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DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS AND ACTUARIAL SCIENCE  
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Departmental Seminar

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Susan Dwight Bliss Professor of Biostatistics  
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will give a talk  
entitled

### **A DEEP LEARNING PERSPECTIVE OF RECURSIVE PARTITIONING BASED METHODS**

#### **Abstract**

Unlike any other method, deep learning has come as a forceful wave that knocked many of us to the sand, regardless of which direction we stood before. In this talk, I will begin with a brief introduction of the main steps of deep learning algorithm, and then use it to reflect on some of the statistical methods that I have developed over the past two decades, specifically classification trees for multiple binary responses (CTMBR) and multivariate adaptive splines for longitudinal data analysis (MASAL). I will discuss the pros and cons of these methods, and offer my own perspective in our missed opportunities as well as new challenges and opportunities.

on

**Wednesday, June 20, 2018**

*(Refreshments will be served from 2:15 p.m. outside Room 301 Run Run Shaw Building)*

**2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

at

**Room 301, Run Run Shaw Building**

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All interested are welcome