STAT 341

Winter 2019

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Statistician Poster Assignment (due **Fri Feb 15**, 2019)

Propose your choices in the Canvas Survey “Interviewing Statisticians” by **Fri Jan 25**.

If you have difficulty scheduling an interview with your selected person,

then you may request a due date extension.

Purpose:

Meet and interview a statistician. In doing so, you should be expanding your ideas about what statisticians do. Create a poster about your interviewee that is informative, interesting, and suitable for display in the hallways of the Statistics Department. You also will make a short oral presentation regarding your interviewee.

Choosing your statistician:

You will interview a statistician who is either UW Statistics faculty, someone with a Statistics PhD or MS whose work now utilizes their statistical training, or current advanced UW Statistics graduate students (3rd year or beyond). Others may be approved.

Before communicating with your selected statistician, submit your first 3 choices via the relevant Canvas assignment. Max & I will screen your choices & inform you of your “match”. This way we avoid multiple students approaching the same interviewee.

Try hard to identify suitable people who you would like to interview. If you have difficulty identifying or selecting an interviewee, then write a comment in the Survey. We will work to connect you with someone.

Max & I are not eligible interviewees.

Interview:

Contact your potential interviewee asap after we approve of your choice. Introduce yourself. Clearly & concisely explain your tasks & request their willingness to be interviewed for this assignment. Meet **in person** with your interviewee. Do not conduct your interview electronically or via Skype. Be aware that people’s time is precious.

For ideas about what to discuss with them, see below under “Your Poster”.

Photo:

Your poster should include a photo (approx. 2-3” x 3-4”). You may request to take a photo of your interviewee or ask if they prefer to provide you a photo.

Your Poster:

8 ½: x 11”, with photo in one of the upper corners. As you put together your interview and poster, think about what information YOU would like to know about statisticians connected with our department. What is interesting about your interviewee? What has been their educational trajectory? What excites them about their research, their job, the field of statistics and/or their particular subfield? Find out about accomplishments, including publications, awards, recognitions. Ask them about some particular work they are especially proud of, and about where they are heading in their work. What advice do they have for students studying statistics? Include something more personal about them, that does not directly relate to statistics: hobbies, sports, special interests, work/life balance...

Comments:

We strongly recommend that you consult with the UW Writing Center. Parts of your grade will depend on the quality of your writing and of your oral presentation.

Also, refer to the posters in our 3rd floor Padelford hallways.

Submission: Submit both a paper and an electronic version. Oral presentations will be scheduled for the second half of the quarter.