

# ACTUARIAL ACCOUNT WINTER 2020 NEWSLETTER



*Pictured: Mentor/Mentee Speed Dating & Reveal, January 28, 2020.*

**South Hall 5607A- University of California,**

- **This quarter's events:**

- Winter General Meeting
- Report Writing & Case Study Workshop with Raya Feldman
- Actuarial Board Game Night
- Mentor/Mentee Speed Dating & Reveal
- Excel Workshops
- WSIA Guest Speaker Event
- UCLA Case Study Debrief with Ian Duncan
- BS/MS Program Info Session with Hal Pedersen
- Coffee, Tea & Boba with Professors
- Actuarial Movie Night
- Actuarial Distinguished Lecturer
- LinkedIn Workshop & Endorsement Party
- Cultural Appreciation Event
- Lady Actuary Tea Social with FACTOR

- **Member of the Quarter:**

- **Alejandro Ayala**
- **Tom Wrigley**

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## Winter General Meeting



Our president, Sukanya Joshi, with the entire officer team welcomed the returning and new group of aspiring actuaries to a new quarter at UCSB by describing the Winter quarter agenda. The case study coordinator, Jasmine Li, introduced the upcoming case study competitions in the winter quarter. The volunteer coordinator, Bryndis Maria Arnarsdottir, announced the exciting new volunteer program Math Motivator Tutoring founded by Actuarial Foundation to our members.

## Report Writing & Case Study Workshop with Raya Feldman

In order to help our students better prepare for the upcoming UCLA case competition, the case study coordinator, Jasmine Li, and treasurer, Chloe Wang, held a workshop on the logistics of the case competition, as well as how to write a report and presentation slides for the case competition participants. Dr. Raya Feldman was invited to give tips on report writing and presentation.





## Actuarial Board Game Night

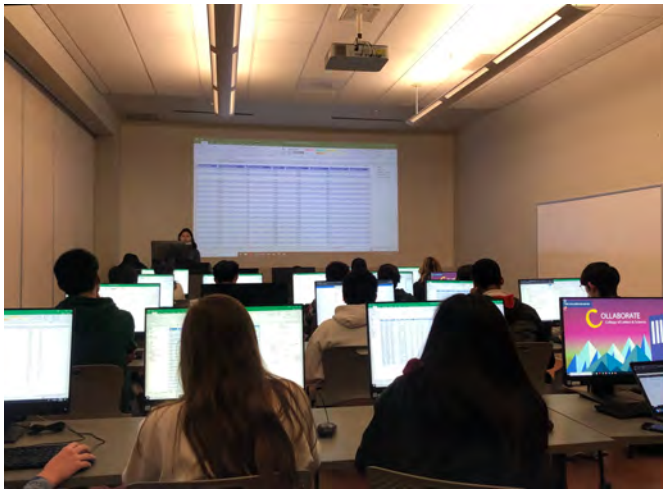
An engaging Actuarial Board Game Night was held to relieve students' stress from the case competition from the previous week. In the picture, our officers and members are working together on a 300 piece puzzle.

## Mentor/Mentee Speed Dating & Reveal



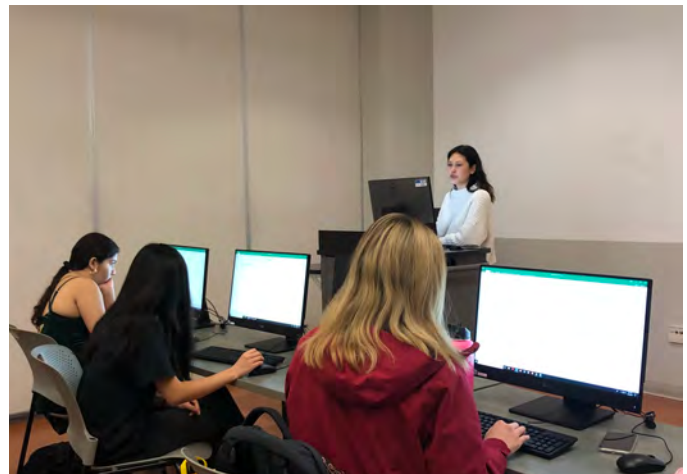
The mentorship program has been successful in connecting more and more students together after the reinvigoration by our community development coordinator, Michelle Chang. This quarter, Michelle established an even more creative way for the mentorship reveal. In the picture, Sukanya Joshi is with a mentee she met before during Mentor/mentee Speed Dating.





## Excel Workshops

Technical skills such as Excel and coding are crucial for students in the actuarial field. Students listened and practiced along attentively as Excel-guru Michelle Chang hosted beginner and intermediate Excel workshops. Michelle went over important topics, such as v-lookups and pivot tables through practical application on a workbook of problems.



## WSIA Guest Speaker Event



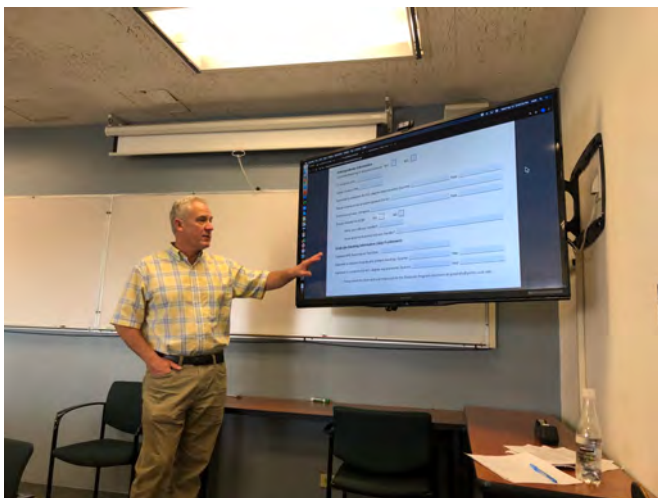
We are very grateful for having two WSIA guest speakers, Tim Chaix and Rebecca Gitig, for sharing their personal stories and experiences working in the excess and surplus field. WSIA stands for Wholesale Specialty Insurance Association, an organization that especially highlights the excess and surplus line industry, and provides various actuarial, risk management, and data analytics opportunities.

## UCLA Case Study Debrief with Ian Duncan



Ten competing teams were formed among UCSB AA members to participate in UCLA's Dental Care case study competition 2020. Two teams were selected as finalists and proceeded to the final round at UCLA on January 24, 2020. One of the teams (on the top left): Ian Low, Joshua Chen, Max Reedy, and Micheal Kwok presented their solution to our members. Right: Professor Ian Duncan went over the answers and results. Great work everyone!

## BS/MS Program Info Session with Hal Pedersen



The Actuarial Program Director, Dr. Hal Pedersen, introduced in detail of combined 5-year Actuarial Science BS/MS Program to interested students. Andrew Freedman, a graduate student currently in the program, shared his experience of the application process and coursework in the program.



## Coffee, Tea & Boba with Professors

In this quarterly Coffee & Tea & Boba with Professors event, Professors Raya Feldman, Ian Duncan, and Janet Duncan were invited to join students outside of class to engage in discussions about their experience in the industry. We listened and shared our own thoughts while enjoying Coffee, Tea, and Boba with snacks.

## Actuarial Movie Night

On Actuarial Movie Night, students watched “The Billion Dollar Bubble”, a movie on the real-life insurance embezzlement scheme, with Professor Ian Duncan and engaged in discussions about ethics in the actuarial profession.



## Actuarial Distinguished Lecturer

Kristi Barends, Principal at Mullin Barends Stanford Financial and Insurance Services and an alum of UCSB, presented a practical talk on the importance of planning for retirement and different retirement plans. We joined together in a Q&A discussion afterward about a career in benefits consulting



## LinkedIn Workshop & Endorsement Party

The community development coordinator Michelle Chang and president Sukanya Joshi led a LinkedIn Workshop to help students enhance their LinkedIn profile. Great to see that our profiles look more professional!

## Cultural Appreciation Event

The case study coordinator Jasmine Li led the Cultural Appreciation Event to celebrate cultural diversity in our club. Students enjoyed food from various different cultures and played the Kahoot game about cultural fun facts at the end to earn 3 Amazon Gift cards.





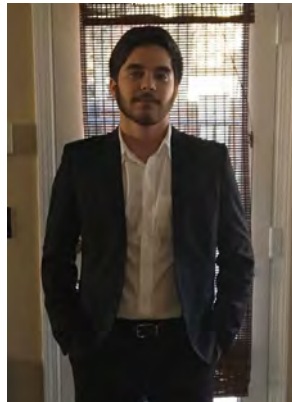
## Lady Actuary Tea Social with FACTOR



To celebrate International Women's Day, we partnered with Female Actuarial Organization and invited Professors Janet Duncan, Myung, and Mouminoux in a tea social and shared inspiring life stories being a woman.

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### **Member of the Quarter (Fall 2019):** Alejandro Ayala & Tom Wrigley



*Alejandro Ayala*

Alex and Tom are the top two of many active and passionate members in this past quarter. They participated in almost all the events in fall with few exceptions. We gladly recognize their involvement by the honor "Member of the Quarter". We sincerely hope you are doing well this spring, and look forward to stay in touch with you!

Over the past two quarters, the officer team and I had the opportunity to organize insightful professional, social, and academic events for our actuarial science students. Due to the spread of COVID-19, we will not be hosting any in-person events for Spring quarter. However, we are committed to having remote events to keep our members involved and engaged. Overall, it has been a pleasure to work with this officer team and to serve the Actuarial Association. I am thrilled to see how the club grows in the coming years!

**-Sincerely,  
Sukanya Joshi, President**  
on behalf of UCSB Actuarial Association 2019-20 Officer Team

