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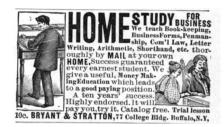
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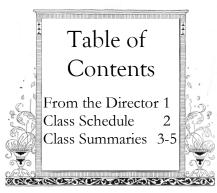
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# From the Director

Welcome to another year! CSSCR is primed and waiting for another great year of service and support. We have two new consultants this year with the rest of the consulting staff returning. This year will be an extra busy one for us in that we will be preparing to move from Savery for two years while the building is being renovated.

So, in addition to our usual activities, we will be cleaning house and preparing for a major move next summer. As always, our computer rooms are in heavy demand; please schedule your class times as early as possible. Best of luck on a great academic year!

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# Back-To-School Seminars September 2006

For class descriptions and sign-up information, see next page.

# Monday, September 18

9:30 - 10:00AM Introduction to CSSCR and Campus Resources Fred Nick

10:15 - 11:15AM Microsoft Word Tricks (Kill the Paper Clip!) Dixielynn Gleason

# Tuesday, September 19

9:00 - 10:00AM	Introduction to Powerpoint	Nicole Matsunaga
10:15 - 11:15AM	Intermediate Powerpoint	Gregg Harbaugh
11:30 - 12:30рм	Introduction to SPSS	Chris Rothschild

# Wednesday, September 20

9:00 - 10:00Am	Introduction to Atlas TI	Nicole Matsunaga
10:15 - 11:15AM	Introduction to Excel	Chris Fowler
11:30 - 12:30рм	Advanced Excel/Graphs/Stats/Database	Jinyoung Kim

# Thursday, September 21

9:00 - 10:00AM	Introduction to EQS	Gregg Harbaugh
10:15 - 11:15AM	Introduction to Lisrel	Yen-Sheng Chiang
11:30 - 12:30рм	Introduction to R(rrrr)	Jinyoung Kim

# Friday, September 22

9:00 - 10:00AM	Introduction to ArcGis	Chris Fowler
10:15 - 11:15AM	Introduction to Matlab	Yen-Sheng Chiang
11:30 - 12:30рм	Introduction to Flash	Chris Rothschild

If you would like to request academic accommodations due to a disability, please contact Disabled Student Services, 448 Schmitz, 543-8924 (V/TDD).

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### CSSCR Back-To-School Seminars 2006

From September 18 to September 23, CSSCR will be conducting a series of seminars on computer use. The hour-long sessions are free and non-credit. These seminars are fairly general, brief introductions to the subjects presented. In-depth classes on these subjects will be taught later in the quarter. To sign up for CSSCR seminars, call 543-8110 or stop by 145 Savery Hall during office hours, or sign up on CSSCR's Web page. www: http://julius.csscr.washington.edu/

Introduction to CSSCR and Campus Resources
This session will give an overview of CSSCR, its equipment, services and resources. I will also explain how CSSCR fits into the college and campus computing picture and what resources campus offers. A brief review of the Back-to-School Seminar agenda will be provided.

Instructor: Fred Nick

When: Monday, September 18

9:30AM to 10:00AM

Where: Room 149, Savery Hall

Microsoft Word Tricks (Kill the Paper Clip!)
In this lecture, I will show you some of the undocumented features and non-intuitive procedures users of Microsoft Word commonly encounter.

Instructor: Dixielynn Gleason When: Monday, September 18

10:15AM to 11:15AM

Where: Room 149, Savery Hall

Introduction to PowerPoint

Powerpoint is a versatile package which allows you to organize information on "slides." In this hour, we will look at how Powerpoint is structured, and how new users can create presentations, organize notes, manage graphics, and construct simple but fun animation.

Instructor: Nicole Matsunaga

When: Tuesday, September 19

9:00am to 10:00am

Where: Room 149, Savery Hall

Intermediate Powerpoint

This class will demonstrate PowerPoint's sound, animation and embedded movie capabilities. We will also look at advanced graphics.

Instructor: Gregg Harbaugh

When: Tuesday, September 19

10:15AM to 11:15AM

Where: Room 149, Savery Hall

Introduction to SPSS

This beginning class in SPSS will teach you the basics of quantitative analysis. We will explore how to enter data, how to recode variables, to produce descriptives, to assess basic relationships between two variables and to produce nifty and cool-looking graphs. At the end of the one-hour session, you will be able to recognize and use the basic functions of SPSS.

Instructor: Chris Rothschild

When: Tuesday, September 19

11:30AM TO 12:30PM

Where: Room 149, Savery Hall

Introduction to Atlas.ti

In this class, I will go over the basics of Atlas.ti, such as importing and analyzing documents, basic tools and most important, discussing the

terminology of Atlas.ti.

Instructor: Nicole Matsunaga

When: Wednesday, September 20

9:00AM to 10:00AM

Where: Room 149, Savery Hall

Introduction to Excel

This lecture will introduce you to Microsoft Excel. We'll navigate the spreadsheet user interface, learn how to enter data, use formulas, functions, and charts, and perform basic formatting. No previous experience with

Microsoft Excel is necessary. Instructor: Chris Fowler

When: Wednesday, September 20

10:15am to 11:15am

Where: Room 149, Savery Hall

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Advanced Excel/Graphs/Stats/Database

This class is for those with some experience with Excel who would like to learn more. We will focus on pivot tables and charts, graphing, and data analysis.

Instructor: Jinyoung Kim

When: Wednesday, September 20

11:30AM TO 12:30PM

Where: Room 149, Savery Hall

Introduction to EQS

EQS is structural equation modeling software. You can create multiple regressions, multivariate regressions, confirmatory factor analyses, structured means analyses, path analyses, and multiple population comparisons. EQS combines statistical analysis capabilities (descriptive, t tests, ANOVA, multiple and stepwise regression, etc.) with data exploration plots (scatter plot, histogram, matrix plot, pie chart, multiple plot, etc.) to provide researchers with coordinated algebraic as well as graphical views of their data.

Instructor: Gregg Harbaugh

When: Thursday, September 21

9:00am to 10:00am

Where: Room 149, Savery Hall

Introduction to LISREL

LISREL performs structural equation modeling (SEM). It also includes the following statistical applications.

PRELIS for data manipulations and basic statistical analyses, MULTILEV for hierarchical linear/non-linear modeling.

SURVEYGLIM for generalized linear modeling, CATFIRM for formative inference-based recursive modeling for categorical response variables.

CONFIRM for formative inference-based recursive modeling for continuous response variables, MAPGLIM for generalized linear modeling for multilevel data.

Instructor: Yen-Sheng Chiang

Thursday, September 21 When:

10:15am to 11:15am

Room 149, Savery Hall Where:

*Introduction to R(rrrr)* 

R is a free but powerful tool for Data analysis and graphics. In this class, you will learn how to install R and get started, how to do basic data analysis with R and how to use the "help" functions.

Instructor: JinYoung Kim

When: Thursday, September 21

11:30AM TO 12:30PM

Room 149, Savery Hall Where:

Introduction to ArcGIS

This course is designed for people who want to know if a Geographic Information System (GIS) can help them in their research. We will consider the topics necessary to start your own project including: data collection and formatting, linking spatial data with other data sets, and the creation of basic thematic maps.

Instructor: Chris Fowler

When: Friday, September 22

9:00am to 10:00am

Where: Room 149, Savery Hall

Introduction to MATLAB

MATLAB is a high-performance language for technical computing. It integrates computation, visualization, and programming in an easy-to-use environment where problems and solutions are expressed in familiar mathematical notation.

Instructor: Yen-Sheng Chiang

When: Friday, September 22

10:15am to 11:15am

Where: Room 149, Savery Hall

Introduction to Flash

Flash is software that allows the user to create Web movies, animated logos, Web pages and Web applications. This lecture will familiarize users with basic Flash controls and introduce Flash animation.

Instructor: Chris Rothschild

When: Friday, September 22

11:30AM TO 12:30PM

Where: Room 149, Savery Hall