Dr. Nengjun Yi appointed Sir David Cox Endowed Professor

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The University of Alabama System Board of Trustees appointed Nengjun Yi, Ph.D., to the Sir David Cox Endowed Professorship in Biostatistics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) at its April 8 meeting.

Yi’s research interests include statistical genetics, Bayesian statistics, model selection, and Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) algorithms. He is particularly interested in the development of statistical and computational methods for identifying multiple interacting genes for complex traits.

Yi received his doctorate in population and quantitative genetics from Nanjing Forestry University in China and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in statistical genetics at the University of California at Riverside. He joined UAB in 2002 and became an associate professor in 2005. He received the School of Public Health’s Distinguished Faculty Investigator Award in 2007.

Although Dr. Yi’s appointment begins immediately, a formal induction ceremony will take place at UAB on August 5th, 2011. Sir David Cox himself will be present at the ceremony to offer some remarks and to personally confer his good wishes.

The endowed professorship in the Department of Biostatistics is made possible in part by gifts from The Coca Cola Company, VIVUS, Inc., GenScript USA, Inc., and other donors. It honors the contributions by faculty in the UAB School of Public Health in developing improved statistical methods in leading-edge research projects for public health, medicine, nutrition and many other fields. The endowed professorship is named for Sir David Cox, a British statistician who has profoundly influenced modern statistics.

Websites:  
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