## Conference Schedule 2015

### Tuesday, October 27

**Arrival**  
Roanoke Airport (ROA) to [Inn at Virginia Tech](https://www.inn.vt.edu), 901 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg, VA 24061 ([Map](https://www.google.com/maps))  
**Partners** attending: American Credit Acceptance, Eastman Chemical Company, Google, Shell Global Solutions, W.L. Gore  
**Partners** not attending: General Electric, DuPont, Minitab, SAS

**3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**  
300 Seitz Hall  
**Partners Presentations** at the weekly Student Outreach Seminar, chaired and organized by Matthew Keefe  
- W.L. Gore  
- Eastman Chemical Company

**5:30-7:30 p.m.**  
Moss Arts Center, 190 Alumni Mall, Blacksburg, ([Map](https://www.google.com/maps))  
**Welcome Reception and Registration** for partners, faculty, emeritus faculty, and students

### Wednesday, October 28

**8:00-8:30 a.m.**  
Inn at Virginia Tech: Upper Quad ([Map](https://www.google.com/maps))  
**Continental Breakfast** for Advisory Committee, Partners, and Potential Partners

**8:30 – 10:45 a.m.**  
Inn at Virginia Tech: Drillfield ([Map](https://www.google.com/maps))  
**Advisory Committee Meeting**, chaired by Department Head Ronald Fricker. Representatives of each company will meet with key committee chairs (Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Statistical Analysis (LISA), Graduate Program, undergraduate Program, and Corporate Partners Committee).

**11:00-12:00 p.m.**  
Virginia Tech Athletic Facilities Tour, Tour includes visits to: Merryman Memorabilia Room, Merryman Center Facilities/Team Meeting Rooms, Weight Room, Football Field & Tunnel, Training Equipment, Sports Nutrition Rooms, Cassell Coliseum (2nd Floor).

**12:15-1:30 p.m.**  
Inn at Virginia Tech: 1872 Salon ([Map](https://www.google.com/maps))  
**Lunch**. Partners and Potential Partners with Advisory Committee and Dean Lay Nam Chang, Dean of the College of Science and Professor of Physics.

**2:00-3:00 p.m.**  
Squires Student Center: Monterrey Tec ([Map](https://www.google.com/maps))  
Partners and Potential Partners meet with Jack Finney, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost.

**3:00-4:00 pm**  
Squires Student Center: Room 341/345 ([Map](https://www.google.com/maps))  
**Corporate Partners Poster Session**, inaugural Poster Session where students will be presenting posters in two categories: Research & Collaboration, organized by Ana Maria Ortega Villa and Rose Eddy.

**4:00-5:30 p.m.**  
Squires Student Center: Room 341/345 ([Map](https://www.google.com/maps))  
**Mu Sigma Rho Student Research and Collaboration Seminar** (See below), chaired by Mu Sigma Rho President Lin Zhang, and organized by Professors Inyoung Kim and Leanna House. Presentations of current research by students, Ana Maria Ortega Villa, Ian Crandell, Yimeng Xie, and Xiaoning Kang.

**5:30-6:00 p.m.**  
Squires Student Center: Room 341/345 ([Map](https://www.google.com/maps))  
**Honors and Awards Presentations** chaired by Professor Jeffrey Birch, Director of Graduate Programs

### Thursday, October 29: Partner Interviewing

**Organizing Committee:** Ana Maria Ortega Villa, Lin Zhang, Matthew Keefe, Matthew Slifko, Maggie Mao, Rose Eddy, Anne Driscoll

Virginia Tech  
Corporate Partners  
Department of Statistics
Mu Sigma Rho Student Research and Collaboration Seminar  
Chaired by Lin Zhang, president, VT chapter of Mu Sigma Rho  
Organized by Professors Inyoung Kim and Leanna House

Wed, Oct 28th  Squires Student Center: Room 341/345 ([Map])
4:00-4:20  Yimeng Xie, A Semiparametric Model for Accelerated Destructive Degradation Test Data Analysis
4:20-4:40  Ana Maria Ortega Villa, Functional Nonparametric Bayesian Time Varying Coefficient Model for Matched Case - Crossover studies
4:40-5:00  Xiaoning Kang, An Order-Invariant Cholesky-Log-GARCH Model for Multivariate Financial Time Series
5:00-5:20  Ian Crandell, LISA 2020: Developing Statistical Collaboration Capacity in Nigeria

Graduate-Student Award Presentations  
Chaired by Professor Jeffrey Birch, Director of Graduate Programs

Wed, Oct 28th  Squires Student Center: Room 341/345 ([Map])
5:30-6:00  The Boyd Harshbarger Award for outstanding academic achievement by a first year graduate student
The Jesse C. Arnold Award for outstanding teaching by a graduate teaching assistant
The Klaus Hinkelmann Award for outstanding service by a graduate student to the department or university
The Raymond Myers Award for the top student in Linear Models and Experimental Design
The Gibbons Statistics Award for outstanding first year PhD student in statistics
The Rose Costain Award for outstanding graduate student citizen in the Department of Statistics
The John Bartko Award for outstanding collaboration, communication, and consulting by a graduate student
The Corporate Partners Poster Awards for outstanding posters and presentation in research and collaboration
The 2014 Outstanding LISA Collaborator of the Year Award

Interview Schedule  
Organized Ana Maria Ortega Villa, Lin Zhang, Matthew Keefe, Matthew Slifko, Maggie Mao, and Rose Eddy

Wed, Oct 27  Squires Student Center: SCC ([Map])
9:00-4:00  ACA, SSC 234 and Mountain Lake
10:00-12:00  W.L. Gore, SSC Williamsburg
2:00-5:30  Eastman Chemical, SSC Blue Ridge Conference Room

Thurs, Oct 28  Squires Student Center: SCC ([Map])
9:00-12:00  ACA, SSC 217, 219
1:00-3:30  ACA, SSC 342 and Shenandoah
8:00-12:00  Eastman Chemical, SSC Monterrey Tec
9:00-12:00  Google, SSC 234
8:30-1:00  Shell, SSC 236