

Bill Sudderth

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Bill Sudderth Retirement Party

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After more than forty years Bill Sudderth retired from the School of Statistics in May 2012. Bill first came to the Statistics Department (later the School of Statistics) at the U of M in the summer of 1968 to teach at an NSF summer program for college teachers. He returned as an assistant professor in the fall of 1969 and remained at the U of M until his retirement in 2012 - except for sabbaticals, single quarter leaves, and a few visiting positions.

Past & Present

Bill was an outlier in the statistics department in that most of his research was purely mathematical in the general areas of probability, stochastic control, and game theory. However, he did some work on the foundations of probability and statistics - most of it in collaboration with David Heath, David Lane, and Joe Eaton.

Of Bill's eleven PhD students, eight are now professors at universities. The others work in the private sector.

Like Joe Eaton, Bill plans to continue to do some research and will no doubt be seen at the university rec center trying to stay fit. (As Glen Meeden says: We know we are going downhill, but we try to keep the derivative as close to zero as possible.)

Retirement Party Photos, May 2012

On May 5th Glen Meeden and his wife Nancy hosted a party in his honor at their home. Here are some pictures taken during the party. Photos by Tiefeng Jiang.



Maurizio Tiso and Glen Meeden



Galin Jones, Hui Zou, Yuhong Yang and
Xiaotong Shen



Stuart Klugman, Barbara Bennie,
and Bill Sudderth



Adam Rothman and wife Dawn



Elena and Piercesare Secchi and Nancy
Meeden the hostess



Dennis Cook and wife Jami and Anne Geisser with
Frank Martin in back and a bit of Kit Bingham's head



Bill Sudderth and Snigdhansu Chatterjee and
wife Baishali



Yuhong Yang and wife Julie



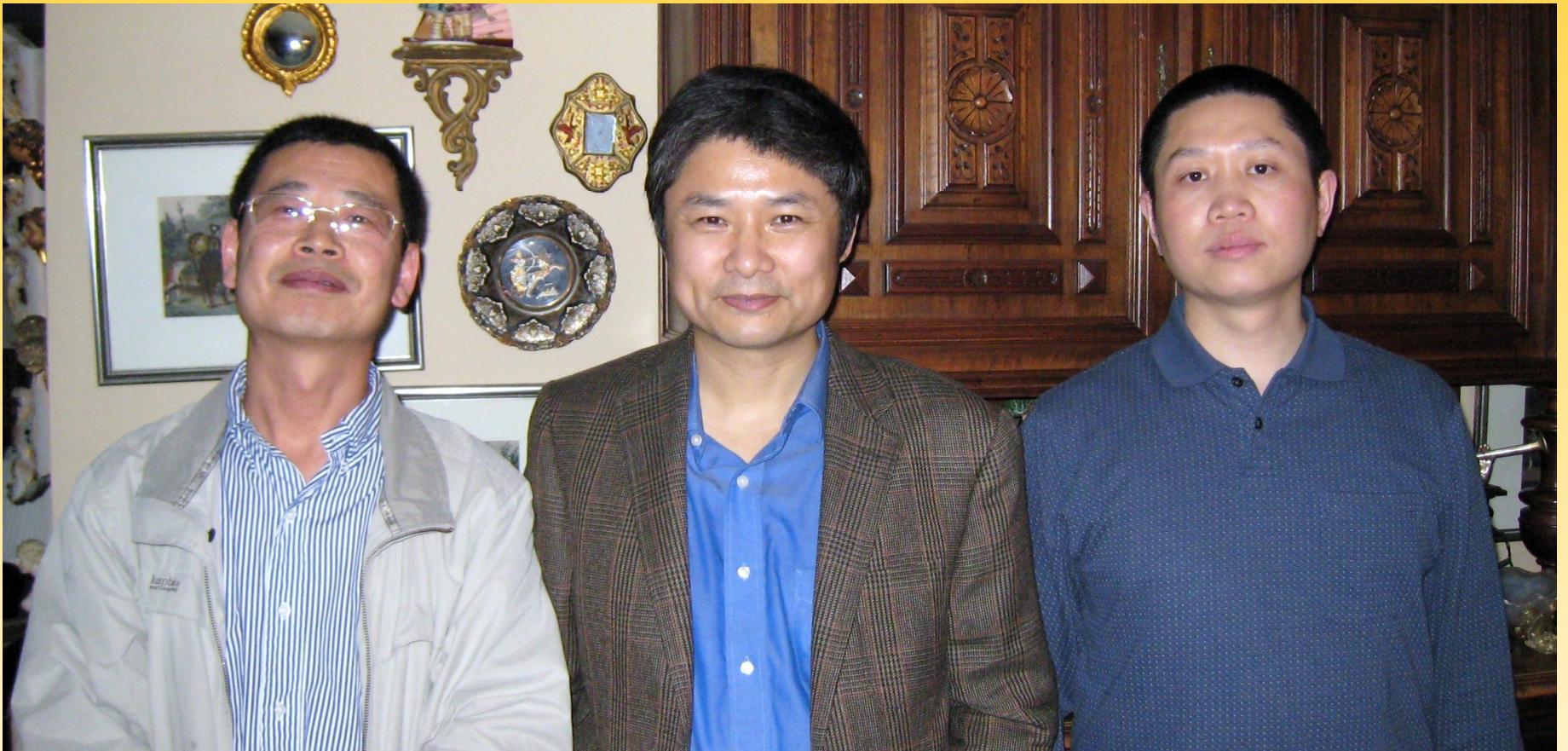
Dennis Cook and wife and Bill Sudderth



Charlie Geyer, Gary Oehlert, Barbara Bennie
and husband and Stuart Klugman



names on request



Tiefeng Jiang, Peihua Qui and Hui Zhou



Xiaotong Shen and Charlie Geyer