
Central Moments of Our Lives

A CALL TO ACTION

The CMOOL Finale for school year 2007 (week 10, spring quarter) will feature the departmental awards for best _____. CMOOLIES can be self-nominated or peer-nominated. Faculty and students and staff can win or nominate. Nominations must be in good taste to be published in CMOOL. Examples: Jeremy Christman for “Best Facial Hair” or Mallik Rettiganti for “Best Pelican Featured in a Photograph in CMOOL”. Email Joe or Soma!!

**FACULTY TEACHING
NOMINATIONS DUE MAY 4**

Please put them in Joe’s or Soma’s mailboxes

KNOWN BIRTHDAYS

Joe Hutchings and Marian Frazier and Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson celebrate on May 2!

**NON-STATISTICAL WORD OF THE
WEEK USED IN A STATISTICAL
SETTING**

argot \AHR-go; -gut\, *noun*:

1. A specialized and often secret vocabulary and idiom peculiar to a particular group.
2. A secret language or conventional slang peculiar to thieves, tramps, and vagabonds.

In the argot of the statisticians, normal is not just another word for usual.

FACULTY PROFILES**Dr. Yoon Lee...**

This is not the first time for me to be featured in CMOOL. It may sound bizarre, but my eyes appeared previously without my permission!

In the spirit of 'you are what you like,' here are some of my favorite things other than statistics. I like traveling when I have spare time. The picture was taken during my trip a couple of years ago. Mario would recognize the place immediately. It was great to see beautiful buildings, get completely lost in a maze of alleys and canals, and experience the refreshing taste of gelato. My recent travel to Mexico last January was also memorable. Thanks to a few glasses of margarita, I danced with a famous machine learning theorist to Latin music without being too self-conscious.

When I am in town, I love spending time at the Wexner center watching art flicks or some performances in weekend nights. For some mundane fun, I enjoy strolling in the park, playing tennis, and bicycling around. When the weather is nice, you may often see me walking back home along Neil avenue, listening to music or an audio book, peeking into someone's garden, at times pondering upon some research ideas. Nowadays, I

enjoy very much watching political satire shows with my husband, a sociologist who does not like statistics in general, but seems to get along very well with a statistician.

Biography of **Dr. Thomas Santner** (as written by his wife Gail Santner).

“A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P-Value!!!”



Tom was born the first of five children; birth order probably (but no P-value given) plays a roll in who he is. Although born in St. Louis, home to many brewmeisters including his grandfather, Tom grew up mainly in Cincinnati. He met his wife in ALGOL class at the University of Dayton; who knew that this ancient programming language could spawn a romance leading to marriage and four children?? Tom deepened both his Midwestern connections and his interest in Statistics by studying at Purdue under Shanti Gupta. During this era of the Vietnam War, the Army eagerly awaited Tom’s services so that after completing his dissertation he spent three sweaty months in the Signal Corps at Fort Gordon, Georgia. His professional career has found him pursuing discrete data, experimental design, and other significant statistics at various universities and research institutions.

Tom’s hobbies tend to emphasize technical skills like digital photography and video creation. His entire family is delighted with his hobbies often borrowing cameras, software, and knowledge to complete their own projects. Thanks to Tom’s avocation, family memories and stories are only a click away on the nearest computer.

Tom does not, however spend all his time at one with his computer. He loves hiking and especially enjoys wandering about Ohio’s Hocking Hills. As a youngster he spent countless hours in the woods behind his house excavating caves or swinging on vines. Although it has been a few years since he has engaged in such activities, he still likes to lace up his hiking boots and tramp over hill and dale.

GRADUATE STUDENT PROFILE

Shari, Ashwin, and Charles float on...



Hi Folks! For those of you who don’t know me, my name is Sharada (Shari) Modur. You may recognize me as the girl who visits the coffee machine every hour on the hour. I am a fourth year PhD student working on my research. I was born in India but I have lived in Ohio since I was five—hence the strong Midwestern accent. I went to OSU

for my undergraduate degree in Mathematics. I then headed for the East Coast where I got a Master's degree in Statistics and gained some work experience. While there, I met my husband, Ashwin, a physician specializing in Infectious Diseases.

My hobbies include fretting about my research, reading historical novels (one of my favorite books is "I, Claudius" by Robert Graves), and traveling with my husband. We have been to Europe, Central America,

and of course, parts of South Asia. We hope to make it to Africa and the Far East soon! To take some of the edge off of graduate school, I am actively involved with Indian classical dance which I have trained in for the last 18 years. Our group recently had the honor of performing at Governor Strickland's inauguration. In case the statistics gig doesn't pan out, I have my safety net! I also enjoy hiking, solving crossword puzzles, and playing Scrabble. If anyone is up for a game, visit me in Cockins 304A .



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