

SNO-FOO AWARD



TO ERR IS HUMAN, TO FORGET IT WOULD BE DIVINE.

SNO-FOO 2012—Don Pierson

Don Pierson was an author on seven consecutive papers today. This suggests a bloom of sorts from post-doc loading. He ranges from first to seventh author in seemingly random order. That is unless you convert the author order to represent the word in the abstract that matches author position, this yields a subliminal message, “Analysis period explained historical important runoff associated NYC Bias.” Bias indeed. In pursuing a doctorate degree, Don had one criteria that stood out above all others: how can I do this without taking comprehensives? This seems at odds with the practice of overworking his current grad and post grads.

But back in time for Don’s choice of college: Canadian Universities required comprehensives. US universities required comprehensives. Finnish universities were too tough. French universities took too long. Sweden, Uppsala, just right for a doctorate. This goes to show that just because you are looking for an easier path, and finding it, does not mean this path is not the correct one. In this case, one that would lead to the generation of much fine science and apparently devoted post-grads.