



## BIOSTATISTICS SEMINAR SERIES

Except where noted, all seminars are held from 4PM – 5PM in the 3rd floor conference room (307 63rd St)

- ❖ March 5, 2014 Richard Simon  
11am-12pm ZCR-105  
NCI
- ❖ March 12, 2014 Venkatraman Seshan  
MSKCC
- ❖ March 26, 2014 Glenn Heller  
MSKCC
- ❖ April 2, 2014 Yuelin Li  
MSKCC
- ❖ April 9, 2014 Michael Kosorok  
UNC Chapel Hill
- ❖ April 16, 2014 Jaya Satagopan  
MSKCC
- ❖ April 23, 2014 Irina Ostrovnaya  
MSKCC
- ❖ April 30, 2014 Sean Devlin  
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## HEALTH OUTCOMES RESEARCH GROUP (HORG) SEMINARS

All seminars are held from 12PM – 1PM  
Check emails for locations

- ❖ March 7, 2014 Befar Ehdiae  
MSKCC
- ❖ March 21, 2014 Peter Bach  
MSKCC
- ❖ April 4, 2014 Talya Salz  
MSKCC
- ❖ April 18, 2014 Shari Goldfarb  
MSKCC

## SURVIVORSHIP, OUTCOMES AND RESEARCH (SOAR) SEMINAR SERIES

- ❖ March 11, 2014 David B. Allison, PhD  
4pm – 5pm  
University of Alabama at Birmingham,  
“Myths, Presumptions, and the Need for Probative Research in Obesity”  
1275 York Ave, M-107
- ❖ April 15, 2014 Michael Fiore, MD, MPH  
4pm - 5pm  
University of Wisconsin Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention  
ZCR-105



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## GRANT FUNDING SUCCESS

Sara Olson received an R13 grant from the NCI for a symposium on “Advances in Endometrial Cancer Epidemiology and Biology” that will be held at the Harvard School of Public Health on March 17-18. This multi-disciplinary symposium will include experts from epidemiology, biology, pathology, psychology, health policy, and clinical practice to discuss the most up-to-date research results and identify high-priority research questions that will have an impact on this disease. This is a multiple PI grant with Immaculata De Vivo, PhD, from Harvard, Karen Lu, MD, from MD Anderson, and Wendy Setiawan, PhD, from USC. There is no charge for the symposium. More information can be found at [www.mskcc.org/endometrial-symposium](http://www.mskcc.org/endometrial-symposium).



Sara Olson, PhD

## AWARDS

Mary Dallat, a former post-doctoral NCI Health Economics fellow who worked with Ann Zaubler, was awarded the Island of Ireland Public Health Registrars Prize. She presented her work on the cost-effectiveness of the Connswater Community Greenway (CCG) intervention to promote physical activity through the creation of a linear urban park with cycle and walkways, titled “New Greenway in East Belfast could make cost savings for the NHS.” The prize was awarded on February 10, 2014, at the Island of Ireland Public Health Registrars Meeting, which aimed to encourage cross-border collaboration on public health issues and enhance future partnerships in Ireland. She returned to Belfast, Northern Ireland this past June to continue her studies. <http://www.rcpi.ie/article.php?locID=1.11.30&itemID=809>

Ashley Haynes, currently a sophomore studying biology at Hunter College, was a summer intern in our department as part of the 2013 Summer Clinical Oncology Research Experience (SCORE) program of MSKCC’s Office of Faculty Development. Ashley worked with Jaya Satagopan on the concepts of multiplicative and additive statistical interactions for binary disease traits, and used these ideas to study the interaction between pigmentation score and sun exposure using published data from a case-control study of melanoma. Ashley received an Outstanding Poster Presentation Award at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students for a poster of her summer project titled “Fundamental contributions of statistics to cancer prevention and screening.”

## MSK BLOG

Helena Furberg-Barnes’ work on the “obesity paradox” in kidney cancer was featured in the OnCancer MSK blog and in the MSKCC Center News. Together with clinical collaborators, she used genomic data from the Cancer Genome Atlas Project to investigate why obese patients with kidney cancer have a higher cancer-specific survival rate than normal-weight patients.

<http://www.mskcc.org/blog/study-offers-insight-obesity-paradox-kidney>



Helena Furberg-Barnes, PhD

## OFFICE RECYCLING

Thinking about doing some spring cleaning? Do you have one too many pens? Folders? Post-its? Please put any extra unused supplies in the supply closet on the 2nd floor or the supply drawers on the 3rd floor.

## WELCOME NEW STAFF!

- ❖ [Melissa Barragan](#) is providing research support for [Ethan Basch](#)'s PRO-CTCAE Spanish language translation study by recruiting and interviewing patients. She holds a M.A. in Educational Psychology and is a former high school history teacher.
- ❖ [Georgia Elysee](#), [Hanah Lee](#), and [Fay Francis](#) are graduate students from Long Island University's MPH Program interning with investigators from the Epidemiology service. Georgia is working on [Jonine Bernstein](#)'s WECARE study by assisting [Meg Woods](#) in the preparation of cardiac data and other health conditions collected from the WECARE Study participants. Hanah is interning with [Sara Olson](#) by helping the Pancreas Family Registry research team with recruiting patients and healthy volunteers for the oral micro biome study. Fay is working alongside Brittany Garr by abstracting medical records to identify

## NEW AV EQUIPMENT 3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Phase I of new conference room A/V system installation has been completed! Thank you for your patience during the construction. . The room is now functional for in-room presentations. We have a large flatscreen monitor in place of the old projection screen. Speakers have been installed in the ceiling tiles. The clinical and non-clinical computers are housed in the closet. You will notice two keyboards and mice; one is marked "non-clinical" which is connected to the non-clinical computer. The other keyboard and mouse is marked to be used for the "clinical" computer. The touch-screen display controller allows users to connect to the system either with the clinical or non-clinical computer. Presenters also have the option to plug a laptop directly into the back of the monitor.

For more detailed instructions on how to use the new AV system, please access the link below or contact [Joey Kanik](#).

<http://teamshare/dept/bst/adm/Shared%20Documents/Conference%20Room%20Projection%20User%20Guide.pdf>.

Phase II of the upgrade which will involve outfitting the conference room for video and teleconference calls is still being determined.

## RE-BRANDING

MSK has been in the process of re-branding, which will be a multi-year process. Our brand is everything MSK represents, from our website to our buildings. After 30 years, the institution has refocused its brand to further differentiate ourselves. The new brand demonstrates how MSK communicates in the age of healthcare reform and increasing competition. Our brand is more than our name and logo; it is who we are and directly supports the pillars of MSK's strategic plan. The rebranding team has come up with a palette of colors, fonts, and logos to be used across the institution. To access the official MSK PowerPoint template, along with fonts, colors, and logos go to:

<http://onemsk/Communications/Pages/Brand-Central/Resources.aspx>.

In keeping with the new logo/brand, Brendan Phalan and Kelsey Lanning are working on new departmental letterhead and will distribute the template to staff once it has been approved.