

## Biostatistics Faculty Meeting

January 8, 2013

12:15-1:15 PM

### AGENDA

**Present: Faculty:** Karen Bandeen-Roche; Brian Caffo; Gwendolyn Clemens; Ciprian Crainiceanu; Marie Diener-West; Andre Hackman; Harris Joffe; Hongkai Ji; Jeff Leek; Martin Lindquist; John McGready; Roger Peng; Fernando Pineda; Chuck Rohde; Michael Rosenblum; Ingo Ruczinski; Dan Scharfstein; Elizabeth Stuart; Carol Thompson; Rick Thompson; Gayane Yenokyan; Scott Zeger; **Students/Postdocs:** Katherine Lin; **Staff:** Mary Joy Argo; Debra Moffitt; Marvin Newhouse.

**Guests:** David Celentano; Wendy Davis; Tamara Flys.

#### Announcements:

Congratulations to Anna Dent, Kasper Hansen and Margaret Taub, and PhD alumnus Nick Reich, all of whom recently welcomed new babies.

The Winter Institute is now underway.

Sherri Rose will be “visiting” the Department as a tenure-track candidate tomorrow (Wednesday, January 9).

#### Hopkins Center for AIDS Research (CFAR)

On behalf of the University’s Center for AIDS Research (CFAR), David Celentano, the director of the prevention core, distributed an [overview](#) of the recently re-funded Center (which had been on hiatus for about five years). CFAR is trying to recruit faculty (especially junior faculty) to apply for NIH awards, as the program will be evaluated based on the number of new “K” and “R” grants submitted. They also offer faculty development awards of approximately \$50,000 (given out each year in October). February 1 is the deadline for applying for their international research awards. CFAR has a number of upcoming activities that may be of interest to our department; in particular, there will be a “data fair” in April. CFAR also offers a consulting service. For more information, please contact David Celentano, Wendy Davis (Senior Manager), or Tamara Flys (Prevention Core Coordinator). Anyone interested in being added to the CFAR listserve should contact Wendy or Tamara.

#### Standing Reports:

**BIT:**

Fernando Pineda reported that progress is being made on the proposed merge with IGM.

Our storage issues have been resolved.

By spring, we are projecting that our high-performance core will likely be as large as those at Homewood.

It is still unclear how the University of Maryland/JHU computing initiative will impact us.

Tomorrow at 1 in the Genome Café, there will be a presentation from Dell about the cloud. All are welcome.

### **Graduate Program:**

Brian Caffo reported that the 2013-14 application process is underway.

Brian will soon be contacting first-year instructors regarding questions for this year's comps, to be held on Monday, June 3.

Save the date: This year's recruitment weekend for our top PhD applicants will be Friday, February 8 through Saturday, February 9.

### **Faculty Senate:**

Hongkai Ji gave an update on the December meeting. Among the topics discussed were: faculty search guidelines for increasing diversity; plans for celebrating the School's centennial (in 2016); plagiarism-detection software. More details about the plagiarism-detection software are to come; the Committee on Academic Standards is currently considering whether there should be schoolwide use of such software.

### **Students**

To facilitate social interactions, the students are planning to do once-per-term cultural mixers. The first one has already been held (in November) and a second one will be scheduled for some time in the spring.

### **Events**

Karen Bandeen-Roche passed along some news regarding our upcoming retreat. The hotel can provide us with five fewer rooms than we had last year. As a result, we're looking into nearby hotels to line up additional rooms, should we need them.

As our departmental self-study is due at the end of 2013, this year's retreat will have that as its focus.

## **Center**

Rick Thompson introduced the Center's new master's-level statistician Gwendolyn Clemens. Gwen brings extensive data management skills and will be working primarily with Andre Hackman on the Center's Data Informatics Services Core (DISC).