Summary: 2017 Activities and Events

Friday, February 24th – Student Bowling Social

Wednesday, April 19th – Special Methods Seminar—Quantile Regression

Thursday, May 18th – Qualifying Exam Questions/Review Session

Tuesday, Aug. 15th – Luncheon with New Members

Wednesday, Sept. 27th – Meet-and-greet lunch with faculty members

Friday, Dec. 1st – Special Methods Seminar—Measurement Errors
Activities and Events

**Student Bowling Social**
The Student Chapter organized a social event to gather together graduate students involved (MS and PhD students) to have fun, relax, and enjoy bowling, pool, and arcade games. The event was held on the last Friday of February at Northland Bowling Alley.

**Qualifying Exam Questions/Review Session**
The second and third year students put together a review and questions session for the first years students to help them prepare for their qualifying exam at the end of May. The qualifying exam is a must-pass exam for all first year HPA doctoral students and covers core competencies from the field of health services research.

**Luncheon for New Members**
The first-year PhD students had a jam-packed first week of orientation activities in mid-August, and fortunately we were able to reserve some space on their schedule! Older students on our Academy Health Student Chapter’s Executive Board met with the incoming graduate students over lunch to introduce and discussed our Student Chapter. The Department paid for our meals and drinks.

**Meet-and-greet lunch with faculty members**
We had several new faculty members joining the Department of Health Policy and Administration this year. In order to facilitate conversations and collaborations, the Academy Health Student Chapter organized a meet-and-greet lunch session for all students that are a part of the Chapter and for the faculty involved.

**Special Methods Seminar**
We had two faculty members—Joel Segel and Yunfeng Shi, presenting on the topics of Quantile Regression and Measurement Errors respectively (see next page).
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Special Methods Seminar

“Quantile Regression”
Dr. Segel, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Administration presented a special methods seminar on the topic of Quantile Regression. In his seminar, Dr. Segel gave a brief introduction to quantile regression, which allows estimation of how a variable may affect an outcome at different points along the distribution of the outcome. Both conditional and unconditional quantile regression and differences in methods and interpretation were discussed. Finally, an empirical example about the association between health plan deductibles and out-of-pocket spending for both medical expenses and plan premiums was used to facilitate understanding of the application.

“Measurement Errors”
Dr. Shi, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Administration presented a special methods seminar on the topic of measurement errors. In his seminar, Dr. Shi provided an overview of the different types measurement errors, and how they affect the inferences in common regression models. This seminar was very relevant to students who use quantitative data (survey or administrative) and regression models in their research.

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Meet our New Student Members

Kate Callahan (Social Chair)
I am a first year PhD student in Health Policy and Administration. I hold a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Western Ontario and a Masters of Social Work from McMaster University. For the past 7 years, I have been working as a licensed clinical social worker in the state of Pennsylvania. In my most recent social work position, working with people who have advanced illnesses, I had the opportunity to assist in developing a quality department and quality measurement tool. This has really contributed to my research interests of improving health care for individuals who may be near the end of life. In my free time, I love spending time with my husband Ryan and our two dogs Lilly and Abbey.

Linh Tran
I am the first year PhD student in the Health Policy and Administration. I got my B.A in Economics from University of Minnesota. My research interests include health insurance, health economics, quality improvement, cost and quality. I love cats and I have one kitten named Kitkat, I can spend hours talking with other pet-lovers.

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