A special thanks to our host committee:

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SCHOOL OF STATISTICS REUNION
MAY 13-14, 2011
RSVP by May 1! cla.umn.edu/rsvp/reunion
The School of Statistics is celebrating its 40th anniversary at the University of Minnesota May 13 and 14, 2011, with a reunion for all bachelor, master, and doctoral alumni.

Please join us!

EVENT SCHEDULE

The cost for the reunion—including Friday’s reception, three meals, and Saturday evening’s celebration—is $50 per person. Please feel free to bring a guest on Friday and Saturday evenings; the additional cost is $25.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Reception at the Depot Hotel in downtown Minneapolis

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Daytime - at the new TCF Bank Stadium on campus

9:00 a.m.   Continental breakfast and registration

9:30 a.m.   Welcome from Glen Meeden, Director of the School of Statistics

1:15 – 3:30 p.m. Breakout sessions – choose two

Noon   Lunch with alumni, faculty, and graduate students

1:15 – 3:30 p.m. Breakout sessions – choose two

3:30 p.m.   Open
  • Take a guided tour of TCF Bank Stadium
  • Explore campus with a Statistics faculty tour guide – Ford Hall, Coffman Memorial Union, “The Mall,” McNamera Alumni Center
  • Shop at the University of Minnesota bookstore in Coffman Memorial Union
  • Return to downtown Minneapolis and walk over the Stone Arch Bridge and stroll along the Mississippi River waterfront, explore the new Guthrie Theater or Mill City Museum, enjoy a coffee or glass of wine at the many cafés and wine bars in the area

Evening - at the Depot Hotel

6:30 p.m.   Cocktail hour and graduate student poster session

7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dinner and Program: “Reflections on 40 years (or, in my case, 39 years)” by Professor Sanford Weisberg

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Register online at cla.umn.edu/rsvp/reunion or contact Jane Sell at 612-625-9861 or jane@stat.umn.edu. Visit www.stat.umn.edu for further details, including information about nearest parking facilities and disability access. If you have additional questions, please contact Jane.

Hotel Reservations

For your convenience, a block of rooms is being held until April 20 at The Depot Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel (www.TheDepotMinneapolis.com). To make a reservation, call 1-866-211-4611 and request the School of Statistics 40th Reunion room block rate of $119/night.

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Ed Bedrick, Professor, Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center: “Bayesian Methods in Ecology: Using Stable Isotopes to Infer Animal Diet” and Wes Johnson, University of California, Irvine: “A Framework for the Joint Modeling of Longitudinal Diagnostic Outcome Data and Latent Infection Status: Application to Assessing the Temporal Relationship Between Infection and Disease”

Francesca Chiaromente, Professor, Pennsylvania State University, Center for Comparative Genomics and Bioinformatics: “A Statistician’s Travels in Omics-land”


Stephen Eick, President, VisTracks, and serial entrepreneur - Visual Insights, SSS Research, Visintuit, thincSoft, VisTracks: “How to be a Statistical Entrepreneur in a Data Rich Environment”

Denise Harbert, Senior Analyst / Statistician, Bridgestone Credit Division (Ohio): “We’re Not in College Anymore: Statistics Lessons I Learned the Hard Way in the Business World that I Never Learned in the Academic World”

Joseph G. Ibrahim, Alumni Distinguished Professor of Biostatistics, Department of Biostatistics, University of North Carolina: “Bayesian Local Influence and its Applications”

Lynn Lin, CEO, Lynn Y.S. Consulting Firm, and founder of Bases International (Ohio): “Simple Statistics, Significant and Profitable Marketing Results”

Lukas Makris, President, Stathmi, and founder of BioCor (Pennsylvania): “Statistical Consulting in Clinical Drug Development: from a Sole Proprietorship to a Business”

Robert McCulloch, Professor of Statistics, McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin: “Choleski Multivariate Stochastic Volatility”

Steven MacEachern, Professor of Statistics, Ohio State University

Bret Musser, Director, Clinical Biostatistics at Merck (New York); John Quiring, CEO, OST Consultations (Michigan); Jeremy Strief, Principal Statistician, Boston Scientific (Minnesota): Panel presentation from the medical device/pharmaceutical industries

Rich Scamehorn, Co-founder and Chief Research Officer, In Context Solutions (Minnesota): “Deviations from the Normal Path: An Entrepreneurial Adventure with Virtual Reality Simulation”

Daniel Thorpe, Senior Director for Advanced Analytics in Insights and Innovation, Sam’s Club (Arkansas): “Beyond Data Mining: Art, Craft and Science Coming Together”

The complete program will be posted at www.stat.umn.edu