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Title: UBC/SFU Joint Statistical Seminar
Event Type: Lecture-Seminar-Series

Location:
SFU Vancouver Campus, Harbour Centre Room 7000

Dates:
October 24, 2015

Topic:
Graduate research in applied statistics, networking, and career advice for graduate students.

Methodology:
A combination of 25 minute student talks and a 45 minute faculty talk, as well as dedicated, focused networking time

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Objectives Achieved:
The main goals of this meeting are for graduate students to share their research to others in their respective departments and to foster positive relations between the students at the two schools through networking. Both these goals were met quite well and generally positive feedback was received.

Organizers:
Grosskopf, Michael, Statistics and Actuarial Science, SFU
 Leung, Andy, Statistics, UBC
 Chang, Bo, Statistics, UBC

Speakers:
Will Ruth, Statistics and Actuarial Science, SFU, The Effect of Heteroscedasticity on Regression Trees

 David Lee, Statistics, UBC Parsimonious Models for Multivariate Extremes

 Liangliang Wang, Statistics and Actuarial Science, SFU, Essentials for Success in Graduate Training

 David Kepplinger, Statistics, UBC, Robust Regularized Covariance Estimation with Application to Linear Discriminant Analysis

Michael Grosskopf, Statistics and Actuarial Science, SFU, Model Emulation and Calibration in Radiation Transport Experiments

Abstracts will not fit in here well, please see them on the event website listed below

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Links:
Event website: http://www.sfu.ca/~mgrossko/JointSeminar.html

Comments / Miscellaneous:
The event was a great success this year. The focus on additional networking was greatly appreciated by attendees. We added a short "trivia" game at the end of the event based on information about students from the other university - their research, their academic backgrounds, etc. The students were informed of this and given some time to mingle and learn about one another, talk about research, and generally network. I received a good deal of positive feedback about this and its effectiveness toward the goals of the event.