

Dear colleagues,

This year's SSSR preconference will be held in Toronto on Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup>.

We are running a morning session for ECRs/PhDs and an afternoon CPD statistical modelling session for ALL delegates.

Morning session and lunch: open to ECRs/PhDs only (9-12.30pm)

In the morning, Nicole Conrad and Fiona Kyle will lead a session for ECRs/PhDs on giving & receiving constructive feedback to improve clarity of writing, setting up a research programme, and getting the most out of SSSR. There will then be a lunch for ECRs/PhDs to network.

Afternoon session: open to all delegates (1.30-4.30pm)

In the afternoon, Lee Branum-Martin will run a practical introduction to longitudinal data for reading researchers. This is being run as a CPD event open to all delegates, but if space is limited, priority will be given to ECRs/PhDs.

Longitudinal data are recognized to offer more power and information on interesting research questions, yet they bring complexity for which many researchers are not prepared, including issues of cohorts, unequal spacing of intervals, and missingness. The current workshop will provide an overview of longitudinal data and present an applied example in which attendees will use the free software, R, to manipulate data, graphically evaluate trajectories, and fit some initial models. The intended audience is students and applied researchers who are familiar with regression and some form of software scripting (e.g., SPSS syntax, SAS, or R). Links to materials will be provided. Attendees who wish to complete the exercises are recommended to bring a laptop with a working version of R and RStudio installed.

Registration for both sessions is now open and you can register here: <https://forms.gle/9jZSuCemVh3krimP7>

Registration will close on the June 1st 2019, after which time we will confirm places. For the morning session, places will be reserved for ECRs/PhDs. For the afternoon, places are open to all, but ECRs/PhDs will get priority. If we are oversubscribed then places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Feel free to contact us with any questions.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Toronto!

Best wishes,

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