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DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

CLASS OF 2026

DOCTORAL  
GRADUATION

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

PALMER COMMONS

FORUM HALL



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Department Chair

## REMARKS

**Professor Kerby Shedden**

Director of the PhD Program

**Assistant Professor Dan Kessler**

PhD Alumnus Speaker

Assistant Professor of Statistics & Operations Research

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**Unique Subedi**

Graduating Student Speaker

## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING STUDENTS & HOODING

**Professor Kerby Shedden**

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## RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

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### **Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award**

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### **Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Team Award**

Gabriel Durham, Luke Francisco, Ethan Schubert, Jacob Trauger, &  
Xinhe Wang  
Elizaveta Kostina, Jiaxun Li, & Matthew McAnear

### **PhD Student Service Awards**

Gabriel Durham  
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### **PhD Outstanding Dissertation Awards**

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Kevin Christian Wibisono  
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# AWARDS

## UNIVERSITY

**Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship**

Yiling Huang

## EXTERNAL

**2026 ENAR Distinguished Student Paper Award**

Yuqing Zhou

**2026 Business & Economic Statistics Student Paper Award**

Peiyao Cai  
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**IMS Hannan Graduate Student Travel Award**

Chengyu Cui

**2026 MHSS Student Paper Award**

Mengqi Lin

**2025 Conference on Extreme Value Analysis Best Poster Award**

Parijat Chakraborty



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SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF  
THEIR PROGRAMS. GOOD LUCK  
WITH YOUR FUTURE PLANS, AND  
WE HOPE YOU WILL KEEP IN  
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