
Central Moments of Our Lives

Welcome Note from the Department Chair

I am delighted to have this opportunity to welcome our graduate students to campus for the beginning of Autumn Quarter 2007! This is always a busy and exciting time of year.

For sports fans, the football season has begun and it looks like it is going to be a good one at OSU. The baseball season is winding down--for a number of teams (unfortunately, not my Cardinals), the playoffs and World Series are on the horizon. Even basketball has made its presence felt with the revised contract for our revered Coach Matta!

Academically, things always move quickly in fall quarter. For new graduate students, I hope that you find our department hospitable and our graduate program both interesting and stimulating—and that you not only work hard in your graduate studies but that you also enjoy your time here at Ohio State. You will more than likely meet some of your very best lifelong friends while you are graduate students. Don't be bashful! Take advantage of talking with and learning from our more senior graduate students. They have a lot of useful (and probably some not so useful!) wisdom to share with you.

For those graduate students who will be completing your academic studies this year, I wish you the very best with the next step in your professional career—the real world!! :) Good

luck with finding that perfect job. We will all be proud to have you as our alumni and know that you will represent our program well as professional statisticians.

Welcome back to the non-new and non-graduating students as well. For many of you, I wish the very best on the upcoming Qualifier I, II, or MAS examinations that you have studied SOOOO hard for. It is not long now until you will have that next hurdle successfully behind you.

Autumn is a nice season in Ohio—the air turns cooler and crisper, the leaves turn their beautiful yellow, orange, and red colors, and there is lots of sunshine. Try to get outside and enjoy it while you can, because gray skies and winter are not that far away.

I hope that each and every one of you has a wonderful year in every way. Make it the very best that it can be!

Best Regards,

Doug Wolfe

P.S. Oh, I almost forgot. There is, of course, Halloween creeping in on fog-shrouded floating feline footsteps and I can only imagine what awaits you in the Peter Sprangers inspired Department Halloween party. Brr, I shiver to even think about it!!

KNOWN BIRTHDAYS:

9/19: Ted Yang celebrated his birthday.

9/23: Vyas Krishnamurthy turned one year older.

9/25: Danielle Sullivan blew out candles.

10/1: David Spade will open presents.

10/6: Jennie Williams and Nader Gemayel will celebrate their birthday along with the Buckeye's victory on that Saturday.

KNOWN HOLIDAYS:

9/22: Yom Kippur, a Jewish holiday, known in English as the Day of Atonement.

9/25: Mid-Autumn Festival, a popular Asian celebration of abundance and togetherness, also known as the Moon Festival, dating back over 3,000 years to China's Zhou Dynasty. People eat moon cake outside under the full moon. Moon cake is shaped like a full moon.

**GRADUATE STUDENT PROFILE**

Fresh grad student, Fangfang, wrote:

Hello, my name is Fangfang Sun and I am a new PhD student in STAT program. I got my bachelor degree from Fudan University, a quiet school in prosperous Shanghai.

As soon as I landed in CMH airport, I fell in love with Columbus, a clean and vigorous

city, with beautiful sunshine and friendly people. Now, I am trying best to get into my new role as a graduate student and grader for Stat427.



Fangfang in Hong Kong

Coming from a seaside city in eastern China, I am fond of fish (cooked), Fisher but not FISHING (at least now). Most often in my free time (which seems to become less and less since the quarter started), I like reading some classic novels, jogging in RPAC, or shopping for some cute stuff (you know girls...). And now I am developing my new hobby of cooking, real Chinese dishes! Wanna a try?

I have a very bad memory, but some impression could never fade from my mind, like the opening words in *Forrest Gump* said by Forrest's mama: Life is like a box of chocolate. You never know what you're gonna get. Unknown is the best reason to go ahead (especially for statisticians). I love life as well as chocolate!

2007-2008 Student Committees

Seminar Series (Dr. Wolfe; Dr. Lin)

Hyenog-tak Lee
Lira Pi
Seong Kyoung Shin
Yuan Zhang

Student Seminar

Kimberly Walters (Chair)
Dunke Zhou
Chin-Yuan Liang
Kate McFarland

Science Fair (Dr. Browne)

Jessica Kohlschmidt (Chair)
Alice Kemme
David Spade
Mattias Katzfuss
Shari Modur
Sara Conroy

Graduate Recruitment (Dr. Critchlow; Dr.

Stasny; Lisa Van Dyke)

Jeremy Christman (Chair)
Denise Kalos
Fangfang Sun
Shawn Graves
Michelle Witmer
Stephen Bamattre
Chris Sroka
Danel Draguljic
Lori Hoffman
Aliesha Keegan
Aritra Sengupta

Computer (Dr. Hsu)

She-Yu Tang
Jie Ding
Jared Schuetter
Tayler Blake
Mallik Rettiganti
Jenny Brynjarsclottir

Email Pals (Dr. Stasny; Lisa Van Dyke)

Dao-Peng Chen
Kelly Schlessman
Amber Shoecraft
Eric Minton
Lei Kang
Ted Yang
Jennifer Sinnott
Nathan Cruze
Bonnie Shook-Sa
Adam Dallas

Party (Dr. Fligner ; Paul Brower)

Siyoen Kil
Mary Hickey
Deedra Nicolet
Joanne Sklodowski
Adam Lundgren
Ashley Swert
Gang Han

Social (Dr. Fligner)

Danielle Sullivan
Gang Han
Whitney Ogren
Michael Sonksen
William Darnieder
Catherine Lucas
Jennie Williams

CMOOL

Soma Roy
Nader Gemayel
Josh Svenson
Mike Salwan
John Draper

Web Pages (Dr. Stasny; Lisa Van Dyke)

Peijun Wu
Roger Erich
Olajdei Ajayi

Student Mentors and Mentees

(note: not all continuing students who wanted to be a mentor were able to do so—thanks for all the support!)

Jacob Reidhead will be the chair for this committee and will coordinate mentor/mentee gatherings and offer support to both participants. Contact him if you have any questions.

Group Name	Mentor	Mentee
<i>Bernoulli</i>	Aliesha Keegan	Alice Kemme
<i>Beta</i>	Bonnie Shook-Sa	Amber Shoecraft
<i>Binomial</i>	Catherine Lucas	Aritra Sengupta
<i>Cauchy</i>	Chin-Yuan Liang	David Spade
<i>Chi-Squared</i>	Deedra Nicolet	Danielle Sullivan
<i>Discrete Uniform</i>	Gang Han	Dao-Peng Chen
<i>Double Exponential</i>	Jacob Reidhead	Denise Kalos
<i>Exponential</i>	Jared Schuetter	Dunke Zhou
<i>F</i>	Jeremy Christman	Eric Minton
<i>Gamma</i>	Jessica Kohlschmidt	Fangfang Sun
<i>Geometric</i>	Jie Ding	Hyenog-tak Lee
<i>Hypergeometric</i>	Joanne Sklodowski	Lira Pi
<i>Inverse Beta</i>	John Draper	Mattias Katzfuss
<i>Inverse Gamma</i>	Josh Svenson	Michelle Witmer
<i>Logistic</i>	Kimberly Walters	Olajdei Ajayi
<i>Lognormal</i>	Lei Kang	Peijun Wu
<i>Negative Binomial</i>	Lori Hoffman	Roger Erich
<i>Noncentral Chi-Squared</i>	Mallik Rettiganti	She-Yu Tang
<i>Normal</i>	Mary Hickey	Seong Kyoung Shin
<i>Pareto</i>	Michael Salwan	Siyoen Kil
<i>Poisson</i>	Michael Sonksen	Stephen Bamattre
<i>Student's t</i>	Nader Gemayel	Taylor Blake
<i>Uniform</i>	Soma Roy	Whitney Ogren
<i>Weibull</i>	William Darnieder	Yuan Zhang

Mentors: Be a good friend and contact your mentee to see if they have any questions.

Mentees: Don't wait for your mentor to contact you if you have questions.

STATCOM Volunteers

Special thanks to all those who are volunteering this year with STATCOM!

Jessica Kohlschmidt	Jingyuan Yang	William Darnieder	Michelle Witmer
Aliesha Keegan	Joanne Sklodowski	David Spade	Olajdei Ajayi
Bonnie Shook-Sa	Kimberly Walters	Danielle Sullivan	Peijun Wu
Danel Draguljic	Michael Sonksen	Dao-Peng Chen	Roger Erich
Deedra Nicolet	Nathan Cruze	Dunke Zhou	She-Yu Tang
Jacob Reidhead	Soma Roy	Fangfang Sun	Seong Kyoung Shin
Jennie Williams	Adam Lundgren	Hyenog-tak Lee	Whitney Ogren
Chris Sroka	Ashley Swert		

Intramural Sports

Badminton

Jingyuan Yang
Michelle Witmer
Peijun Wu
Seong Kyoung Shin
Whitney Ogren
Gang Han
Jeremy Christman
Lori Hoffman
Lira Pi
Jenny Brynjarsclottir
Vyas Krishnamurthy

Basketball

Eric Minton (Captain)
Gang Han
Jeremy Christman
Jennie Williams
William Darnieder
Dunke Zhou
Roger Erich
Adam Dallas
Candace Berrett
John Draper
Mary Hickey
Mike Salwan

Dodgeball

Eric Minton
Gang Han
Jennie Williams
Lori Hoffman
Jacob Reidhead
Danielle Sullivan
Taylor Blake

Flag Football

Eric Minton
Gang Han
Jennie Williams
Jacob Reidhead
Jeremy Christman
Roger Erich
Candace Berrett
Mary Hickey
Michelle Witmer
Vyas Krishnamurthy
Joanne Sklodowski
Ted Yang

Hockey

Eric Minton
Gang Han
Taylor Blake
Adam Lundgren

Racquet Ball

Gang Han
Jennie Williams
Jacob Reidhead
Vyas Krishnamurthy
Peijun Wu
Kimberly Walters
Kelly Schlessman

Soccer

Eric Minton (Captain)
Gang Han
Jennie Williams
Vyas Krishnamurthy
Taylor Blake
Candace Berrett
Joanne Sklodowski
Ted Yang
William Darnieder
Michael Salwan
Bonnie Shook-Sa
Dao-Peng Chen
Olajdei Ajayi
Aritra Sengupta
Denise Kalos
Mattias Katzfuss

Volley Ball

Mary Hickey (Captain)
Eric Minton
Gang Han
Vyas Krishnamurthy
Kelly Schlessman
Peijun Wu
Lori Hoffman
Candace Berrett
Joanne Sklodowski
Michael Salwan
Kimberly Walters
Adam Lundgren
Jeremy Christman
Danielle Sullivan
Michelle Witmer
Lira Pi

She-Yu Tang

Table Tennis

Eric Minton
Gang Han
Vyas Krishnamurthy
Ted Yang
Dao-Peng Chen
Kelly Schlessman
John Draper
Olajdei Ajayi
Aritra Sengupta
Jacob Reidhead
Peijun Wu
Jingyuan Yang
Fangfang Sun
Lei Kang

Softball

Lori Hoffman(Captain)
Eric Minton
Gang Han
Jennie Williams
Vyas Krishnamurthy
Candace Berrett
Joanne Sklodowski
Ted Yang
William Darnieder
Michael Salwan
Dao-Peng Chen
Kimberly Walters
Kelly Schlessman
Adam Lundgren
Jeremy Christman
Roger Erich
Mary Hickey
Danielle Sullivan
Adam Dallas
John Draper
Whitney Ogren
Aliesha Keegan
Catherine Lucas
Sara Conroy

Wally Ball

Mary Hickey
Gang Han
Vyas Krishnamurthy
Lori Hoffman
Michelle Witmer