



BIOSTATISTICS SEMINARS

All seminars are held from 4PM – 5PM
485 Lexington Ave, Conference Room B (2137)

- ❖ September 14, 2016 [Rafael Irizarry](#)
Harvard University
- ❖ September 21, 2016 [Zhigang Zhang](#)
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- ❖ September 28, 2016 [Mithat Gönen](#)
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- ❖ October 5, 2016 [Wenyi Wang](#)
MD Anderson
Cancer Center
- ❖ October 12, 2016 [Nicholas Schultz](#)
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- ❖ October 19, 2016 [Sujata Patil](#)
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- ❖ October 26, 2016 [Naomi Altman](#)
Penn State
University
- ❖ November 2, 2016 [Alexia Iasonos](#)
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- ❖ November 9, 2016 [Jaya Satagopan](#)
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HEALTH OUTCOMES RESEARCH GROUP SEMINARS

All seminars are held from 12PM – 1PM
485 Lexington Ave, Conference Room B (2137)

- ❖ September 16, 2016 [Leora Horwitz, PhD](#)
NYU School
of Medicine
- ❖ September 30, 2016 TBD
- ❖ October 14, 2016 [Armin Shahrokni, MD, MPH](#)
MSK Dept Of Medicine
- ❖ October 28, 2016 [Michaela Dinan, PhD](#)
Duke University

SURVIVORSHIP, OUTCOMES AND RISK PROGRAM SEMINAR SERIES

All seminars are held from 4PM – 5PM
1275 York Ave, M-107

- ❖ September 13, 2016 [Ann Zaubler, PhD, MSK](#)
*Co-sponsored with Immigrant
Health & Cancer Disparities
(IHCD)*

EPIDEMIOLOGY SERVICE MEETINGS

All seminars are held from 12PM – 1PM
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- ❖ September 19, 2016 [Margaret Du](#)
MSK
- ❖ October 5, 2016 [Bette Caan, DrPH](#)
Kaiser Permanente
Division of Research
- ❖ October 17, 2016 [Colin Begg](#)
MSK
- ❖ November 7, 2016 [Helena Furberg-Barnes](#)
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CONGRATULATIONS!

[Andrew Vickers](#) recently received the 2016 Junior Faculty Council's Excellence-in-Mentoring Award! This honor was based on letters from mentees who nominated Andrew for this wonderful award. Andrew mentors three junior faculty here at MSK: [Behfar Ehdai](#), a urologist and member of the Health Outcomes Research Group; [Sigrid Carlsson](#), a member of our department who focuses on prostate cancer screening, and Armin Shahrokni, an oncologist with an interest in patient-reported outcomes. There will be a seminar to present the award this coming fall. Congratulations, Andrew, and please continue the excellent mentoring work!



Andrew Vickers, PhD

GRANTS

[Jaya Satagopan](#) was awarded an NCI R01 grant: "Study of exposures and biomarkers in cancer epidemiology." This project develops statistical and algorithmic tools to build parsimonious risk models for obtaining insights into gene-exposure interactions and the benefits of exposure reduction in clinical epidemiology studies measuring multiple outcomes, longitudinally measured exposures, and high-dimensional genetic data. This is a collaboration with MSK colleagues – [Christine Zhou](#) and Drs. [Irene Orlow](#), Allan Halpern, Denise Correa, Tim Ahles – and the University of Michigan.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

Our department hosted a NIH-funded symposium on "Statistical and Computational Methods for Pharmacogenetic Epidemiology of Cancer" on August 11 and 12, 2016. This is the second symposium co-organized with MD Anderson Cancer Center's Department of Biostatistics. There were over 80 registered participants and 19 talks given by established and emerging leaders in the field. Many thanks to [Farheen Ajmeri](#), [Melissa Budnick](#), and [Cynthia Berry](#) for their diligent efforts in helping make this a great success.

Please view the symposium photos at:

<H:/Biostatistics/Stat Symposium/2016-STAT-SYMPOSIUM/STAT-SYMPOSIUM-PHOTOS/>



THANK YOU!

The Department would like to extend a special thanks to the all the mentors who made the commitment to work with a summer intern. We would also like to thank the various staff members who presented their work as part of the internship training program. Our inaugural internship program was a huge success! For questions on next year's program, contact [Shireen Lewis/Cynthia Berry](#).

WELCOME FALL INTERN!

Ida Moustsen is a doctoral student in Epidemiology at The Danish Cancer Society Research Center and is interning with [Talya Salz](#) through October. Ida is working on a project to evaluate the risk of a second cancer following a diagnosis of lymphoma.



STAFF PROMOTIONS

- ❖ **Farheen Ajmeri** promoted to Data Analyst
- ❖ **Val Pocus** promoted to Data Analyst
- ❖ **Dyanna Soto** promoted to Research Study Assistant II

SAVE THE DATE! KNOW YOUR NUMBERS!

Employee Health and Wellness in conjunction with Quest Diagnostics will hold a Know Your Numbers/Biometric Screening event at 485 Lexington on Wednesday, November 9th. Please see email updates for details.

CLINICAL RESEARCH UPDATES

The Office of Clinical Research has been renamed Clinical Research Administration (CRA), which resides under the Department of Research and Technology Management. Two recent Town Hall Meetings have described the revised clinical research structure and future plans. The CRA will be comprised of two offices: **Clinical Research Compliance and Clinical Research Operations**. Information on this new structure, the details from the Town Hall meetings, as well as the suggestions from the Working Groups, can be found on the new **CRA Website**.

PERFORMANCE APPRAISALS

The performance appraisal process is designed to improve job performance, provide two-way feedback, and foster employee development. Performance discussions that occur throughout the year serve as the basis for evaluating, rating, and documenting employees' performance and development opportunities at appraisal time. By setting work standards, communicating expectations, monitoring performance, and appraising results, managers enable employees to achieve their best performance in service of MSK and their own careers. All employees will be measured on (4) Core Competencies which consist of "Thought", "Results", "People", and "Self" in addition to their job responsibilities and self-evaluation. Please contact **Shireen Lewis/Cynthia Berry** for more info.

IT EXPO

The Department of Information Systems presents the 2016 IT Expo, which will take place on September 21st and 22nd at the Rockefeller Research Laboratory. The annual IT Expo provides an opportunity for staff members to explore and discuss exciting new technology for research and clinical applications. The expo also offers various vendor displays, lectures, prize raffles, and more! Additional information and a schedule of events can be found at: <http://itexpo.mskcc.org/itexpo/>

RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Sons of Thunder: A trendy West Coast inspired poké bowl! Rice, greens, or tortilla chips are topped with ahi tuna, salmon, or octopus, then a variety of toppings. Somewhat randomly, this spot also offers hot dogs, burgers, and milkshakes. *204 E 38th St btwn 3rd Ave and Tunnel Exit St*

Great Northern Food Hall: Danish food hall offering Nordic inspired foods, including breads, pastries, smørrebrød, salads, and porridge. *Vanderbilt Hall in Grand Central Terminal*

NEW STAFF

Nate Aiken, Data Analyst

Nate Aiken is joining **Andrew Vickers'** team as a data analyst. After completing a Bachelors at City College of New York, he worked as a data analyst at Rockefeller University and for Boston Scientific.



Emeline Aviki, Fellow

Emeline is a first year fellow in Gynecologic Oncology. She completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Prior to residency she completed her MD and MBA at Duke University and worked as a healthcare consultant at ZS Associates. She hopes to focus her research on innovation and cost growth in healthcare, working with **Peter Bach** and the Center for Health Policy and Outcomes.



Jen Chen, Project Coordinator

Jen joined the department in July as the new project coordinator for **Ann Zauber** and will assist with project management for the CISNET grant. She received her MPH from Boston University School of Public Health. Her research interests are in health, culture, and epidemiology of non-communicable diseases. She plans to pursue a PhD in epidemiology in the future, and is open to developing skills within this role which will complement future studies.



Christina Jarosch, Data Analyst

Christina Jarosch recently returned to her native New York after completing a Bachelors in Mathematical Sciences at Binghamton. She is joining **Andrew Vickers'** team as a data analyst.



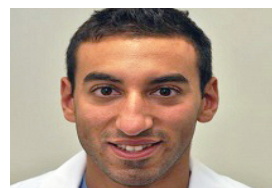
Anna Kaltenboeck, Program Director and Senior Health Economist

Anna works with **Peter Bach** to provide directorial support for the Center of Health Policy and Outcomes and the Evidence-Driven Drug Pricing Project. Prior to joining MSK, Anna spent 10 years conducting health economics, outcomes, and drug pricing studies as a consultant for Analysis Group and IMS Health. She received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in economics from Tufts University.



Karim Marzouk, Urologic Oncology Fellow

Karim completed medical school at Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada, and then went on to complete five years of postgraduate residency training in Urology at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. His research interests are in clinical outcome studies in prostate, kidney, and bladder cancer patients. He will be working with **Andrew Vickers** on "the utility of multiparametric prostate MRI and 4K biomarkers in predicting the probability of disease in a prostate cancer screening population".



Chelsea McKoy, Administrative Research Secretary

Chelsea works with **Peter Bach** along with the Health Policy and Outcomes Group, assisting them with administrative needs. She recently graduated and received her MPA in Health Care Management and Policy from Long Island University in May 2016. Prior to joining MSK, she worked as a medical secretary in the Primary Care and Sports Medicine departments at Weill Cornell Medicine.



Ashley Russo, Fellow

Ashley is the new surgical outcomes research fellow. She comes to New York City from Worcester, MA where she just completed her second year of her general surgery residency at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. She attended Boston College for her undergraduate education and the University of Vermont College of Medicine for medical school. She will be here at MSK for the next two years working under Dr. Vivian Strong in the Gastric and Mixed Tumor service within the Department of Surgery.



Stephen Schleicher, Fellow

Stephen is a current 2nd year medical oncology fellow here at MSK with a clinical focus on breast cancer. He recently completed a combined internal medicine residency and Master's in Business Administration at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Business School. He currently works with Drs. **Peter Bach** and **Deborah Korenstein** and has a specific interest in Alternative Payment Models and how they apply to cancer care.



Kenneth Seier, Assistant Research Biostatistician

Kenneth graduated with his MS in Biostatistics from Drexel University in 2014. His background includes clinical research at a hospital and analyzing claims data at a pharmaceutical market research company. Ken's first project will be working with **Mithat Gönen** on post operation liver dysfunction in HCC patients.

