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NISS Affiliates Update: March 2007

1. 2007 Affiliates Annual Meeting will be held at the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in Washington on Thursday and Friday, April 26–27. In addition to traditional activities such as *Five-Minute Madness*, the program will include:

- A new researchers session (Thursday afternoon)
- Annual affiliates dinner (Thursday evening), at B. Smith restaurant in Washington’s historic Union Station
- A first look at, and discussion of, a NISS initiative “Analytical Computing Platforms for the Future” (Friday morning)
- A problem session, with 20-minute presentations placing problems before the entire group (Friday afternoon).

2. Material from Affiliates Workshops. Most presentations from two recent affiliates workshops are now on the web site:

- From the February 23–24 workshop on *Non-Negative Matrix Factorization*, at <http://www.niss.org/irMF/nmf/nmf-workshop200702.html>. Related software is at <http://www.niss.org/irMF/index.html>.
- From the March 15–16 workshop on *Modifying Surveys in Response to Disruptions*, at <http://www.niss.org/affiliates/surveydisruption200703/index.html>.

2. SAMSI Spring Events

April 10–13: Transition Workshop for the 2006–07 Program on High Dimensional Inference and Random Matrices, held at the American Institute of Mathematics, Palo Alto, CA. *Details:* <http://aimath.org/ARCC/workshops/rmtinference.html>.

May 14–16: Transition Workshop for the 2006–07 Program on Development, Assessment and Utilization of Complex Computer Models, held at the Radisson Hotel RTP. *Details:* <http://www.samsi.info/workshops/2006compmod-closing200705.shtml>.

3. SAMSI Summer Programs

Challenges in Dynamic Treatment Regimes and Multistage Decision–Making. Tutorials on June 18–19 (Radisson Hotel RTP), Opening Workshop on June 21–22 (Radisson Hotel RTP), and Working Groups and Transition Workshop on June 23–29 (SAMSI). *Details:* <http://www.samsi.info/programs/2007adaptivetreatmentprogram.shtml>.

Geometry and Statistics of Shape Spaces. Tutorials on July 7–8 (Radisson Hotel RTP), Workshop on July 9–11, 2007 (Radisson Hotel RTP), and Working Groups on July 12–13 (SAMSI). *Details:* <http://www.samsi.info/programs/2007shapeprogram.shtml>.

4. SAMSI Fall Events. There have been significant changes in expected emphases and working groups for the three 2007–08 programs. Even though there are time lags in updating them, the relevant SAMSI web pages should be consulted.

September 16–19: Opening Workshop, Program on Risk Analysis, Extreme Events and Decision Theory (Radisson Hotel RTP). *Details:* forthcoming

September 23–26: Opening Workshop, Program on Random Media (Radisson Hotel RTP). *Details:* forthcoming

5. SAMSI Student Programs

May 21–25: SAMSI/CRSC Undergraduate Workshop (NC State University).

Details: <http://www.samsi.info/workshops/2006ug-workshop200705.shtml>.

July 23–31: CRSC/SAMSI Workshop for Graduate Students (NC State University). *Details:* forthcoming