

## Biostatistics Faculty Meeting

March 5, 2013

12:15-1:15 PM

### AGENDA

**Present: Faculty:** Karen Bandeen-Roche; Brian Caffo; Elizabeth Colantuoni; Ciprian Crainiceanu; Marie Diener-West; Constantine Frangakis; Andre Hackman; Kasper Hansen; Harris Joffe; Hongkai Ji; Jeff Leek; Martin Lindquist; John McGready; Michael Rosenblum; Dan Scharfstein; Elizabeth Stuart; Margaret Taub; Carol Thompson; Rick Thompson; Mei-Cheng Wang; Amy Wozniak; Scott Zeger; Vadim Zipunnikov; **Students/Postdocs:** Bing He; Amanda Mejia; **Staff:** Mary Joy Argo; Debra Moffitt; Marvin Newhouse.

**Guests:** Andrea Gielen; Margaret Himelfarb.

#### Announcements:

[Guy Mahiane](#) is a newly-arrived CFAR postdoctoral fellow working with Larry Moulton. Although his office space will be in International Health, his home department is officially Biostatistics and as such, we hope to get him involved in various departmental activities/working groups.

Anna Dent is back from maternity leave.

As we did last year, the Department will be hosting a Monday night reception at ENAR. We encourage all departmental attendees to stop by.

Dan Scharfstein will soon be leaving for a recruitment visit to ISI. As we did last year, we're looking to recruit one or more ISI undergraduates to do an eight-week summer internship here. Anyone interested in hosting a summer intern should contact Karen. Our hope is that this program will sow the seeds for an increase in student applications from ISI.

#### BSPH Centennial Celebration Planning

Andrea Gielen, representing the School's Centennial Celebration Planning Committee, and Margaret Himelfarb, from the School's Health Advisory Board, gave an [overview](#) of the School's preliminary plans for its centennial celebration (for the 2015-16 academic year – ie, July 2015 through June 2016).

Representatives from alumni, faculty, students, and staff will each be divided into their own planning working groups. Anyone interested in joining one of the working groups should contact Andrea Gielen.

In conjunction with the centennial celebration, a new book on the School will be coming out; it will contain updates to Elizabeth Fee's history of the School. The centennial planning committee is also considering the idea of having 100 SPH-hosted dinners at various locations around the world.

As we begin the self-study process (our departmental self-study is due at the end of the year), it was noted that our deliberations in this area could also inform our thinking about centennial tie-ins to our department. Some possible linkages includes:

- 2015: Chuck Rohde's 50<sup>th</sup> year in the department;
- 2016: 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of GEE;
- 2017: Largest annual statistics meeting to be held in Baltimore;
- 2018: Departmental centennial.

It was also suggested that we use events developed for the International Year of Statistics as a model for our own departmental tie-ins to the centennial.

There was also enthusiasm for adapting some of the centennial materials for our own recruitment efforts.

## **Standing Reports**

### **BIT**

Marvin Newhouse reported that the new storage system has been ordered. More nodes have been added to the cluster. Our planned merger with IGM is still in the works.

### **Graduate Program**

Brian Caffo reported that to date, we have made 16 PhD offers, with 4 accepted. Of the 11 ScM offers we have made, all are still pending. Brian will be following up with individual faculty to assist in our recruitment efforts.

Brian has been in touch with first-year instructors regarding the 2013 comps. We hope to get the exam finalized within the next month.

### **Faculty Senate**

No updates since our last meeting.

### **Students**

Amanda Mejia reported that the second student-run multicultural event was a success. The students hope to continue with this event in 2013-14.

### **Events**

In Ingo Ruczinski's absence, Karen reported the focus of our upcoming retreat will be our departmental self-study, due at the end of 2013. This is in contrast to our most recent retreats, which have been less narrowly-focused.

### **Center**

Rick Thompson reported that PhD student and Center biostatistician John Muschelli recently won an award for the top abstract (out of approximately 1,200) presented at the 2013 International Stroke Conference in Hawaii.

[THE REST OF THE MEETING WAS CLOSED FOR DISCUSSION OF THE ABBEY AWARD WINNERS]