

Central Moments of Our Lives

Happy Birthday

Seong Kyoung Shin 3/23

Jacob Reidhead 4/18

“Statistics” in Russian

СТАТИСТИКА

1st Statistics Camping Trip

Spring is coming!!! We are planning the 1st Statistics Camping Trip, which is temporarily scheduled during the Memorial weekend. If it is raining, the trip will be postponed to the following weekend. Please feel free to recommend camping grounds and fun activities we could do on the trip.

Please send an email to Candace (cberrett@stat.osu.edu) or Summer (yj@stat.osu.edu) to voice your ideas, thoughts and concerns.

Don't Forget the Lyrics!

It Had To Be μ

By Joe Average

With apologies to Gus Kahn and Isham Jones

It had to be μ .

It had to be μ .

I wondered around

Till I finally found

A parameter who
Could make be true,
Could make me be BLUE;
And though I look bad
If the loss becomes MAD,
I still go to μ .

Some others I've seen
Just weren't the mean.
The median I'll cross;
The mode ain't my boss;
They just wouldn't do.
With all of the rest
I feel quite formal,
But near μ
I'm almost normal.
It had to be μ ,
Wonderful μ ,
It had to be μ .

Graduate Student Profile

Hello! My name is Elizabeth Fry and I am a first year statistics PhD student. I was born and raised in Mexico City, Mexico in a bilingual and bicultural family. My father is American (born in Massilon, Ohio) and is working as a professor at a Lutheran seminary in Mexico. My mother, a native of Mexico City, was an elementary school teacher for much of her life but will soon be starting a job working for the U.S. Embassy. I also have a sixteen-year-old sister who is a junior

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in high school and wants to come to the U.S. for college, but is not sure yet where she wants to go.

I studied at Valparaiso University (Valpo, as we like to call it), a small university in northwest Indiana (about an hour from Chicago). There, I found that I was torn between my interests in mathematics and the humanities. I ended up double majoring in math and French with a minor in the humanities. There, I also met my husband Matt—we got married this past August at the Valpo chapel, which is a huge, gorgeous building with lots of stained glass windows but unfortunately has no air conditioning! Matt is from Gurnee, Illinois (north of Chicago), and currently works as a mechanical engineer at a small company just outside of Dublin.

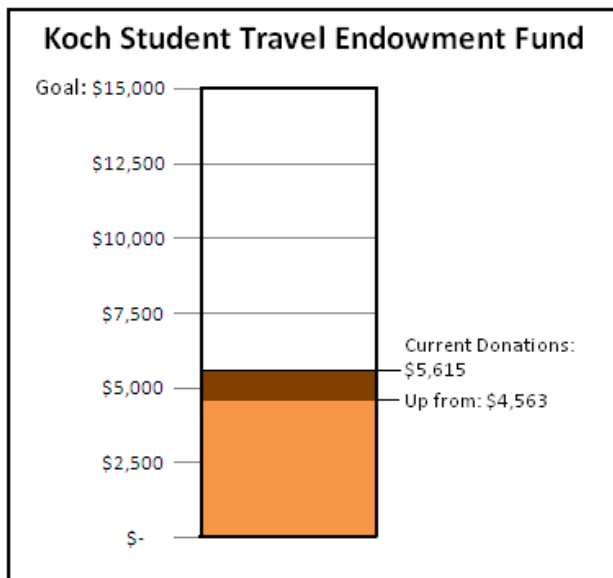
After graduating from Valparaiso in 2006, I spent a year volunteering with the Lutheran Volunteer Corps in Chicago. My position involved leading church youth groups for middle school and high school students, as well as coordinating an after-school tutoring program for elementary school students. I got to work with young people of a variety of ages and cultures. It was a wonderful experience, and I still try to visit Chicago often to visit my friends and Matt's family.

I came to OSU because I'm very interested in applied statistics, especially in the social and environmental sciences. Eventually, I would like to become a professor at a small school much like Valpo. During my spare time, you will find me working out at the RPAC, reading, crocheting, playing the guitar, or playing the flute. I also love ballroom dancing—I was actively involved in Valpo's ballroom dance team and even went to several intercollegiate dance competitions. When I am on breaks, I love to travel, whether it's to Mexico to visit my family or elsewhere on a mission or service trip. (If you read the CMOOL on January 10, you probably saw some of my pictures from the trips I took to New Orleans and Mexico!) This picture is of Matt and me in Mexico visiting the Aztec pyramids in Teotihuacan.



Koch Student Travel Endowment Fund Donations

We're nearing the end of the year and have only raised just over one third of our goal. Students, as a reminder, Dr. Stasny has promised to donate \$1 for every student that donates to the fund.



There are three ways you can donate money to this fund (for each of these, make sure to indicate that you are donating money to the Koch Fund #480697):

1. Give a check to Paul Brower made out to "The Ohio State University"
2. Send a check to:

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Columbus, OH 43221

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