

❧ *Central Moments of Our Lives* ❧

🎁 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** 🎂

1/30 Siyoen Kil

2/25 Adam Dallas

2/27 AritraSengupta

“STATISTICS” IN DIFFERENT LANGAGES

“Statistics” in Greek

Στατιστικά

GRADUATE STUENT PROFILES:

Vyas Krishnamurthy's greeting to everyone:

My name is Vyas Krishnamurthy and I'm a first year MAS student. I'm a part-time student in the department and I have been working full-time as a Statistical Analyst with Office of the University Registrar since 2005. My primary responsibilities include preparing and processing of SEI (Student Evaluation of Instruction) data each quarter, and this includes both forms of SEI data collection – online and paper. I earlier

worked in Office of Undergraduate Admissions.



I was born and brought up in Chennai, India; Chennai (formerly Madras) is located in southern part of India and is the 4th biggest city in India and still growing a rapid pace thanks to software industry that has inundated the city and the booming middle class. I did my undergrad in Electrical Engineering from Pondicherry University; Pondicherry located 100 miles south of Chennai was the only French colony in India (rest of India being British colony) and the city of Pondicherry has managed to retain its French flavor (with French street names, building names etc.). I also have a Masters in Electrical Engineering from University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

My hobbies include coin collection, sports, traveling and adventure sports, listening to music, watching TV &

movies etc. I'm an avid coin collector (for the past 15 yrs) and have coins from around 80 countries (and increasing). Some of my favorite ones are the coins from North Korea (very tough to get!!), East Germany (before the unification) and countries from Africa. I'm always available to talk about coins and my collection has helped me to study and understand various cultures. I play and follow lots of sports when I'm free and favorite ones include racquetball, squash, baddie, soccer (diehard fan of European soccer) etc. I listen to all types of music and currently hooked on Hip-Hop/Rap. I love traveling and my latest travel was to New Orleans for the National Championship game (as always Go Bucks!!). I have visited lots of places around US and Canada, and some of the best places that I have been to include Yellowstone, Grand Canyon and scenic drives in New England.

Dao-Peng Chen wrote:

Hello everyone, my name is Dao-Peng Chen, a first year PhD student. I come from Taiwan, which is an island in the west Pacific Ocean. I got my bachelor's degree in department of statistics, national Chengchi University and master's degree in Institute of Statistics, national Tsing Hua University, and both schools are in Taiwan. After finishing my military service (almost every young male need to take military service in

Taiwan), I worked as a research assistant in an academic institute for one year to prepare studying abroad.

In my spare time I like playing ping-pong, running and swimming. I also like watching baseball game (hope Cleveland Indians can get WS champion this year!) In addition, studying astronomy, recognizing constellations, watching movies and reading novels are my hobbies.



Matthias Katzfuß told us:

Hello, my name is Matthias Katzfuß, and I am a first year Ph.D. student.

As you probably already know or might have at least guessed from my name, I am from Germany. I grew up in a really small town called Winterhausen, which

is across the Main River from another really small town called Sommerhausen (no joke), in northern Bavaria. My undergraduate work I did in the beautiful city of Munich, which is best known throughout the US for its beer (Hofbräu, Löwenbräu, Augustiner, Paulaner, Spaten ...), its beer gardens, its beer halls (most notably the “Hofbräuhaus”) and its massive beer drinking fair, the “Oktoberfest”. But despite of having lived in Bavaria almost all my life, I would like to stress that I do not possess any “Lederhosen,” and neither do most other Germans.

Also, this is probably the perfect opportunity to make it clear once and for all that the rumor of me holding a Master’s degree already is simply untrue.

So far, I am having a very good time here at OSU. This quarter I am working as a lecturer for Stat135, which I am enjoying a lot. The best part of it is that I do not have to grade any homework or labs anymore. And anybody who has ever worked as a Stat135 Lab TA will know what I am talking about. A very recent collection of feedback in my lecture showed that two of my students feel I have bad pronunciation, at least one student thinks I am nice to look at, and about ten students would like me to be “more fun like Peter.”

When I am not doing work for my classes or preparing for lectures, I enjoy music, sports (running, weights, soccer ...), reading news magazines, and going out with my friends. During times off I love to travel all over the world. What often surprises me is that I have even seen more of the United States than have most of the Americans I meet.

The picture is of me on a windsurfing vacation at Lago di Garda, Italy.

