Conference Program (DRAFT)
AISC 2018: October 5–7, 2018; UNC Greensboro

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October 4, 2018, Thursday

5:30 – 7:30 pm  Registration Desk, Azalea Room at the conference hotel, Holiday Inn, Gate City Blvd

October 5, 2018, Friday

8:00 – 8:45  Shuttles from Holiday Inn to UNCG
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7:30 –  Registration Desk, Refreshments, EUC Auditorium Lobby

9:00 – 9:30  Inaugural Remarks – EUC Auditorium
Sat Gupta – Conference Chair
R. Shivaji – Head, Mathematics and Statistics, UNCG
Kelly Burke, Vice Provost & Dean Graduate School
Elizabeth Mannshardt, NC State University & NC-ASA President
John Kiss – Dean College of Arts and Sciences, UNCG

9:30 – 10:10  October 5 – Plenary Session 1 – EUC Auditorium
Chair: David Banks – Duke University & SAMSI
Barry Nussbaum – ASA President (2017)
It’s Not What We Said, It’s Not What They Heard, It’s What They Say They Heard

10:10 – 10:30  Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:30  October 5 – Parallel Session 1A – Sharpe Room EUC
Statistical Distributions with Applications in Economics and Health Sciences
Organizer & Chair: Indranil Ghosh – UNC Wilmington
George Yanev – The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Borel-Tanner Distribution and Bayes Estimators for the Basic Reproduction Number of an Epidemic
Swati Deb Roy – The University of South Carolina Beaufort
Quantitative Modeling Applied to Childhood Obesity
Rachel M. Carroll – UNC Wilmington
A Bayesian Approach to Weighted Quantile Sums with Extension for Time to Event Data
Dhanamalee K. Bandara – UNC Wilmington
A Neighborhood Hypothesis Test for Functional Data
10:30 – 12:30 October 5 – Parallel Session 1B – Dail Room EUC
Sampling Methods in High-Dimensional Spaces
Organizer & Chair: Cheng Cheng – Duke University & SAMSI
Matthias Sachs – Duke University & SAMSI
Efficient Numerical Algorithms for the Generalized Langevin Equation
Cheng Cheng – Duke University & SAMSI
Stable Phaseless Sampling and Reconstruction of Real-valued FRI Signals
Pulong Ma – SAMSI & Duke University
A Fused Gaussian Process Model for Very Large Spatial Data
Qiuyi Wu – Rochester Institute of Technology
Machine Learning for Music Mining with LDA Model

10:30 – 12:30 October 5 – Parallel Session 1C – Claxton Room EUC
Nonparametric Methods
Organizer & Chair: Scott Richter – UNC Greensboro
Scott J Richter – UNC Greensboro
Simultaneous Confidence Intervals for Comparing Scale Parameters using Deviances
Melinda McCann – Oklahoma State University
An Efficient Multiplicity Adjustment for Large Scale Chi-Square Endpoints
Sayed Mostafa – North Carolina A&T State University
Finite Population Model-Assisted Estimation using Combined Parametric and Nonparametric Regression Smoothers
Mubbasher Munir – University of Management and Technology Lahore, Pakistan
The Negative Impact of Outliers in Linear Regression Model; Possible Solutions Using Robust Regression

10:30 – 12:30 October 5 – Parallel Session 1D – Alexander Room EUC
Bayesian Nonparametric Methods and Applications
Organizer & Chair: Andres F. Barrientos – Duke University
Shaobo Han – Duke University
Tensor Decomposition for Multiple Spatial Passing Networks
Olanrewaju Akande – Duke University
Simultaneous Edit and Imputation For Household Data With Structural Zeros
Andee Kaplan – Duke University
Counting Casualties in The Syrian Conflict with Bayesian Record Linkage
Andres F. Barrientos – Duke University
A Bayesian Goodness-Of-Fit Test for Regression

10:30 – 12:30 October 5 – Parallel Session 1E – Kirkland Room EUC
Sampling Methods
Organizer: Geeta Kalucha – PGDAV College, University of Delhi
Chair: Hina Khan – Government College University, Lahore, Pakistan
G N Singh – IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, India
Improved Estimation Procedures of Population Parameter for Sensitive Characteristic using Randomized Response Technique
Sat Gupta – UNC Greensboro
Randomized Response Techniques for Estimation of Small Area Total
Geeta Kalucha – PGDAV College, University of Delhi
Ratio Estimation of the Mean under RRT Models
Zaheen Khan – Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology
Islamabad, Pakistan
An Optimal Systematic Sampling Scheme

12:30 – 2:00
Lunch at Moran Commons Dining Center

2:10 – 3:30
October 5 – Plenary Session 2 – EUC Auditorium
Chair: John Stufken – Arizona State University
David Banks – Duke University & SAMSI
Statistical Issues with Agent-Based Models
Mahlet Tadesse – Georgetown University
Variable Selection in Mixture Models: Uncovering Cluster Structure and Relevant Features

3:30 – 3:50
Coffee Break

3:50 – 5:50
October 5 – Parallel Session 2A – Sharpe Room EUC
Lifetime Data Analysis
Organizer & Chair: Suvra Pal – University of Texas at Arlington
Indranil Ghosh – UNC Wilmington
New Class of Skewed Distributions with Applications in Environmental Science
Rajarshi Dey – University of South Alabama
On Hazard Function of Kumaraswamy Distribution
Sy Han (Steven) Chiou – University of Texas at Dallas
Generalized Scale-Change Models for Recurrent Event Processes Under Informative Censoring
Suvra Pal – University of Texas at Arlington
Destructive Cure Rate Model Based on Multiple Treatments

3:50 – 5:50
October 5 – Parallel Session 2B – Dail Room EUC
Advances in Biostatistics and Epidemiology
Organizer & Chair: Sujit Ghosh – NC State University
Brian Neelon – Medical University of South Carolina
Bayesian Zero-Inflated Negative Binomial Regression Based on Pólya-Gamma Mixtures
Rajib Paul – UNC Charlotte
Assessing Health Disparities using Nonparametric Multivariate Density Estimation subject to Marginal Unimodality Constraints
Yunran Chen – Duke University
Testing Poisson versus Poisson mixtures with applications to neuroscience
Shrabanti Chowdhury – Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Group Regularization for Zero-Inflated Models with Application to Health Care Demand in Germany

3:50 – 5:50
October 5 – Parallel Session 2C – Claxton Room EUC
Undergraduate Research with Data-Driven Analysis
Organizer & Chair: Mark Daniel Ward – Purdue University

Erik Wendt – Gettysburg College
Minimum Entropy Clustering of Functional Data

Siri Neerchal – University of Maryland
Assessing the Descriptive Epidemiology of Idiopathic Clubfoot in Iowa

Amelia Schroeder – East Tennessee State University
Comparison of Machine Learning Algorithms for Rapid Evaporative Ionization Mass Spectrometry (REIMS) Studies

James Marshall Reber – Purdue University
Markov Chains, Mixing Times, and Couplings

Michael A Smith – Purdue University
A Data-Driven Approach to Combinatorial Game Theory

6:00 – 8:00 Reception Cone Ball Rooms – EUC
Hosted by Springer

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October 6, 2018, Saturday

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8:00 – 9:00 Registration/Refreshments – EUC Auditorium Lobby

9:00 – 10:20 October 6 – Plenary Session 3 – EUC Auditorium
Chair: William Li – Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance

David Dickey – NC State University
Unit Root Testing, a Historical Perspective

Sujit Ghosh – NC State University
Does Knowledge of Shapes Matter in Statistics?

10:20 – 10:40 Coffee Break

10:40 – 12:40 October 6 – Parallel Session 3A – EUC Auditorium
Design of Experiments: Factorial Experiments
Organizers: John Stufken (Arizona State University) & Abhyuday Mandal (University of Georgia)
Chair: John Morgan – Virginia Tech

Bobby Mee – University of Tennessee
Utilizing the Block Diagonal Covariance Structure of Nonregular Two-Level Designs
Huaiqing Wu – Iowa State University
*Fractional Factorial Designs with Clear Two-Factor Interactions*

William Li – Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance
*Individual Clear Effects for Fractional Factorial Designs*

Arman Sabbaghi – Purdue University
*An Algebra for the Conditional Main Effects Parameterization*

10:40 – 12:40 October 6 – Parallel Session 3B – Sharpe Room EUC

Advanced Statistical Modeling of Genomic Data
Organizer & Chair: Sunyoung Shin – University of Texas at Dallas

Naim Rashid – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
*Modeling Between-Study Heterogeneity for Improved Reproducibility in Gene Signature Selection and Clinical Prediction*

Rhonda Bacher – University of Florida
*SCnorm: A quantile-regression based approach for normalization of single-cell RNA-seq data*

Sunyoung Shin – University of Texas at Dallas
*atSNP Search: a web resource for statistically evaluating influence of human genetic variation on transcription factor binding*

Yuchao Jiang – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
*Full-spectrum Copy Number Variation Detection by High-throughput DNA Sequencing*

Keegan Korthauer – Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health & Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
*De novo detection and accurate inference of differentially methylated regions*

10:40 – 12:40 October 6 – Parallel Session 3C – Dail Room EUC

High-Dimensional Variable Selection
Organizer & Chair: Sy Han (Steven) Chiou – University of Texas Dallas

Eliana Christou – University of North Carolina at Charlotte
*Central Quantile Subspace*

Ana Kenney – Penn State University
*Computationally Viable and Effective Feature Selection in L0 Norm*

Thierry Chekouo T – University of Calgary
*Bayesian Factor Analysis Regression with Incorporation of Grouping Information*

Wenjie Wang – University of Connecticut
*Integrative Survival Analysis with Uncertain Event Times in Application to a Suicide Risk Study*

10:40 – 12:40 October 6 – Parallel Session 3D – Claxton Room EUC

Best Presentation Award Session for Undergraduate Students
Chair: Mark Daniel Ward – Purdue University
Jury: Haimeng Zhang (UNC Greensboro), Ivette Gomes (University of Lisbon), Suvra Pal (University of Texas at Arlington)

Yiwen Tang – Wake Forest University
*Classifying Hate Speech Using a Two-Stage Model*

Amber Young – Purdue University
*Newer Variations of the Unrelated Question Binary RRT Model Examining the Impact of Untruthful Responding*
Zavia Epps – Jackson State University
*Evaluation of Deaggregation Methods Used to Simulate Unknown Premises Locations for Disease Models: Cattle Disease Outbreaks in Argentina*

Austin Miller – University of Wyoming
*R robust Trend Filtering and Outlier Detection*

Shuchi Goyal – University of Georgia
*Hierarchical Bayes Unit-Level Small Area Estimation Model for Normal Mixture Populations*

Adrianna Kallis – Iowa State University
*Visualizing IPUMS-I Demographics*

**10:40 – 12:40 October 6 – Parallel Session 3E – Alexander Room EUC**

**Best Presentation Award Session for Graduate Students**
Chair: David Banks – Duke University & SAMSI
Jury: Scott Richter (UNC Greensboro), Sujit Ghosh (NC State University), David Banks (Duke University & SAMSI)

Bin Luo – UNC Greensboro
*Penalized Re-Descending M Estimation with Non-Convexity for High-Dimensional Asymmetric Data*

Joshua Lukemire – Emory University
*d-QPSO: A Quantum-Behaved Particle Swarm Technique for Finding D-Optimal Designs with Discrete and Continuous Factors and a Binary Response*

Abigail Nachtsheim – Arizona State University
*Nonparametric Sub-Sampling for Big Data*

Austin Lawson – UNC Greensboro
*Persistence Curves: A New Vectorization of Persistence Diagrams*

Liu Kai – McMaster University
*Semi-Parametric Likelihood Inference for Birnbaum-Saunders Frailty Model*

Claire Kiers – UNC Chapel Hill
*Hurricanes and Rate-Induced Tipping*

**12:40 – 2:10 Lunch at Moran Commons Dining Center**

**12:40 – 2:10 JSTP Editorial Board Luncheon – Moran Commons Dining Center, Separate Reserved Area**

**2:15 – 4:15 October 6 – Parallel Session 4A – EUC Auditorium**

**Design of Experiments: Computer Experiments and Beyond**
Organizers: John Stufken (Arizona State University) & Abhyuday Mandal (University of Georgia)
Chair: Angela Dean – Ohio State University

Thomas Santner – Ohio State University
*Variable Selection for Deterministic Computer Simulator Output*

Abhyuday Mandal – University of Georgia
*EzGP: Easy-to-Interpret Gaussian Process Models for Computer Experiments with Both Quantitative and Qualitative Factors*

Jon Stallings – NC State University
*Sequential Design and Analysis of Mixture Experiments based on Gaussian Processes*

Tirthankar Dasgupta – Rutgers University
Randomization Based Inference from Unbalanced Split Plot Designs

2:15 – 4:15 October 6 – Parallel Session 4B – Sharpe Room EUC
Complex High-Dimensional Data Analysis
Organizer & Chair: Xiaoli Gao – UNC Greensboro

Kei Hirose – Kyushu University, Japan
Prenet Penalization in Factor Analysis and its Applications

Yuan Huang – University of Iowa
A Joint Learning of Multiple Precision Matrices with Sign Consistency

Vadim Sokolov – George Mason University
Deep Learning for Spatio-Temporal Modeling

Jonathan P Williams – UNC Chapel Hill
Non-penalized Variable Selection via Generalized Fiducial Inference

Xiaoli Gao – UNC Greensboro
Robust Stochastic Gradient Decent for Online Learning

2:15 – 4:15 October 6 – Parallel Session 4C – Dail Room EUC
Topological Data Analysis
Organizer & Chair: Yu-Min Chung – UNC Greensboro

Edgar Lobaton – NC State University
Localized Topological Metric for Edge Detection in Images using CNNs

Vasileios Maroulas – University of Tennessee
Distributions of Persistence Diagrams and Approximations

Yu-Min Chung – UNCG
Topological Fidelity in Image Thresholding

Sayan Mukherjee – Duke University
How Many Directions Determine a Shape and other Sufficiency Results for Two Topological Transforms

2:15 – 4:15 October 6 – Parallel Session 4D – Claxton Room EUC
Recent Results in Combinatorics
Organizer & Chair: Clifford Smyth – UNC Greensboro

John Engbers – Marquette University
Extremal Independent Sets and Colorings in k-Chromatic Graphs

C. Matthew Farmer – UNC Greensboro
The Non-Crossing Bond Lattice

David Galvin – University of Notre Dame
Total Non-negativity of Some Combinatorial Matrices

James Rudzinski – UNC Greensboro
Efficient Generation of Unlabeled Graphs

Clifford Smyth – UNC Greensboro
Combinatorial Formulas for Restricted Stirling and Lah Number Matrices and their Inverses

2:15 – 4:15 October 6 – Parallel Session 4E – Alexander Room EUC
Genomics and Health
Organizer & Chair: Sunil Mathur – Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Sujay Dutta – University of Akron
Statistical Issues in Analyzing Next-Generation Sequencing Data

Bo Li – The Citadel
Simultaneous Inference of Differentially Expressed Isoforms for RNA Sequencing Data

Prashant Waiker – UNC Greensboro
Using Statistics to solve biological problems: An example of termite recombination

Jianping Sun – UNC Greensboro
Multivariate Association Test for Rare Variant Controlling for Cryptic and Family Relatedness

Sunil Mathur – Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Detecting Variability in Genome with Applications to Public Health

4:15 – 4:45 Coffee Break

4:45 – 5:45 October 6 – Special Session: Perspectives on Statistical Consulting – A Panel Discussion
Organizer: Emily Griffith – NC State University
Panel:
David Dickey – NC State University (Moderator)
Sujit Ghosh – NC State University
Siyun Yang – Duke University
Aric LaBarr – Elder Research
Scott Richter – UNC Greensboro

6:00 – 6:30 NC-ASA Chapter Meeting (non-members also invited) – EUC Auditorium

6:30 – 9:00 Conference Banquet & NC-ASA Chapter Awards Ceremony, EUC Cone Ballrooms

9:00 – 9:45 Shuttes Back to Holiday Inn
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October 7, 2018, Sunday

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8:00 – 9:00 Registration/Refreshments – EUC Auditorium Lobby

9:00 – 10:20 October 7 – Plenary Session 4 – EUC Auditorium
Chair: Javier Rojo – Oregon State University
Christopher Nachtsheim – University of Minnesota
Design Oriented Modeling
Maria Ivette Gomes – University of Lisbon  
Generalized Means, Linear Combinations and Bias Reduction in the Estimation of Heavy Tails

10:20 – 10:40 Coffee Break

10:40 – 11:20 October 7 – Plenary Session 5 – EUC Auditorium  
Chair: Maria Ivette Gomes – University of Lisbon  
Javier Rojo – Oregon State University  
Tails of Distributions – Classification and Testing

11:25 – 1:00 October 7 – Parallel Sessions 5A – EUC Auditorium  
Design of Experiments: Big Data and More  
Organizers: John Stufken (Arizona State University) & Abhyuday Mandal (University of Georgia)  
Chair: Abhyuday Mandal – University of Georgia  
John Stufken – Arizona State University  
Information-Based Subdata Selection

Min Yang – University of Illinois at Chicago  
Information-Based Optimal Subdata Selection for Mixture Modelling

Rakhi Singh – IITB-Monash Research Academy  
Pseudo Generalized Youden Designs

11:25 – 1:00 October 7 – Parallel Sessions 5B – Sharpe Room EUC  
Sampling Theory and Methods  
Chair: G. N. Singh – IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, India  
Javid Shabbir – Quaid-i-Azam University, Pakistan  
Use of Successive Sampling Strategy for Finite Population Distribution Function Under Nonresponse

Sadia Khalil – Lahore College for Women University  
Mean Estimation of Sensitive Variables under Measurement Errors Using Optional RRT Models

Qi Zhang – UNC Greensboro  
Comparison of Mean Estimators of Sensitive Variables under Measurement Errors with Respect to Efficiency and Respondent Privacy

11:25 – 1:00 October 7 – Parallel Sessions 5C – Dail Room EUC  
Mathematics and Statistics for the Earth’s Climate System  
Organizer & Chair: Christian Sampson – SAMSI  
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Statistical Topography for Sea Ice Modeling

Colin Guider – UNC Chapel Hill  
Ensemble Data Assimilation on a Non-Conservative Adaptive Mesh

Yu-Min Chung – UNC Greensboro  
Computational Topology on Sea Ice Data

11:25 – 1:00 October 7 – Parallel Sessions 5D – Claxton Room EUC  
Health Effects of Environment Pollution (Fri or Sun AM)  
Organizer & Chair: Hrishikesh Chakraborty – Duke University
Sohini Raha – NC State University  
On the Probability Distribution of Durations of Heatwaves

Yawen Guan – NC State University & SAMSI  
Using Mobile Monitors for Fine-Scale Spatiotemporal Air Pollution Analysis

Philip White – Duke University  
Modeling Daily Seasonality of Mexico City Ozone using Nonseparable Covariance Models on Circles Cross Time

1:00 – 2:30 Lunch at Moran Commons Dining Center

2:30 – 4:30 October 7 – Parallel Session 6A – EUC Auditorium  
Design of Experiments: Recent Advances  
Organizers: John Stufken (Arizona State University) & Abhyuday Mandal (University of Georgia)  
Chair: John Stufken – Arizona State University

Lin Wang – UCLA  
Optimal Maximin L1-Distance Latin hypercube Designs Based on Good Lattice Point Designs

Ming-Hung (Jason) Kao – Arizona State University  
Locally Optimal Designs for Mixed Continuous and Binary Responses

Wei Zheng – University of Tennessee  
Design Based Incomplete U-statistics

Shrabanti Chowdhury – Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai  
CV, ECV, and Robust CV designs for replications under a class of linear models in factorial experiments

2:30 – 4:30 October 7 – Parallel Sessions 6B – Sharpe Room EUC  
Big Data Analytics for Biology, Healthcare, and Science  
Organizer & Chair: Somya Mohanty – UNC Greensboro

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A Data-Driven Analysis of Patient Rehospitalization Risk

Deborah Lekan – UNC Greensboro  
Big Data Analysis of Electronic Healthcare Data

Sayed Mostafa – North Carolina A&T State University  
Computing Happiness from Textual Data

Darpan Jhawar – UNC Greensboro  
Big Data Analysis of Scientific Publications

Oana Dumitrescu – UNC Greensboro  
Statistical Framework for Semantic Similarity Searching on Biological Data

Stacey Miertschein (Winona State University) & Amber Young (Purdue University)  
A Data-driven Approach to Predicting Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease with Machine Learning

2:30 – 4:30 October 7 – Parallel Sessions 6C – Dixie Room EUC  
Sampling Methods  
Organizer & Chair: Javid Shabbir – Quaid-i-Azam University, Pakistan

Muhammad Ismail – COMSATS, Lahore, Pakistan
Generalized Ratio-Type Estimator for Population Variance Using Auxiliary Information in Simple Random Sampling

Hina Khan – Government College Lahore University
Efficient Monitoring of Process Mean Using Exponentially Weighted Moving Average Control Charts, Designed with Ratio Estimators under Ranked Set Sampling

Mahnaz Makhdum – Lahore College for Women University
A Modified Ratio Estimator of Population Mean of a Sensitive Variable in the Presence of Non-Response in Simple Random Sampling

Amber Asghar – NCBA&E Lahore & Virtual University of Pakistan
Regression-cum-Exponential Estimator for Finite Population Variance using Multi-Auxiliary Variables: A Simulation Study

2:30 – 4:30 October 7 – Parallel Sessions 6D – Claxton Room EUC
Spatial Statistics
Organizer & Chair: Haimeng Zhang – UNC Greensboro

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Intrinsic Random Functions and Universal Kriging on the Circle

Jong-Min Kim – SAMSI & University of Minnesota at Morris
The Copula Functional ARCH Directional Dependence for Intraday Volatility with High-frequency Financial Data

J. Beleza Sousa – CMA-ISEL Portugal
Stationary Yield to Maturity Zero Coupon Bonds Historical Simulation Value at Risk

Wei Chen – UNC Greensboro
Spectral Density Estimation for Power Model

Jesse Clifton – NC State University
Spatio-Temporal Decisions: Model-Based and Model-Free Approaches

Romesh Ruwan Thanuja – UNC Greensboro
Non-consistency of MOM Variogram Estimators on the Sphere

4:30 – 4:50 Coffee Break

5:00 – 5:30 Shuttles Back to Holiday Inn
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