Happy Holidays and happy end to another successful semester! Now that we’re all done and stress-free (nobody is still stressed, right?!) we thought we would share a few fun and exciting holiday-themed events happening in the Tuscaloosa/Birmingham areas! So take a break from your grad school worries and have some nice winter-oriented fun

♦ **Holidays on the River:** Go ice skating town by the river off Jack Warner Parkway in Tuscaloosa! The rink is open from 2pm-10pm Sunday-Thursday, 2pm-11pm on Fridays, and 10am-11pm on Saturdays now through January 4th!

♦ **Uptown Art:** Embrace your inner artist and sign up to paint your own winter-themed masterpiece this season! Uptown art is located right here in Tuscaloosa and they guide you through the painting process (very little artistic skill required!) while you sip on your favorite beverage! Check out their calendar at www.uptownart.com

♦ **Winter Wonderland Holiday Exhibit:** The McWane Science Center in Birmingham is having a special holiday exhibit now through January 11th. This one is especially great for those of you with little ones!

♦ **The Nutcracker:** The Birmingham Ballet will have showings for the Nutcracker from December 12-21. A great holiday favorite!

♦ **Holiday Movie Series:** The Alabama Theatre in Birmingham is having a holiday movie series starting December 12 and going through December 22. Check out the calendar at www.alabamatheatre.com

Lisa Mieskowski Karolina Zakoscielna, Meagan Wood, Sara Steele, & Caitie Tighe participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s & raised $892!
Allie Nancarrow
College: Trinity University
Hometown: Plano, TX
Developmental/Gilpin
Fun Fact: Studied abroad in Scotland

Denver Hunt
College: University of Alabama
Hometown: Birmingham
Developmental/Parker
Fun Fact: Obsessed with Silly Putty

Callie Gibson
College: Samford University
Hometown: New Orleans
Developmental/McDonald
Fun Fact: Obsessed with all things British

Brooke Meyer
College: Gustavus Adolphus
Hometown: Watkins, MN
Developmental/Gilpin
Fun Fact: Went skydiving this summer
Jessica Mendoza  
**College:** California State University Dominguez Hills  
**Hometown:** Los Angeles  
**Cognitive/Roskos**  
**Fun Fact:** Loves roller coasters & sushi

Lauren Browning  
**College:** Lee University  
**Hometown:** Acworth, GA  
**Social/Gable**  
**Fun Fact:** Loves country music & the Braves!

Hunter Threadgill  
**College:** Ouachita Baptist University  
**Hometown:** Memphis  
**Social/Gable**  
**Fun Fact:** Scuba Certified & recently learned how to surf

Tatiana Martyshchenko  
**College:** University of Alabama  
**Hometown:** Novosibirsk, Russia  
**Social/Hart**  
**Fun Fact:** Loves reading & cooking desserts!
Christina Pierpaoli  
**Hometown:** North Brunswick, NJ  
**Gero/Parmelee**  
**Fun Fact:** Has a twin named Mario

Janna Imel  
**College:** University of Louisville  
**Hometown:** Greenup, KY  
**Gero/Dautovich**  
**Fun Fact:** Climbed a mountain in 3 different continents

Keisha Carden  
**College:** Winthrop University  
**Hometown:** York, SC  
**Gero/Allen**  
**Fun Fact:** Has an extra set of non-functioning tear ducts

Sylvia Wang  
**College:** Temple University  
**Hometown:** Taishan, Guangdong, China  
**Gero/Giyeon**  
**Fun Fact:** I don’t drink coffee/tea with any caffeine in it
Francesca Kassing
**College:** Duke University
**Hometown:** Charleston, SC
Clinical Child/Lochman
**Fun Fact:** Has never broken a bone

Dane Hilton
**College:** Appalachian State University
**Hometown:** Hickory, NC
Clinical Child/Jarrett
**Fun Fact:** Has 5 different coffee brewers

Megan Kopkin
**College:** Birmingham-Southern
**Hometown:** Birmingham
Psych & Law/Cox
**Fun Fact:** Huge fan of DIY crafts

Sarah Emert
**College:** University of Arizona
**Hometown:** Tucson, Arizona
Health/Lichstein
**Fun Fact:** Played in Afro-Brazilian percussion & dance ensemble
Mazher Mulla
**College:** Birmingham-Southern
**Hometown:** Daphne, AL
**Clinical Health/Hamilton**
**Fun Fact:** Drinks coffee out of a purple owl.

Adam Coffey
**College:** Valdosta State University
**Hometown:** Leesburg, GA
**Psych & Law/Brodsky**
**Fun Fact:** Went to high school with a World Series MVP & American Idol winner

Joshua Tutek
**College:** Lewis & Clark College
**Hometown:** Los Angeles
**Health/Lichstein**
**Fun Fact:** Loves guitar & music
Learn a little more about your new clinical assistant professor!

What’s one fun thing you did this past summer?
Spent time in South Korea working for Samsung Electronics

What area of statistics is your favorite or consider yourself to be an expert in?
I’m familiar with a variety of different areas in statistics. However, I’m a regression person, so I’d consider myself an expert in regression-y types of analyses.

Although, I’m a big fan of exploratory techniques such as Cluster Analysis and Principle Component Analysis.

What food do you never get tired of?
Does beer count? If not, maybe barbeque!

What excites you most about your job?
The fact that it never ends. There’s always something new to be investigated. It’s a never-ending journey, and I like that.

Where’s your hometown?
Belo Horizonte, Brazil (the Bar capital of Brazil according to NY Times)

Where were you before coming to UA?
Post doc in Montreal, Canada (1 year) and in Brazil for 9 months working as a Data Analyst for Samsung Electronics
Big Things Are Happening

Mckensie Martin and Dustin Worley dancing at their wedding on October 11, 2014

Dean Elmore and Catherine Honeycutt pose for a picture at their wedding on May 19, 2014

Field Day 2014
a) What works even after it's fired?

b) An action potential takes the train to school. What is the name of the train station where it gets off for school?

c) What is a sleeping brain's favorite musical group (rock band)?

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**Word Bank**

BELOW ZERO  FLURRIES  ICICLE  BITTER COLD  FREEZING  JACK FROST  BLACK ICE  JACKET
FREEZING RAIN  BLANKET  FROST  FROST  JANUARY  FROSTBITE  BLIZZARD  CHILLY  SCARF
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR
FURNACE  MITTENS  BOOTS  GLOVES  NOREASTER  HAIL  PINECONE  CHIMNEY  HEATER  PULLOVER
QUILT  COLD  HOODIE  RADIATOR  EARMUFFS  SCARF
HOT CHOCOLATE  EVERGREEN  HYPOTHERMIA  SHIVER  FIREPLACE  ICE SKI  FIREWOOD  ICE FISHING
SLED  FLANNEL  ICE SCRAPER  SLEET  FLEECE  ICE SKATING

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Learn a little more about your new administrative specialist!

What food do you never get tired of?
Hamburgers. I could eat them three times a day, seven days a week. And chocolate. Always chocolate.

What excites you most about your job?
I love to be behind the scenes making things work. I love that I have that ability and that others just trust that I can make things work from A-Z.

Where is your hometown?
Tuscaloosa, AL

What’s one fun thing you did this past summer?
Introduced my 2-year-old granddaughter to the beach. It was amazing, and she loved it.

If you were a superhero what would be your superpower?
Flying. I hate to drive to get anywhere. I would rather fly, and get there really, really quick.