

# **STUDENT OUTREACH SEMINAR**

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

Venue: HUTCH 409  
3:30 – 4:30 pm

Presenter: Willis Jensen

## **How to Give a Knockout Presentation**

A presentation on presentations? That has got to sound strange but how often have you ever been at a presentation when you had no idea what was being presented or where you felt like you were wasting your time? Presentation skills are important no matter where you end up after you leave Blacksburg with your degree. If you end up in the ivory towers of academia, good presentation skills will help you present the results of your ground-breaking research. The skills will come in handy when you are teaching classes which will help you obtain that coveted tenure. If a well-paying job in industry is your preference, good presentation skills are an absolute must if you are doing corporate training, need to impress your boss, or present the results of a project to management. Good presentation skills (which involve public speaking skills) will also apply to many other facets of life besides your job. In this “presentation on presentations”, I give you some ideas for improving presentation skills with a focus on how to give a good technical presentation. These ideas include tips about the preparation, do’s and don’ts for formatting your slides, and do’s and don’ts for your delivery of the presentation material.