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The Research and Graduate Committees of the Department of Statistical Sciences invite you to a special Q & A Session.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018
3:30 – 5:00 pm, Sidney Smith Hall Rm 2105

Christine Macdonald is the Mitacs Director of Business Development and Team Lead for the Province of Ontario. In this role Christine is dedicated to building and supporting new partnerships between industry and academia. Christine is a Professional Engineer with a solid business background including nearly 20 years of project management, research and design experience in academic and industrial settings. Prior to joining the Mitacs team in 2013, Christine held engineering and consulting roles within KPMG and Arcelor Mittal Dofasco.   In addition to being a professional engineer, Christine is also a certified Project Management Professional and holds an MBA in finance.

Paul D. McNicholas is the (Tier 1) Canada Research Chair in Computational Statistics at McMaster University, where he is a Professor and University Scholar in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics as well as Director of the MacDATA Institute, which is McMaster's data science institute. He recently spent three years as a member of NSERC EG 1508, two of which were spent as chair of the statistics section. He also has a variety of other review experience, including serving as a member/chair of the Ontario Early Researcher Awards panel for ICT, Math and Physics. Paul has several years of experience with industry collaborations and has enjoyed related funding from several sources. This includes an Engage and Collaborative Research and Development grants from NSERC, a Collaborative Research grant from the Ontario Centres of Excellence, and a MITACS Accelerate grant. He has published extensively in computational statistics, with the vast majority of his journal articles and one monograph focusing on mixture model-based clustering and related topics. He is a member of the College of the Royal Society of Canada.