Welcome Back Meeting

Actuarial Association Winter Quarter Highlights
Agenda

- Winter Quarter Events
- Case Studies
- Spring Quarter Possibilities
- Suggestions and Questions
- Socializing
Winter Quarter Events
Week 1: (1/16 - 1/21)

Guest Speaker: Larry Stern

- Details: Friday 1/19, 3-4:30 pm, Sobel (SH 5607F)
- Background:
  - Larry is reinsurance actuary at Canterbury Consulting
  - Has been an actuary for 40 years
    - Scottish Re
    - Towers Watson
- Preparation:
  - Think of possible questions to ask him (research ahead of time)
- Other Info:
  - He provides beneficial insight and explanations
Week 2: (1/22 - 1/28)

Excel Workshop (Beginner)

● Details: Wednesday 1/24, 5-7 pm, SSMS 1303
● Background:
  ○ Similar to last quarter’s workshop
  ○ Start from very beginning
  ○ Progress to general formulas and proper cell-referencing
● Preparation:
  ○ No previous experience needed
  ○ Bring personal laptop just in case
● Other Info:
  ○ Might split up into groups (easier to go at individual paces)

Mentor/Mentee Board Game Night

● Details: Thursday 1/25, 9:30-11:30 pm, SRB 1F Conference Room
● Background:
  ○ Interaction chance between mentors and mentees
● Preparation:
  ○ Bring board games if you want
  ○ Already covered:
    ■ Settlers of Catan (times 2)
    ■ Cards Against Humanity
    ■ Isla Vista: The Game
    ■ And much more!
● Other Info:
  ○ There will be Panda Express
Week 3: (1/29 - 2/4)

UCLA Case Competition Review

- Details: Monday 1/29, 6-7:30 pm, GIRV 1115
- Background:
  - Two UCSB Teams, two presentations
  - Go over case and suggestions on the projects
- Preparation:
  - Read original case (provided later)

Coffee Hours with Professor Drew Carter

- Details: TBD
- Background:
  - Relaxed setting with Coffee, Tea, and Treats
  - Talk about anything (school, career, life)
- Preparation:
  - Get to know a little bit about him and his work [here](#)
  - Talk driven by students’ questions
Week 4: (2/5 - 2/11)

Bowling Night at Zodo’s

- Details: Wednesday 2/7, 9-11 pm, Zodo’s
- Background:
  - Quarterly tradition
  - Carpooling system
- Preparation:
  - Lanes covered by Association
  - Drinks not covered by Association

Guest Speaker: Stephane Mallet

- Details: Friday 2/9, 2-3 pm, Campbell Hall
- Background:
  - Learning Physics with Deep Neural Networks (Data Science heavy)
- Preparation:
  - Read into Deep Neural Networks (not necessary but could be beneficial for understanding the talk)
- Other Info:
  - Large lecture hall
Week 5: (2/12 - 2/18)

Guest Speaker: Hal Pedersen

- Details: Tuesday 2/13, 3-4:30 pm, Sobel (SH 5607F)
- Background:
  - Application of Economics to Insurance and Risk Modeling
  - Currently working for Conning
- Preparation:
  - Read into Risk Management and Risk Modeling
  - Think of possible questions ahead of time
- Other Info:
  - Purposefully went out of his way to speak to the Association
Week 6: (2/19 - 2/25)

Coffee Hours with Professor TBD

- Details: TBD
- Info:
  - Same deal as Coffee Hours with Drew Carter
- Other:
  - Poll on what professors students would like to see
Week 7: (2/26 - 3/4)

Excel Workshop (Intermediate)

- **Details:** Wednesday 2/28, 5-7 pm, SSMS 1303
- **Background:**
  - Continuation of Beginning Workshop
  - Progress to dynamic workbooks, array functions, and good workplace habits
- **Preparation:**
  - Either:
    - Attended Beginning Workshop
    - Or have basic Excel experience
  - Bring personal laptop just in case
- **Other Info:**
  - Might split up into groups (not as much as before, faster pace)
Week 8: (3/5 - 3/11)

Dodgeball Tournament

- Details: Saturday 3/10, TBD, Rob Gym
- Background:
  - Let out post-midterm, pre-final stress
  - Friendly games with the possibility of other activities
- Preparation:
  - Learn the 5 D’s of dodgeball:
    - Dodge
    - Duck
    - Dip
    - Dive
    - Dodge
  - Wear athletic clothing
Week 9: (3/12 - 3/18)

Excel Workshop (Advanced) [and pie]

● Details: Wednesday 3/14, 5-7 pm, SSMS 1303
● Background:
  ○ Continuation of Intermediate Workshop
  ○ Progress to simple VBA functions and sub procedures
● Preparation:
  ○ Either:
    ■ Attended Intermediate Workshop
    ■ Or have moderate Excel experience
  ○ Bring personal laptop just in case
● Other Info:
  ○ Might teach as just one class
Case Studies
Keep in mind...

Finals: 3/19-3/23

Spring Break: 3/24-4/1

First day of Spring Quarter: Monday, 4/2
UC Berkeley Case Study

Case sent out late February

- Teams of 4 (2 upperclassmen, 2 lowerclassmen)

First Round due on Friday, March 9th

- Spreadsheet only object turned in
- Results posted around mid March

Final Round on Sunday, April 15th at Berkeley

- Prepare a presentation along with the report
SOA Case Study

Case released Friday, February 9th

Teams formed and finalized by Friday, March 2nd

- Teams of 1 to 5 people (no classmen restriction)
- Serious case study, must be actively participating in Case Study Sessions to participate

Report Submission by Friday, April 6th

Selected teams video present by Friday, April 27th

Top 3 winners selected on Friday, May 4th
Old SOA Case Studies

2017 SOA Challenge

2016 SOA Challenge
Spring Quarter Possibilities
Upcoming Events

Officer Elections

Actuary Day

Actuarial Banquet
Suggestions and Questions
Possibilities

Mentor/Mentee program
Case Study meetings
Data Science Collaboration
IM Teams
Socializing