

ASRM Newsletter – 2006-2007

A newsletter of the University of Northern Colorado Program of Applied Statistics and Research Methods



Program Graduates

Congratulations to our recent graduates!

December 2006

M.S.: Nicholas Garcia, Yaw Baiden, Felicity Holloway, Kirk Ketelsen, Nathan Mutz, Eric Teman

Ph.D.: Eric Heiny, John Coleman

May 2007

M.S.: Ken Schlessinger, Lindsay Stelmach, Robert Choate

August 2007

M.S.: Benjamin Overholt

Ph.D.: Cheryl Fagerberg, Michelle Roozeboom, Dwayne Schmitz

Visiting Faculty

The program benefited from the expertise of Dr. Radu Lazar, who served as a visiting professor during the 2006-2007 academic year. Dr. Lazar taught SRM 502, 552, 600, 602, 603, 609, and 614, and directed the Research Consulting Lab during Summer 2007. Dr. Lazar has accepted a position at the University of Minnesota. We wish him luck there.

New Faculty

Dr. Khalil Shafie joins the ASRM faculty starting Fall 2007. He comes to us from a visiting professor position at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Shafie has expertise in mathematical statistics. We welcome Dr. Shafie, his wife, and his three children to Greeley.

Tenure and Promotion

Congratulations to Dr. Maria Lahman who was granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor in 2006.

Awards

Congratulations to Dr. Maria Lahman who received the Excellence in Faculty Service Award.

Cheryl Fagerberg

It saddens us to report that one of our students, Cheryl Fagerberg, died in a tragic accident on May 27, 2007. Cheryl had finished her Ph.D. comprehensive exams and was busily working on her dissertation. She was posthumously awarded a doctoral degree in August 2007. A scholarship has been set up in Cheryl's name. Anyone who would be interested in donating to the scholarship fund can send a check to the UNC Foundation, earmarked for the Cheryl Fagerberg Memorial Scholarship:

<http://www.uncalumni.org/Foundation/>

Sabbaticals

Dr. Jay Schaffer took a sabbatical leave during the Spring 2007 semester. Dr. Susan Hutchinson will be on sabbatical during the Fall 2007 semester. Dr. Maria Lahman will be on sabbatical during both the Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 semesters.

Grants

Dr. Lisa Rue is working with doctoral candidate Bob Pearson to conduct literature reviews, critiques, and to make recommendations to the Family and Youth Services Bureau in the Department of Health and Human Services. These quarterly reviews will increase the capacity for grantees of the Community Based Abstinence Education program. This contract brings in an additional \$28,304 to UNC.

ASRM Alumni and Friends

In March, 2007, Dwayne Schmitz accepted a position with the Colorado Department of Education as their Longitudinal Analysis Principal Consultant. His primary responsibilities are related to development of the state's longitudinal statistical model for analyzing CSAP data. Dwayne received his Ph.D. in applied statistics in August, 2007.



Robert Choate, who received his Master's degree in research methods in May, 2007, is currently working as the Research Technician Lead for ICPSR (Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research) at the Institute for Social Research, which is affiliated with the University of Michigan. ICPSR is a national repository for large-scale data archives. Robert specifically works within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Data Archive.

Another former ASRM student, Dawn Strongin, (Ph.D., research methods, 2001) recently received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor from the California State University at Stanislaus. Dawn has been a faculty member in the Psychology Department there since 2001.

Congratulations to our former students for your post-UNC accomplishments!

Please stay in touch. We always enjoy hearing from you; your joys, successes, and news. Please write, call, or e-mail with your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions.