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## Netflix Prize

Congratulations to Bob Bell and Chris Volinsky from AT&T Labs Research, one of the affiliates, who are two of the seven members of the team that won the \$1 million Grand Prize from the Netflix Prize contest. The prize is for devising the most effective way for Netflix to improve its movie recommendation algorithm, which generates an average of 30 billion predictions per day, by ten percent or greater.



## Affiliates Events

### **Affiliates Workshop on Computational Advertising**

November 4-5, 2009, at NISS.

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## NISS Events

### **Exploration Workshop II on Financial Risk Modeling**

October 20-21, 2009

Washington DC

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## Co-Sponsored Events

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### **Design and Analysis of Experiments Conference: DAE 2009**

October 14-17, 2009, at the University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

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**2009 Non-Clinical Biostatistics Conference**, October 21-23, 2009, at the Harvard Medical School's Joseph B. Martin Conference Center in Boston

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### **Frontiers of Statistical Decision Making and Bayesian Analysis, in Honor of James O. Berger**

March 17-20, 2010

Downtown Campus of the University of Texas - San Antonio

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## SAMSI Events

**Math Institutes' Modern Math Workshop**

October 14-15, 2009

In conjunction with the 2009 Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) Conference in Dallas, Texas.

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**2008-09 Program on Sequential Monte Carlo Methods: Transition Workshop**

November 9-10, 2009

In Research Triangle Park. ARA ELIGIBLE.

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**2009-10 Program on Space-time Analysis for Environmental Mapping, Epidemiology and Climate Change: GEOMED--Spatial Epidemiology 2009 Workshop**

November 14-16, 2009, in Charleston, SC. ARA ELIGIBLE.

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