Statistics Certificate Weekly Newsletter 11.9.23

Advising Assistance: Email statcert@stat.wisc.edu for quick questions. Stop by Zoom office hours every Thursday from 1-2pm. Make a Starfish advising appointment with Plia. SuccessWorks Pop-Up Career Advising are every Wednesday from 1-4 PM at Medical Sciences Center room 1217C. Click here for more information!

Advising Tip of the Week

Enrollment Reminders
Here are some quick tips and reminders as enrollment season approaches.

- Review our enrollment newsletter (attached)
- Check for your enrollment appointment time in your MyUW Student Center (and @wisc.edu email inbox).
- Check and clear any holds on your student account (directions here)
- Check our enrollment assistance page in the canvas course. If you are still encountering enrollment issues, email me directly statcert@stat.wisc.edu or consult the Statistics department enrollment FAQ's.

Highlights of the Week

MS Data Science Information Session
Register for Tue, Nov 14 at 4 PM HERE / Register for Wed, Nov 15 at 8 AM HERE
The Department of Statistics is hosting a virtual information sessions for the MS Data Science program. Students are encouraged to register and attend to learn more about our program! The fall 2024 application deadline is March 15, 2024.
Statistics Department Fall Reception
Fri, Dec 15 / 1-3 PM / Service Memorial Institute (SMI) Room 133 / RSVP by Nov 30
December 2023 graduates are invited to attend the Statistics Department Fall Reception. We will have one reception for both undergraduate and graduate students. Faculty and staff are welcome to attend the reception. Food and beverages will also be provided.

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Academics & Learning Support
FREE drop-in tutoring support!
1. Statistics Learning Center (SLC) for introductory statistics courses
2. Computer Science Learning Center (CSLC) for introductory computer programming courses
3. Math Learning Center (MLC) for math department courses
4. Greater University Tutoring Service (GUTS) is a student-run tutoring service available for all students
5. University Tutoring and Learning Support Services
6. Academic Coaching and Tutoring Services (ACTS) for students in the DDEEA scholarship and service programs
7. UW-Madison Writing Center Schedule a meeting here https://wisc.mywconline.com/ or chat with us.
Vanderbilt Biostatistics Programs
Information Session
Thu, Nov 9 / 6 PM / Register for the Zoom session here / Applications due January 15
Vanderbilt University's Graduate Program is hosting an information session for prospective MS and PhD students. Individuals attending "Improving the Odds: Optimizing Your Vanderbilt Biostatistics Application" will hear directly from our directors of graduate studies and recruitment about what they look for in applications, life in Nashville, student successes, and more. Our vice chair of education will also be present.

June 16-19 / Nashville, Tennessee / Proposals due December 15 / Click here for more information
We welcome invited session and short course proposals from all researchers without regard to race, creed, color, sex or nationality. We also look forward to reviewing submissions to the student paper competition, which will be open through April 1.

Scholarships
Undergraduate Writing Fellows Scholarship
Due March 15, 2024 / Apply on WiSH
Learn more on our website or attend an info session / Questions? Contact jrasmussen8@wisc.edu
Writing Fellows are a diverse group of highly motivated undergraduate students from all majors (not just English) who participate in a peer tutoring program that places undergraduates in positions of intellectual leadership. As a Fellow, you would work closely with professors to improve student writing in carefully selected classes. Through this position, you would have the opportunity to serve as a role model for other students on campus, gain invaluable experience as a reader and writer, conduct and present original research, and receive a scholarship of $1100 per semester.

Undergraduate Research Opportunities
Research Bazaar Proposals
Feb 7-8 / Discovery Building / Proposals due Nov 10
The UW-Madison Research Bazaar seeks submissions for lightning talks, posters, interactive discussions, workshops, and an art meets science exhibit for the 5th annual event. With an overarching theme of Data in Action, the Research Bazaar encourages cross-pollination of ideas among researchers, data scientists, entrepreneurs, and community members, including students.

We welcome submissions from all fields and levels of expertise. Some examples of areas where we are interested in presentations about data in action include:

- Education practice and policy
- Agriculture and the environment
- Health, wellness, and health care
- Equity, diversity, and inclusion; law and ethics
- Open science and open source code
- Cities, communities, and government
- Digital humanities
- Fundamental and applied research
- And more!
We especially welcome submissions that highlight the work of individuals from historically excluded groups and/or address ongoing societal inequities.

**Student Involvement & Campus Events**

**dotData Machine Learning Workshop**

Tue, Nov 14 / 6 PM / Computer Sciences 1240

Join data expert Larry Tan for an introduction to Machine Learning and its various uses! Food will be provided.

**Department of Statistics T-Shirt Design Competition**

Competition ends Dec 21

The Statistics Graduate Student Association (SGSA), in collaboration with the Undergraduate Statistics Club, has announced a T-shirt design competition. The purpose is to solicit possible designs that would be featured on T-shirts (and possibly sweaters) that will be for sale in the coming spring to members of the Department of Statistics. We plan to select one design and award the creator a total of $100 and it can be in your resume!

Designs can span the entire T-shirt or be a logo. These files can be sent to rtaing@wisc.edu (CC hlee885@wisc.edu) for consideration. The winning design will be chosen by a joint committee from members of both SGSA and the Undergraduate Statistics Club. Since we intend on reproducing the winning design for T-shirts, the winner will have to forfeit all copyright of their work in exchange for the award.

We believe this is a great opportunity for everyone to showcase their creative and artistic abilities. Please email Roddy (rtaing@wisc.edu) or Jin (hlee885@wisc.edu) with any questions.

**Expanded Counseling Access Through Uwill**

UHS Mental Health Services has partnered with Uwill to expand access to no-cost, virtual counseling for all students. This additional counseling option offers students greater flexibility and allows MHS to increase its service capacity. Every currently enrolled UW-Madison student immediately has access to three 30-minute sessions with a Uwill counselor simply by registering an account with their wisc.edu email address. Students can get in quickly to see a counselor, with appointments typically available within 24 hours.

Because Uwill teletherapy may not be appropriate for all presenting concerns, please contact MHS if you or your students have any questions. Our team can help determine if Uwill is a good fit. Regardless of enrollment status or where you are physically located, the MHS crisis line is always available at 608-265-5600 option 9. When MHS is open, an on-call counselor is available for in person or telephone support.

**PALS Volunteer Opportunity**
PALS Programs is a national nonprofit hosting week-long overnight summer camp programs on college and university campuses across the country. Their programs pair Partners with Down syndrome 1-1 with Peer volunteers without Down syndrome, who share a dorm room together throughout the week and participate in a variety of on- and off-campus activities.

They are recruiting Peer participants age 15+ to earn up to 100 hours of volunteer service in a week with them and there is no cost to be a peer volunteer! PALS host camps nationally with camps located in Chicago and Cleveland! Peers take their PALS experience with them in their personal and professional lives, often joining us for many summers.