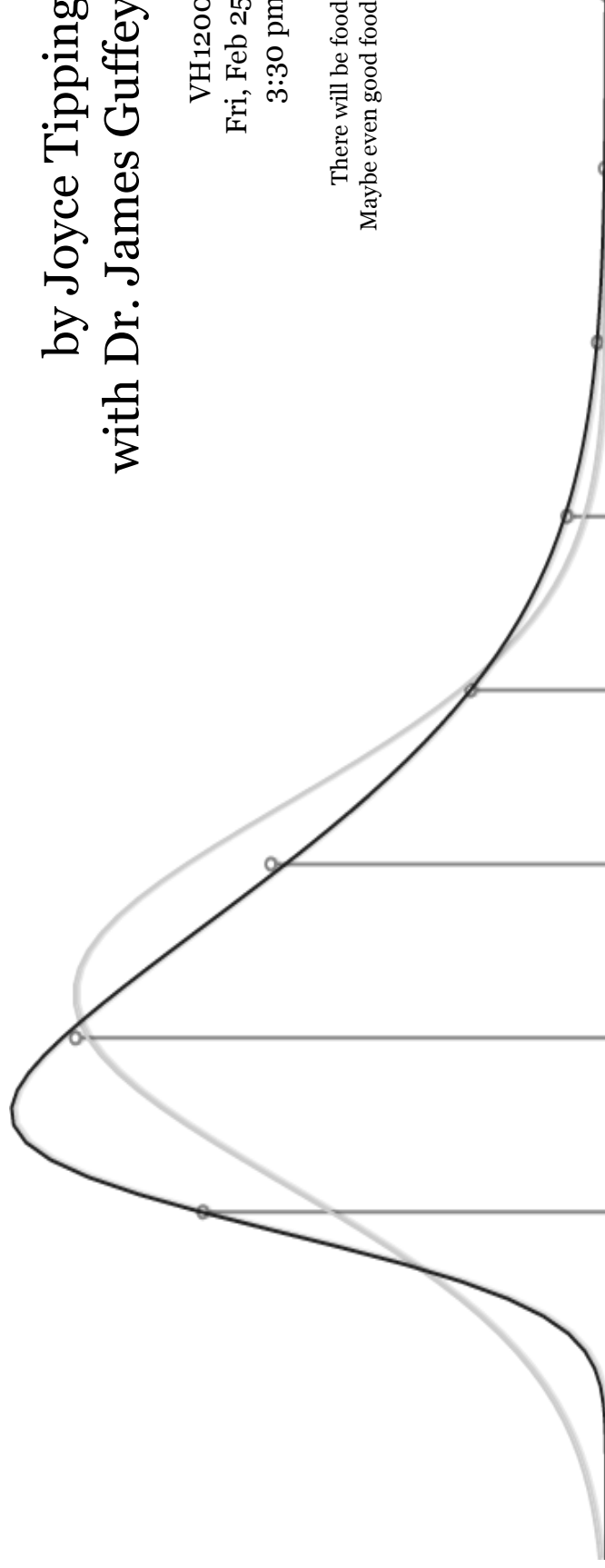


The Skew-Normal Approximation of the Binomial Distribution

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Maybe even good food.



When n is medium and p is close to 0 or 1, the binomial distribution is asymmetric, making the usual normal approximation highly inaccurate. The skew-normal distribution, with a third parameter for shape, follows the skewed binomial curve much more closely. In this presentation, I will introduce the skew-normal and derive an approximation using the method of moments.