MSCS Colloquium

Title: Design Considerations and Alternatives for Clinical Trials of Medical Devices

Speaker: Ted Lystig ’93 Director, Corporate Biostatistics at Medtronic

Date: Monday, February 29

Time: 3:30-4:30 pm

Location: RNS 310

**About the talk:** A recent high-profile series of hypertension trials provides an intriguing setting for a conversation around trial design issues for medical devices. I will provide an overview of the therapy area and published trials, and then move to a discussion of various study options that were considered as subsequent candidate trials. I’ll then discuss the operational properties of the designs, and talk about why they matter. The presentation as a whole helps to illustrate how quantitative training can better prepare you to contribute in important, sometimes unexpected ways as a working professional. Coursework in statistics is not necessary to follow the talk, but would allow you to appreciate more of the details.

MSCS Recital

The recital is an annual recognition of the talent, of all types, of the members of the MSCS community. Faculty and students will perform, together and separately, for a couple of hours in the evening. Anyone associated with MSCS is welcome to participate, as a performer or an observer. We will gather at 7:00 pm in Ytterboe Lounge. This is a fun, relaxed gathering of students and faculty on equal footing. We sincerely hope you will join us.

As with most MSCS events, there will be food and drink, but this event features homemade food offerings, not Bon Appetit fare. If you are interested in performing, please contact Steve McKelvey (mckelvey@stolaf.edu).

**From the Editor**

Q: What's purple and commutes?

A: An Abelian grape!

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