

Milestones:

- Nov 18: Proposals due by 7pm
- Dec 2 and Dec 4: Presentations & Evaluations
- By Dec 18 post your presentation at <https://sites.psu.edu/statperspectives/>

Proposals:

Submit a half-page to one-page PDF document on ANGEL Drop Box labeled "Presentation Proposals" with the following:

1. Names of the speakers
2. Title (tentative) of the presentation
3. Full reference for the paper and/or topic you will present. You may use one of the papers we already covered in the class, something from your previous research, or you may contact your academic advisor or any other faculty to set up a topic or to choose a paper. If a paper has been recommended by a faculty member, please provide the name of the faculty.
4. Abstract (brief summary) of your presentation; e.g., Why this paper? What's interesting/relevant about it? What should we learn from your presentation?
5. Rank the preferred times for the presentations from the most to least desirable.

Presentations & Evaluations:

There will be 9 paired presentations, and 2 solo presentations by Sayali and Baris.

Paired presentations:

- This is a joint presentation by two students (pick your partner).
- 20min in total, 10min per student roughly.
- You should count on 2min per slide such there should be maximum 8-9 slides for the entire presentation (not for each student part!). I will allow extra slides if they are just listing the references, but will cut you off if you go over time, and will be strict about it; plan carefully.
- Slides are to be uploaded to ANGEL Drop Box "Student Presentations" by 12pm (noon) the day of the presentations. File name: <Last Name of Student One_Last Name of Student Two_STAT590>
- Possible time slots are:

2-Dec	4:00-4:20	#1
	4:20-4:40	#2
	4:40-5:00	#3
	5:00-5:20	#4
	5:20-5:40	#5
	5:40-6:00	#6

4-Dec	5:20-5:40	#9
	5:40-6:00	#10
	6:00-6:20	#11

Solo presentations:

- 15min in total
- You should count on 2min per slide so there should be maximum 6 slides for the entire presentation. I will allow extra slides if they are just listing the references, but will cut you off if you go over time, and will be strict about it; plan carefully.
- Slides are to be uploaded to ANGEL Drop Box "Student Presentation" by 12pm (noon) the day of the presentations. File name: <Your Last Name_STAT590 >
- Possible time slots are:

2-Dec	6:00-6:15	#7
4-Dec	5:05-5:20	#8

Evaluations and Grading: All presentations will be judged by your peers and Prof. Slavkovic. You will use the online forms like the ones for the department seminar evaluations. 50% of the score will come from the peer evaluations and 50% from Prof. Slavkovic. You will have a chance to update your presentation based on any comments prior we post them all on the class blog.

Presentation's Main Objective: Summarize a paper/topic. **I don't want you to teach us, but tell us a story!** Look at the class site for additional links on giving a good talk. Think about:

- What's your topic and objective (what type of talk)?
- Who's your audience?
- Do you need an outline, etc?
- What visuals do you need, e.g, figures, text, formulas, proper referencing...

Slides could be in the following order:

Overall summary/Overview/Motivation/Contribution (what's new here)-- tell us what your talk is about, why you care and why we should care. Then tell us a bit more detail in the additional slides, such as:

- a) Introduction -- General question/problem they (or you) are working on? Are there any new ideas here...
- b) Methods/Theory
- c) Results
- d) Conclusion/Summary.
- e) Future research: weaknesses, strengths? (If applicable).

Do not forget to add references, citations and acknowledgements where and if needed.