

Quantitative Training for Underrepresented Groups

Boston, August 11-17, 2008

Dr. Lisa Harlow and Dr. Herbert Eber held the 5th annual Quantitative Training for Underrepresented Groups (QTUG) conference, August 11-13, 2008, followed by up to 4 days of sessions at the American Psychological Association (APA) annual convention, August 14-17, 2008, held at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center and Boston hotels. Almost 60 participants, 13 faculty, several organizers, and about a dozen guests took part in the conference and reunion/reception.

The conference was funded through the generosity of a National Science Foundation Grant (No. 0720063), the Science Directorate of APA, Taylor & Francis, and the Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology (SMEP); as well as the Institute on Urban Health Research at Northeastern University (NEU) who hosted and co-sponsored the 2008 conference. Our previous four QTUG conferences were sponsored mainly by SMEP, APA, Lawrence Erlbaum, Taylor & Francis, and other donors.

7 Faculty Presentations were held August 11 - 12, 2008 to inspire participants about the wonders of quantitative science. On August 13, 2008, 6 Round Table Leaders engaged participants in discussions on applying for grants/fellowships, writing research publications, and conducting statistical analyses. 12 Student Research Projects were presented on August 13, 2008. A reunion/reception was held at the end of the conference, where all participants, faculty, organizers and guests introduced themselves and shared their current activities and future goals.

Next year's QTUG will be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, just prior to the APA convention in August 2009. Information from the current conference, as well as information on future conferences, is posted on the website as it becomes available: <http://qtug.smep.googlepages.com/home>

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