Dear Methods Core seminar participants,

This is a reminder for our rescheduled seminar with Dr. Maya Petersen.

The seminar will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. Below are the details.

- <u>Title</u>: Targeted Maximum Likelihood Estimation, integrating machinelearning, to evaluate the effects of longitudinal interventions including dynamic regimes.
- <u>Presenter</u>: Maya Petersen, MD, PhD co-Chair, Graduate Group in Biostatistics Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics School of Public Health University of California, Berkeley



<u>Date</u>: Tuesday, , May 21, 2019

<u>Time</u>: 10 am - 12:00 noon

Location: AmfAR Conference room MH-3700

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<u>Abstract</u>: Targeted Maximum Likelihood Estimation (TMLE) provides an approach for estimating the causal effects of longitudinal interventions with several attractive properties. TMLE uses estimates of

both the propensity score (as used in inverse probability weighting) and of a series of outcome regressions (as can be used in parametric G-computation). Machine-learning methods, such as Super Learning (an ensemble approach) can be used to estimate both the propensity score and outcome regressions. TMLE, which is a double robust semiparametric efficient estimator, has the potential to reduce bias and variance and to improve the validity of statistical inferences compared to alternative approaches. However, as with other methods, challenges remain, particularly when some treatment regimes of interest have poor data support given confounder values. This workshop will provide an introduction to implementation of TMLE with Super Learning. Methods will be illustrated using applied case studies drawn from HIV implementation science. A brief introduction to the R-package ltmle, which can be used to implement all methods described in the workshop, will also be provided.

<u>Short Bio</u>: Maya Petersen, MD, PhD is Associate Professor of Biostatistics and Epidemiology at the School of Public Health of the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Petersen's methodological research focuses on the development and application of novel causal inference methods to problems in health, with an emphasis on longitudinal data and adaptive treatment strategies (dynamic regimes), machine learning methods, and study design and analytic strategies for cluster randomized trials. Her applied work focuses on developing and evaluating improved HIV prevention and care strategies in resource-limited settings.

Please let <u>Estie Hudes</u> know if you are planning to attend the seminar and, if you are coming from outside of Mission Hall, whether you need to be put on the building security list.

Hope to see you many of you at the seminar next month, --Estie

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