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To CAPS faculty and scientists, TAPS Fellows, and seminar participants,

Hope you had a good holidays season.

Our first seminar in 2016 will take place in just over 2 weeks, on 1/19/16. It is a joint TAPS and CAPS Methods Core event.

Title: Introduction to the Interrupted Times Series Design
Presenter: Steve Gregorich, PhD
Professor of Medicine
UCSF / CAPS

Time & Place: Tuesday January 19, 2016; 2 - 4
(new) McKusick Conference room #3700
Mission Hall, 3rd floor
4th Street at 550 16th Street
San Francisco, CA 94158
Abstract: The interrupted time-series (ITS) design is one of the better quasi-experimental (QE) designs with respect to providing a basis for drawing a causal inference.

I will provide a two-hour presentation in two parts. The first hour will focus on concepts and is geared toward all CAPS scientists. Topics will include an introduction to ITS designs; a review of generic threats to internal validity; contrasting RCTs, ITS, and other QE designs with respect to the ability to address threats to internal validity; an review of some ‘archetypal’ ITS outcomes; design-based methods for bolstering the basis for causal inferences from ITS designs; and some lessons learned from working with ITS designs.

The second hour will focus on simple approaches to analyze data from ITS designs, including exploratory analysis via smoothing splines, segmented regression, and mixed models approaches, with examples from my collaborative research at UCSF.

Bio: I am a statistician faculty member of the Departments of Medicine as well as Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences. My research focuses on prevention and health behaviors via randomized trials, quasi-experiments, and longitudinal observation studies, within diverse national and international populations. I have been investigator, principal statistician, and/or statistical/methodological mentor of over 65, largely federally funded, centers, projects, and career development awards. I am also a Director of Data Coordinating Centers serving two NIDCR-funded national consortia: the Early Childhood Caries Collaborating Centers (EC4) as well as the Multidisciplinary and Collaborative Research Consortium to Reduce Oral Health Disparities in Children (MCRC for OHDC).

Hope to see many of you at the presentation.

--Estie Hudes

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