

Stat 991
Topics in Statistics
Spring 2014

Meeting Time: The course is scheduled to meet M&W, 10:30 – 12 in F 96. There will be **no meeting on Wednesday, Jan 14**. But I will be in F-96 at 10:30 just in case someone shows up and wants to chat. The first regular lecture is thus Wednesday Jan 21 at 10:30.

Lecturers: We will have 3 lecturers, each giving a 3 – 4 week series of lectures on a topic of their choice. Students registered for the course will be expected to attend and listen attentively (and hopefully learn something!) My expectation is that students registered for the course may be asked to prepare a talk (maybe 30 – 60 minutes) on some topic related to one of the lecture topics, but details are yet to be settled.

Lecturers have been encouraged to plan their sequence of lectures so that they will provide helpful introduction and background for doctoral students from our department and elsewhere.

The 3 lecturers are:

Ya'acov Ritov, Hebrew University (Jan. and Feb.) will lecture on empirical Bayes and compound Bayes theory and methodology

Ming Yuan, Univ. of Wisconsin, (March, into April). (The specific topic is to be determined. But see the list of publications on his website for a description of his current interests:
<http://www.stat.wisc.edu/~myuan/Site/Publications.html> .)

Philip Dawid, Cambridge, (April). (Phil has many interests, but we've talked about his lecturing on decision theoretic causality.)

All interested are welcome to attend. Those students planning to come regularly are encouraged to register; having active, registered students helps to justify the continuation of this format for future years.

Canvas: The course will have a canvas website. Relevant information about times and topics for the lectures will be posted there. (Occasionally lectures may be scheduled for times other than the regular M & W slot.) I expect there will also be lecture materials from the lecturers and/or additional references posted there. (If you are not registered for the course and want access to the website you may need to contact me so that I can authorize access.)

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