a visual representation (e.g., diagram or mental model) that illustrates a conceptual schema of the applicant's area of interest
- a letter of commitment from the applicant's organization or institution

All application materials must be emailed to NCI-CRUK-Sandpit2017@mail.nih.gov by February 15, 2017, at 6 PM EST / 11 PM GMT. Additional details about the Sandpit and full application instructions are attached and available at: http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/hbrb/sandpit.html
Early- and mid-career individuals interested in contributing their expertise and novel thinking to generate transformative ideas are especially encouraged to apply. Travel and lodging will be provided to workshop participants in accordance with NIH policy.

For more information, please contact:

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(4) NSF Smart and Connected Communities (S&CC)
www.nsf.gov/funding/...

Full Proposal Deadline Date February 16, 2017

SYNOPSIS

Cities and communities in the U.S. and around the world are entering a new era of transformational change, in which their inhabitants and the surrounding built and natural environments are increasingly connected by smart technologies, leading to new opportunities for innovation, improved services, and enhanced quality of life. The goal of this Smart & Connected Communities (S&CC) solicitation is to support strongly interdisciplinary, integrative research and research capacity-building activities that will improve understanding of smart and connected communities and lead to discoveries that enable sustainable change to enhance community functioning. Unless stated otherwise, for the purposes of this year’s solicitation, communities are physical, geographically-defined entities, such as towns, cities, or incorporated rural areas, consisting of various populations, with a governance structure and the ability to engage in meaningful ways with the proposed research.

Successful S&CC projects are expected to pursue research and research capacity-building activities that integrate multiple disciplinary perspectives and undertake meaningful community engagement, and to include appropriate and robust evaluation plans for assessing activities and outcomes. To meet the multidisciplinary criterion, proposals must meaningfully integrate across both social and technological research dimensions. In this solicitation, the social dimensions reflect areas typically included in the portfolios of the NSF’s Directorates for Social, Behavior, and Economic Sciences (SBE) and Education and Human Resources (EHR), while the technological dimensions reflect disciplinary areas typically included in the portfolios of the Directorates for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) and Engineering (ENG). Proposals may also pursue integration with other disciplines as needed, including but not limited to those typically encompassed in the portfolio of the NSF’s Directorate for Geosciences (GEO). Successful proposals are also expected to include appropriate community engagement as defined further in the solicitation.
**Workshops and Conferences**

(1) **International Total Survey Error Workshop**

We would like to invite all researchers interested in the Total Survey Error paradigm to submit an abstract to the 2017 edition of the International Total Survey Error Workshop (ITSEW). Coming back to Europe after five years, the workshop will take place at the Institute for Employment Research (IAB) in Nuremberg, Germany, from Monday 12 June – Wednesday 14 June, 2017.

This workshop is aimed at statisticians, survey managers and methodologists, pollsters, public opinion researchers, and marketing research professionals focused on survey quality and the challenges of combined data products. Through presentations and exchange of information the workshop aims to support a better understanding of total survey error.

The theme of the 2017 workshop is *Total Survey Error: Combined data products from a TSE perspective*.

In addition to traditional TSE topics, we are encouraging contributions on:

- Total error frameworks for Big Data, integrated data sets and products
- “Total statistical uncertainty” frameworks for estimates derived from nonprobability samples
- Statistical disclosure limitation error
- Uses of administrative data to reduce TSE
- Methods for addressing specification errors in integrated data sets
- Illuminating the Big Data ETL process black box

If you would like to present research at the workshop, please submit an abstract to **ITSEW2017@IAB.DE** by **February 26, 2017**. Presentations on research still in progress are highly encouraged. Be prepared to share a (preliminary) paper with the organizers prior to the workshop so that all attendees can prepare for discussion.

Applicants will be notified of the acceptance of their abstracts by the end of March 2017.

Further information regarding the workshop (registration, housing, etc.) can be found at: [https://www.xing-events.com/itsew2017.html](https://www.xing-events.com/itsew2017.html)

(2) **Workshop on Quantum Computing and Its Applications in Drug Development**

A one-day workshop on Quantum Computing and its applications in drug development will take place on Thursday March 16, 2017 at George Washington University (Foggy Bottom campus), Washington, DC, immediately following ENAR 2017 Spring meeting (March 12-15, Washington Hilton, Washington, DC). The workshop is co-organized by GWU Department of Statistics, Lockheed Martin Corporation and ICON Plc. The workshop will bring together researchers in the field of statistical applications of quantum computing in health care and drug development, and will feature overview presentations on quantum computing, talks on quantum algorithms and its links with statistics, as well as case studies and round table discussions.

The National Academy of Sciences and the Royal Society invite you to participate in a live webcast on the future of machine learning. Machine learning is at the core of many applications that have become part of daily life, from voice recognition to image perception. These technologies, which a few years ago were performing at noticeably below-human levels, can now outperform people at some tasks. As the field continues to evolve, machine learning has the potential to play a transformative role across a diverse range of sectors including transportation, medicine, public services, and finance. This forum will bring together scientists from the UK and the US to explore potential applications for machine learning and discuss the legal and ethical challenges that could arise as machine learning algorithms are implemented.

The webcast will take place on January 31st from 9am-5:30pm EST and February 1st from 9am-5pm EST. To learn more about the forum, visit http://www.nasonline.org/programs/sackler-forum/sackler-forum-agenda.pdf.

(4) Statistical Perspectives of Uncertainty Quantification

Georgia Institute of Technology will host the first workshop on Statistical Perspectives of Uncertainty Quantification (SPUQ) in Atlanta, GA on May 29-30, 2017. The workshop will be held at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Convention Center. The details for registration, hotel accommodation, program, posters, and scholarships can be found in the workshop website: http://pwp.gatech.edu/spuq-2017.

Uncertainty Quantification (UQ) is an emerging topic which encompasses computational, mathematical, and statistical methods for characterizing uncertainties involved in complex models. The objectives of the workshop are to bring together diverse ideas from the statistics community on UQ and to narrow the gap between UQ research in statistics and applied mathematics.

The workshop will consist of non-parallel sessions with presentations from eminent researchers who have made fundamental contributions to the field as well as selected young researchers. The presentations will focus on both methodology and applications of UQ. A poster session will be arranged to feature the research of other participants of the workshop. A limited number of scholarships are available to support the travel of doctoral students and young researchers.

Please contact one of the organizers below if you need additional details.

- V. Roshan Joseph (roshan@gatech.edu), Co-Chair
- David Higdon (dhigdon@vbi.vt.edu), Co-Chair
- Matthew Plumlee (mplumlee@umich.edu)
- Peter Qian (peter.qian@wisc.edu)
- Benjamin Haaland (bhaaland3@gatech.edu)

(5) SAMSI ASTRO: Astrophysical Population Emulation and Uncertainty Quantification April 3-7, 2017

Apply Here:
Application Deadline is January 31, 2017

Location: This workshop will take place at SAMSI in Research Triangle Park, NC.

Description: Inference problems on astrophysical populations arise in a large variety of fields, from exoplanets to gravitational-wave astrophysics to extragalactic astronomy. The application of hierarchical Bayesian modeling to observed astrophysical populations typically requires the generation of population models. Often, the full physical model is moderately to extremely computationally expensive. Therefore, there is a need to utilize fast emulators for much of the required computations. The workshop will provide opportunities to more efficiently review the previously done work, address any challenges, and discuss future directions.

This will be a very collaborative, hands-on workshop. As such, it will be scheduled predominantly around collaborative research sessions. The daily schedule will include a one-hour morning session presenting current project status, followed by intensive discussions and joint implementation work in smaller groups. The group will reconvene in the afternoon for a progress review meeting.

Questions: email astro@samsi.info

Workshop Organizers

- Ilya Mandel, University of Birmingham
- Derek Bingham, Simon Fraser University

SAMSI Directorate Liaison: Sujit Ghosh

(6) The 14th Graybill Conference on Statistical Genetics and Genomics

Dates: June 5-7, 2017

Location: Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

Statistical genomics and genetics have been growing remarkably fast and covering more and more topics in both fields. They are now essential parts of modern biological and medical research as well as important research topics within statistics. Exposure to and understanding of the motivating problems, newly-developed models and methods, and working protocols are extremely useful for researchers in the quantitative sciences, including bioinformatics, computer science and statistics. The goal of the conference is to provide an opportunity for quantitative scientists and practitioners in the biological sciences to generate and share ideas for new creative research in statistics and genomics or genetics; to exchange knowledge on frontier statistical methodologies for problems rising from genomics and genetics; to stimulate professional networking opportunities; and to provide young researchers with exposure for their work.

The keynote speakers are

- Xihong Lin, Henry Pickering Walcott Professor of Biostatistics and the Chair of Department of Biostatistics in Harvard University.
• Kathryn Roeder, Professor of Statistics and Computational Biology, and Vice Provost for Faculty in Carnegie Mellon University.
• John Storey, Director of the Center for Statistics and Machine Learning, William R. Harman ’63 and Mary-Love Harman Professor in Genomics, and Professor in the Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics in Princeton University.

There will be invited talks by distinguished researchers, and a poster session by young researchers and graduate students. For more information, please visit the website: [http://graybill.wolpe2.natsci.colostate.edu/](http://graybill.wolpe2.natsci.colostate.edu/).

Registration is open now. Please register and submit the abstract on the website. In order to encourage the participation of graduate students and young researchers, we are currently organizing a poster session. The workshop will be providing partial travel awards to selected conference participants. Priority will be given to senior graduate students, recent Ph.D.’s, junior faculty, and under-represented groups.

### 7) 2017 NextProf Science Workshop

The University of Michigan is again hosting a workshop, NextProf Science, to encourage talented scientists, mathematicians and statisticians with a demonstrated commitment to diversity to consider academia as a career. This year’s session will be held from May 2-5, 2017. The workshop aims to help participants develop strategies that will strengthen their ability to pursue academic careers at research universities. It is targeted at those scholars ready to take the next step in their careers – postdoctoral fellows and very advanced graduate students. Underrepresented minorities and women are encouraged to apply. Travel, lodging and meals will be provided for those selected to participate. Deadline for submission of all application materials is February 15, 2017. Learn more at: [http://sites.lsa.umich.edu/nextprof-science/](http://sites.lsa.umich.edu/nextprof-science/).

Sessions over the four days will cover what universities look for in prospective faculty, how the faculty search process works, how to build successful research programs, and how to form a teaching and mentoring philosophy.

Academic leaders from around the country with experience in the challenges of research and teaching for diverse faculty will share their views and strategies for being successful in academic positions.

The workshop also includes an afternoon and evening with U-M departments and opportunities for networking with other scientists from around the country who are also early in their careers.

The workshop is funded by the University of Michigan’s College of Literature, Science and the Arts, and organized by the natural science departments in the College, with administrative support from the U-M Advance program.

This is the third year that U-M has offered this workshop. Previous participants rated the workshop highly. “I was blown away by this workshop. Lots of useful information I never would have gotten as a postdoc....,” commented one participant. “I think my favorite part was just being in a room with this diverse group of talented scientists — it is a rare experience for me!” reported another.
The workshop is part of a commitment by the University of Michigan to increase the numbers of scientists from underrepresented groups on the faculty.

Website: [http://sites.lsa.umich.edu/nextprof-science/](http://sites.lsa.umich.edu/nextprof-science/)
Facebook: [http://www.facebook.com/umnexprofscience](http://www.facebook.com/umnexprofscience)
Contact: Suzanne Tainter, 734-763-5006
Email: um-nextprof-science@umich.edu

(8) ASA Conference on Statistical Practice

CSP Makes Leaders from Practitioners

CSP's focus on applied methods and best practices uniquely prepares attendees to become effective and respected leaders in their fields. From hard skills to career tips, CSP 2017 has what you need.

Program Highlights

🌞 **Snakes and Ladders: Challenges in Forging a Career in Statistics**
Keynote Address by David Banks, Duke University

🌞 **Expressing Yourself with R**
Short course from Hadley Wickham, RStudio

🌞 **Becoming a Student of Leadership in Statistics**
Short course from Matthew Gurka, University of Florida, and Gary R. Sullivan, Eli Lilly & Company

🌞 **Interactivity with R Shiny**
Contributed session featuring Harlen Hays, Cerner Corporation, and Bogdan Alexandru Rau, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research

It doesn't have to be all work and no play, though. If you need a break from leadership, you can join the Jacksonville Walking Tour, a special experience just for CSP 2017 attendees! [Learn more and sign up here.](#)

We're excited about everything CSP 2017 has to offer, and we hope to see you there! Online registration is open until February 9.

[ONLINE PROGRAM] [REGISTER]
(1) Nominations are sought for the 2017 Gerald J. Hahn Q&P Achievement Award

This award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated outstanding and sustained achievement and leadership in developing, promoting, and successfully improving the quality and productivity of products and organizational performance using statistical concepts and methods over a period of 20 or more years.

Details can be found at the award page on the Q&P microsite. The deadline for nominations is February 28. The Hahn award winner is invited to present the Q&P plenary address at the Fall Technical Conference.

Past winners:
2016 Lynne B. Hare, Statistical Strategies
2015 William Q. Meeker, Iowa State University
2014 Michael S. Hamada, Los Alamos National Laboratory

(2) FASEB Excellence in Science Award – 2018 Season

The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) seeks nominations for its 2018 Excellence in Science Award. The award recognizes outstanding achievement by women in biological science who have accomplished scientific work of lasting impact and have contributed substantially to training the next generation of scientists.

Women who are members of one or more FASEB Member Societies are eligible for nomination. Please read all nomination instructions and criteria before submitting. Nomination forms must be submitted by 11:59 (EST) on March 1, 2017.

For questions, please contact:
Yvette R. Seger, PhD
Director of Science Policy
yseger@faseb.org

(3) Nominations for Mu Sigma Rho William D. Warde Statistics Education Award

Mu Sigma Rho invites academic institutions to nominate outstanding teaching faculty for the Mu Sigma Rho William D. Warde Statistics Education Award. The recipient must have evidence of excellence in classroom teaching in the statistics discipline and must have a lifetime devotion to statistics education. Each academic institution is allowed one nomination per year. In the event that more than one nomination is received from a single institution in a year, only the first will be considered. Any college or institution may nominate a potential recipient regardless of whether the institution has an active Mu Sigma Rho chapter. Each nomination should include (1) a cover letter, (2) the nominee’s curriculum vitae, (3) a summary of the nominee’s teaching and educational activities, (4) a draft of a citation briefly describing the nominee’s accomplishments, and (5) at least three letters supporting the nomination. At least two of these letters should come from present or former students and at least one letter should
come from a colleague of the nominee. If a nominee is not selected for the award, the nomination will remain active for three years after the initial submission, unless the institution chooses to put forward another nominee.

Nominations should be sent to Ananda Jayawardhana at ajayawardhana@pittstate.edu by February 15, 2017. Please include all nomination material in a single PDF document.

The recipient of the award will be notified on or before March 15, 2017, and will be presented a plaque during the Sunday award ceremony at JSM 2017 in Baltimore, Maryland July 29 to August 3, 2017. Questions regarding this award can be emailed to Ananda at ajayawardhana@pittstate.edu.

(4) Section on Defense and National Security Young Researcher Paper Competition

The Section for Statistics in Defense and National Security (SDNS) of the American Statistical Association is soliciting entries for a young researcher paper competition for the 2017 Joint Statistical Meetings. Each year the section offers the winning author a plaque and a travel award of $1000 to defray costs for attendance and presentation of their work at the Joint Statistical Meetings. This competition is open to all undergraduate students, graduate students, and researchers that are at most 2 years beyond their terminal degree. The author must be a member of the SDNS Section or should join the section at the time of the paper submission. The contribution may be a theoretical development or it may cover any of the numerous applications related to defense or national security. Papers that have been accepted for publication are not eligible for the competition. The winner will present her/his paper in a JSM session sponsored by SDNS.

Entrants should submit the following:

- A list of authors and contact information (the contestant must be the first author).
- A double-spaced manuscript in two versions: a regular manuscript with author information and a blinded manuscript without author information or other identifying information (such as references). Both versions should include an abstract.
- A reference letter from a faculty member familiar with the submitted work, stating the status of the applicant and the publication status of the manuscript.

Entries should be sent to Ed Melnick, Chair of the Paper Award Committee, via email at emelnick@stern.nyu.edu. The email should include the two versions of the completed manuscript as attachments in PDF format. All entries must arrive by 1 June, 2017. Please include the words "Best Paper Award" in the subject line of the email. Manuscripts will be judged based on relevance and interest of the subject matter, the quality of writing, and of course the quality of the research itself. The result will be announced before the 2017 JSM.

(1) Survey Request from a Colleague

Dear Colleague:

As you are aware, over the last decade, there has been an increased focus on the level of civility on college campuses. Recently, the Chronicle of Higher Education has conducted a series
focused on the matter and Project Civilities have been implemented within colleges and universities to combat both student and faculty civility. However, little is known on how faculty treat each other, the reporting mechanisms in place to report a violation of civil behavior, or the response of the academy to reports of those violations. We are attempting to gather this information to better understand the current faculty perceptions of civility on campus and create suggestions and recommendations for improvement of faculty experiences on campus and throughout the reporting process. Please forward this survey to any individual faculty you can think of, faculty organizations, and listservs that you can so that we can accurately measure faculty experiences.

The survey will take between 10 and 45 minutes. You may skip any questions that you prefer not to answer. No identifying information will be linked to your responses.

To complete the survey, please click on the following link or paste it into your browser: https://miamioh.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_exuMYlWCaOXXgx

Thank you for your time!

Dr. Alana Van Gundy

Associate Professor, Miami University

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(2) The word is out: “Statistician” is a great job!

Statistician is #4 on U.S. News list of The 25 Best Jobs of 2017 and #1 on both the lists of Best Business Jobs and Best STEM Jobs.

(3) Statistical Issues Seen in Non-Statistics Proposals

The ASA Committee on Funded Research has issued "Statistical Issues Seen in Non-Statistics Proposals". This is a document we encourage you to pass on to your faculty to share with their non-statistics research networks.

(4) Postdocs in Statistics: A Growing Trend

Postdocs in Statistics: A Growing Trend, NCSU postdoc Karl Pazdernik shares his perspective on postdocs with advice for those considering postdocs

(5) Recommendations to Funding Agencies for Supporting Reproducible Research

Please read and share the new ASA document, Recommendations to Funding Agencies for Supporting Reproducible Research.