

Syllabus for STAT 991-303
Spring 2015

Meeting time: W 4:30–5:30 pm, F60 JMHH

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Description: Sign up and get half a credit for the department seminars you're already attending!

Schedule: Here are our scheduled seminars for the spring semester:

- Jan 14: Jason Lee (Stanford, faculty candidate)
- Jan 21: David Azriel (Penn)
- Jan 28: Sergio Bacallado (Stanford, faculty candidate)
- Feb 2: Siva Balakrishnan (Berkeley, faculty candidate)
- Feb 4: Will Fithian (Stanford, faculty candidate)
- Feb 11: Afonso Bandeira (Princeton, faculty candidate)
- Feb 25: Min Xu (Carnegie Mellon, postdoc candidate)
- Mar 4: Sebastien Roch (UW Madison)
- Mar 18: David Gamarnik (MIT)
- Mar 25: Peter Bühlmann (ETH Zürich)
- Apr 1: Karim Lounici (Georgia Tech)
- Apr 8: Danyu Lin (UNC Chapel Hill)
- Apr 15: Susan Murphy (University of Michigan)
- Apr 22: Philip Dawid (University of Cambridge)
- Apr 29: Partha Lahiri (University of Maryland)

Evaluation: You should plan on attending most of the seminars throughout the semester. (However, I won't take attendance.) In order to receive credit for the class, you need to ask *one* question at one of the seminars during the semester. Then you will write a paragraph about what question you asked and how the speaker responded. It doesn't have to be a deep question, and it's fine even if the speaker gives a one-word answer.

Alternatively, you can sign up to meet with one of the speakers (individually or with a small group of students) when they visit. This is of course subject to availability, and I'll e-mail the registered students each week when there are free spots in the speaker's schedule. If you attend a small group meeting, you don't even have to ask a question (but of course, being conversational is always encouraged)!

You'll receive maximum credit for the class if you participate in either of these activities.