

Special January Luncheon – Your Chapter and You – Tuesday January 24, 2006

As a Chicago ASA Chapter member, you already know that we are one of the largest and most active Chapters in the ASA. Among the many activities our Chapter annual sponsors, we count

- Two major awards, given annually to globally recognized developers of and advocates for statistical methods
- 6-9 monthly luncheons
- Full day workshops and conferences
- Live evaluations and discussions of the newest software
- Career development forums

This wide range of activities has helped us maintain the second largest Chapter membership in the U.S., a stable membership base and financial situation, and we remain on a growth path. We're happy that our active board members have been able to support these Chapter activities.

But we want to make it even better. We want to make sure we are serving our members' needs by both better targeting activities and expanding the number of activities we offer even further. Additionally, need to know which of you would like to help us support activities either by contributing to a specific activity or by becoming a Board member in the future.

We will devote our general membership lunch this January as a time to start addressing these issues. This is a must-attend event if you want to

- Learn how the Chapter Board operates
- Hear about what we will be doing in the remainder of the year
- Learn how you can help us with in workshops, conferences, luncheons, awards programs, publicity and the Chapter website
- Let us know how we can better serve you, and your personal interests
- Help us learn how you'd like to contribute to the chapter next year

We'll start with a brief overview of what we learned from our recent Chapter membership survey regarding topics of interest and where / how our members prefer to get together. Next we will proceed through some Chapter business with regard to upcoming events and activities. In this working session, you'll be able to give direct suggestions to the board regarding each of the major activity areas and – we hope – also nominate yourself as a contributor. To wrap up, we'll ensure we save enough time for networking, during which you can meet other attendees, network and – if you like – volunteer to help us out this year and next.

The luncheon will be held at the **East Bank Club**, 500 N. Kingsbury, Chicago on **Tuesday January 24, 2006**. Registration begins at approximately 11:45 AM, with lunch from Noon – 1:30 PM.

Cost will be \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members [who are welcome, especially if you want to become an active member]. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

Please make reservations by Saturday January 21 with Steve Maguire at 847-286-0453 or via e-mail to smagui3@sears.com if you would like to attend. Please include your name and telephone number in all messages. If you need to cancel, please cancel by Saturday January 21 as the Chapter is liable for ordered lunches; consequently no-shows must be billed. While this is not our traditional "content" based luncheon, the Lucille Derrick fund will purchase lunch for a limited number of full time students.

Midwest Biopharmaceutical Statistics Workshop (MBSW) May 22-24, 2006

The **Twenty-Ninth Annual Midwest Biopharmaceutical Statistics Workshop (MBSW)** will be held on the campus of Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana from **May 22-24, 2006**. The workshop is co-sponsored by Ball State University and the Biopharmaceutical Section of ASA. A ½-day short course will be taught by Brenda Gillespie (University of Michigan) on Survival Analysis Using Cox Regression. The plenary speaker will be Raymond Carroll (Texas A&M) on Genetic Epidemiology.

Invited talks will be presented in three parallel tracks: Clinical, Discovery, and Safety. **Clinical** will focus on multiple testing, time-to-event analysis, and efficacy accounting for post-randomization. **Discovery** will focus on assay validation and optimization, high throughput screening of drug candidates, and statistical issues in combination drug discovery. **Safety** will focus on safety in discovery, issues in traditional drug safety studies, and safety in post marketing. There will also be a contributed **Poster Session**. Poster abstracts must be submitted by April 28, 2006. Students may submit posters for the Charlie Sampson Award.

For more information: A preliminary program, registration form, and other information are located at www.mbswonline.com. Or, contact the Publicity Chair Melvin Munsaka, Takeda Global Research & Development Center, Inc., email mmunsaka@tgrd.com, phone (847) 383-7390.

Save This Date: May 5, 2006

The American Statistical Association Chicago Chapter's Spring Conference will be held on Friday May 5, 2006. The topic will be **Cost-Benefit Analysis**. For more information, please contact Lou Fogg by email at Louis_Fogg@rush.edu.

Position Available — ACNielsen

Position Title: Statistical Analyst

Job Location: Schaumburg, IL

Company Description:

ACNielsen, founded in 1923, is recognized as the Global consumer expert driving Marketing and Media effectiveness. Our extensive marketing information services, insight expertise and advanced technology helps more than 9,000 organizations make informed business decisions. ACNielsen is a true client partner whose Core Purpose is to contribute to the success of their world-renowned brands by understanding, identifying and capturing new markets and product niche insights. At the heart of our progressive company lie our associates, who embody our Core Values of Integrity, Honesty and Excellence.

The ACNielsen team is comprised of creative, bright and self-motivated individuals whose collective energy and contributions are matched only by the strength and consistency of our leadership. To help associates maximize their career potential, we've cultivated a flexible culture that embraces their innovativeness, diversity and career development. For more information, please visit our website at www.acnielsen.com. An equal opportunity employer, we value the diversity of our work force.

Job Description:

This position is located in our Schaumburg, IL office. The successful candidate will be responsible for the accurate and timely derivation of ethnic factors and all controls related to an ethnic product called Target Track II. The candidate will assist in ongoing maintenance of Target Track II methodology and develop improved process efficiencies.

Qualified Candidates Should Possess Skills in the Following Areas:

SAS, Excel, Unix, statistical methods such as regression and analysis of variance, Power Point and Word secondary, good communication skills, attention to detail, self-motivated

Functional Area: Operations

Employment Type: Full Time - Regular

Education Required: Masters Degree

Experience Required: None

Relocation Provided: No

Application Method:

For immediate consideration, forward resume and cover letter on-line via our employment website, <http://us.acnielsen.com/careers/>, Job ID 3847.

Position Opening

Senior Research Statistician

**Center on Outcomes, Research and Education (CORE)
Evanston Northwestern Healthcare
1001 University Place, Suite 100
Evanston, IL 60201**

Description: The Center on Outcomes, Research and Education (CORE) is dedicated to advancing outcomes management and research in a multidisciplinary clinical setting. The statistician will provide professional research support for health services research, disease management initiatives and clinical trials.

Responsibilities:

- Provide statistical and methodological expertise in the design, implementation, analysis and interpretation of scientific research studies, including design and preparation of grant proposals
- Perform statistical analyses requiring considerable use of independent judgement in determining the appropriate procedures to be used and in interpretation of results
- Develop educational seminars on research and statistical methods

Qualifications:

- Advanced degree (masters or doctorate) in a relevant field
- Minimum four years experience in applied research, including study design, implementation and analysis, preferably in health services research

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Comprehensive knowledge of research design issues, including power calculations
- Expertise in statistical analysis methods, including models for longitudinal data
- Ability to communicate effectively with healthcare providers, scientists, industry representatives, research support staff and international researchers
- Skill in written communication appropriate to grant-writing and presenting scientific findings and concepts to professional audiences

*Please contact Elizabeth Hahn for more information
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Hiring FT or PT Statistician/ Programmer

Lansky Consulting, LLC, a small but established statistical consulting company with a focus on biological assay for pharmaceutical and biotechnology products, is looking for people to work full or part-time to work in our office in downtown Burlington VT. The job would involve a mixture of consulting and grant funded research.

We are looking for:

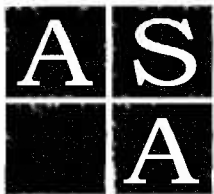
Experience with S+ or R,
Familiarity with Mixed Models,
Linear Models and Nonlinear Models,
At least a Masters in Statistics and related experience
Strong oral and writing skills.

Other desirable qualities include: a biological background, knowledge of Bioassay, a minor in computer science, familiarity with Linux, consulting experience, software development experience, and knowledge of other programming languages. Anyone who would like more information about the company is encouraged to visit our web site, www.lanskyconsulting.com, or reply to this email. The website has instructions for applicants; just follow the link on the homepage: 'Job Opening'.

Upcoming Chicago ASA Events

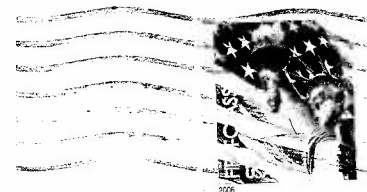
Next month's Chicago ASA luncheon will be held on **February 28, 2006** at the East Bank Club. The speaker will be Karim Pakravan of J. P. Morgan and his topic will be "Why Has Globalization Bypassed the Middle East?"

The ASA Chicago Chapter plans a 1-day short course on logistic regression to be presented by David Hosmer, co-author with Stanley Lemeshow of a well-regarded text on logistic regression. The date for the course is **March 31, 2006**.



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