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Panel Discussion and Holiday Party

"Personal Perspectives on Issues in Statistics"

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Date: December 13, 1995

Time: 3:30 - 4:00 Refreshments
4:00 - 5:00 Discussion

Place: Neyman Seminar Room, 1011 Evans Hall
University of California, Berkeley

Reception: Mike Tarter will host a holiday party at his house following the discussion. Maps to the party will be available at the meeting.

Bay Area Chapter Goes On Line

The San Francisco Chapter of the ASA has established a site on the World Wide Web as an informational resource for Bay Area statisticians. The site focuses on subjects of local interest such as schedules of upcoming meetings and seminars around the Bay Area, and listings for local jobs. There are also listings for local statistical consultants and job seekers, and links to other statistical resources on the Internet. The dynamic nature of the Internet allows the site to be updated whenever needed; thus, job listings and other announcements can be posted instantly instead of monthly as in the chapter newsletter.

The URL for Bay Area web site is <http://www.sfasa.org>. Details are posted at the site on how to submit announcements and job listings for publication on the site.

Job Opportunities

Genome Informatics Staff Scientist Affymetrix, Mountain View

Affymetrix is developing innovative nucleic acid hybridization assays based on its novel DNA-chip technology for application in the research instrumentation, clinical diagnostic and emerging genetic analysis markets.

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Cholesky Decomposition Short Course Offered

This short course develops some powerful insights involving the Cholesky decomposition. Connections with mixed linear models, restricted maximum likelihood, and variance estimation will be investigated. Those of you with a keen interest in automatic differentiation (forward and backward) will find the course and notes very useful. For more details contact Stephen Smith at (510) 283-7077, email: sps@eaeng.mhs.compuserve.com.

Announcements Run for Free in Newsletter

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