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## Affiliates Update: August 2008

### Director of Communications

On July 14, Jamie Nunnally joined NISS and SAMSI as director of communications for both institutes. Ultimately you will meet her in person, but you can meet her photographically here:



Improved communication between NISS/SAMSI and affiliates is one of Jamie's highest priorities.

### JSM Events: Denver CO

- 1. JSM Affiliates Meeting and Reception:** Saturday, August 2, 3–6 PM, in Mineral Hall A of the Hyatt Hotel. Materials to be distributed at the meeting accompany this update.
- 2. NISS/SAMSI JSM Reception:** Monday, August 4, 5–7 PM, in Capitol Ballroom 4 of the Hyatt Hotel; announcement of the 2008 Sacks Award and NISS Distinguished Service Awards at 6 PM.
- 3. Topic Contributed Section—The SAMSI Program on Risk Analysis, Extreme Events, and Decision Theory:** Tuesday, August 5, 10:30 AM–12:20 PM, in Room 703 of the Colorado Convention Center.
- 4. Invited Session—Large Random Matrices, High-Dimensional Inference, and Future SAMSI Programs:** Tuesday, August 5, 2:00–3:50 PM, in Room 705 of the Colorado Convention Center.

### Affiliates Events

#### 1. Exploration Workshops (*ARA ELIGIBLE*)

- Agent-Based Modeling: Thursday-Friday, November 20-21, 2008, at NISS
- Financial Risk Modeling and Banking Regulations: February 2009

**2. 2009 Affiliates Annual Meeting:** Friday, April 24, 2009, Storrs, CT, hosted by the Department of Statistics at the University of Connecticut. The meeting will be followed, on Saturday, April 25, by the 23rd New England Statistics Symposium.

**3. Workshop on Drug Side Effects:** October, 2008, RTP. *ARA ELIGIBLE.*

*Details:* Available in August

## NISS Events

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

## 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

## SAMSI Director Search

SAMSI is seeking its next director, to assume the position in July of 2010 and to lead the proposal for renewal funding to begin in 2012. The search committee seeks applications and nominations of candidates with vision, energy and experience. The directorship carries a tenured faculty position at one of the SAMSI partner universities: Duke University, North Carolina State University, or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

*More information:* <http://www.samsi.info/opportunities/director-search.shtml>