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## **Affiliates Update: June 2008**

### **Dan Horvitz**

Dan Horvitz, a central figure in the creation and early years of NISS, died on June 1. An obituary from the *Raleigh News and Observer* accompanies this update. Dan's roles in NISS, some of which were recognized in his 2005 NISS Distinguished Service Award, included bringing together the proposal to locate NISS in North Carolina, helping secure state funding for the original building, and serving on the 1997 building committee. He also established NISS as an organization, writing the articles of incorporation and by-laws, and was the first treasurer.

### **Director of Communications**

Jamie Nunnely will be joining NISS and SAMSI as director of communications on July 14, 2008. She has extensive experience and contacts, including having worked previously for the Research Triangle Foundation. Among her initial priorities will be improving the NISS web site and strengthening communication with affiliates, the latter including addressing the excellent suggestions raised at the April 24-25 affiliates annual meeting.

### **Material from Earlier Events**

#### **1. International Total Survey Error Workshops (ITSEW) 2008** on June 2-4, 2008

*Presentations and Papers:* Final copies of presentations and papers will be available in August.

### **Affiliates Events**

#### **1. JSM Affiliates Meeting and Reception:** Saturday, August 2, 2008, 3-6 PM, in Denver, CO, in Mineral Hall A of the Hyatt Hotel

*Details:* Forthcoming

#### **2. Exploration Workshops on**

- Agent-Based Modeling: November 2008
- Financial Risk Modeling and Banking Regulations: February 2009

*Details:* Dates and locations forthcoming

**3. 2009 Affiliates Annual Meeting:** Friday, April 24, 2009, at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT. The meeting will be followed, on Saturday, April 25, by the 23rd New England Statistics Symposium.

*Details:* Forthcoming

## **NISS Events**

**1. NISS/SAMSI JSM Reception:** Monday, August 4, 2008, 5–7 PM, in Denver, CO, in Centennial Ballroom G of the Hyatt Hotel, including announcement of the 2008 Sacks Award and NISS Distinguished Service Awards.

**2. ITSEW 2009:** Tentatively planned for June 14–17, 2009, in Tällberg, Sweden. *ARA ELIGIBLE!*

*Details:* Forthcoming

## **SAMSI Programs for 2008–09**

### **1. Algebraic Methods in Systems Biology and Statistics**

*Details:* <http://www.samsi.info/programs/2008algebraicmethodsprogram.shtml>

**Kickoff Tutorials and Workshop:** September 14–17, 2008, at the Radisson Hotel RTP. *ARA ELIGIBLE.*

*Details:* <http://www.samsi.info/workshops/2008algebraic-opening200809.shtml>

*Registration and hotel reservation deadline:* August 29, 2008

### **2. Sequential Monte Carlo Methods**

*Details:* <http://www.samsi.info/programs/2008SMCprogram.shtml>

**Kickoff Tutorials and Workshop:** September 7–10, 2008, at the Radisson Hotel RTP. *ARA ELIGIBLE.*

*Details:* <http://www.samsi.info/workshops/2008smc-opening200809.shtml>

*Registration and hotel reservation deadline:* August 22, 2008