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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Compound error methods, Decision-theoretic foundations of statistical inference,
Economic and public sector applications, Significance measures.

EDUCATION

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK

Ph.D. Statistics, 2009

- Thesis title: 'To p , or not to p ? Quantifying Inferential Decision Errors to Assess Whether Significance Truly is Significant'
- Principal supervisors: Dr. Irini Moustaki and Dr. Jeremy Penzer

P.G.Cert.H.E. Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education, 2008

University of Exeter, UK

M.Sc. Economics and Econometrics, Distinction, 2005

B.A. Economics and Statistics, First class honours, 2004

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Statistics Research Studentship, LSE, 2008-09

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Ph.D. Studentship. Sole award for Social Statistics, Research Methods and Computing area, 2005-08

Graduate Teaching Assistant prizes, LSE, 2007, 2008, 2009

Alumnus Scholarship, School of Business & Economics, University of Exeter, 2004-05

Leo T Little prize for Economics, awarded to top finalist, University of Exeter, 2004

PricewaterhouseCoopers award, University of Exeter, 2003

Ken Penney Memorial prize, University of Exeter, 2003

Dean's Commendations for academic performance, University of Exeter, 2002, 2003, 2004

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

XIV Spring Meeting of Young Economists (Econometrics section), Istanbul, Turkey, April 2009

XIII Spring Meeting of Young Economists (Econometrics section), Lille, France, April 2008

Statistics Training Seminar, House of Commons, Westminster, March 2008

XII Spring Meeting of Young Economists (Econometrics section), Hamburg, Germany, May 2007

Joint PhD afternoon, Departments of Economics and Statistics, LSE, May 2007

30th Research Students' Conference in Probability and Statistics, Durham, March 2007

IEA State of the Economy Conference, London, March 2007

Liberty Fund Colloquium, Bruges, Belgium, March 2007

Risk & Stochastics Society, LSE, February 2007

IEA Political Economy Conference, London, November 2006

Research Students Seminar, LSE, June 2006

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

London School of Economics and Political Science

LSE Fellow in Statistics **2009 – present**

Course Manager, Elementary Statistical Theory **2008 – present**

Teacher, LSE Summer School:
Essential Statistics for Economics and Econometrics **2008, 2009**

Graduate Teaching Assistant & Associate Examiner **2006 – present**

- Elementary Statistical Theory
- Aspects of Market Research
- Market Research 1: Research Methods
- Sample Surveys and Experiments
- LSE100 The LSE Course

University of London, External System

Development of online resources for Virtual Learning Environment **2008 – present**

Proof-reader of subject guides **2007 – present**

Examiner of Statistics scripts **2006 – present**

Winton Capital Management

Intern, Commodities Research Department **August – October 2009**

Lets Go Travel Limited

Commercial Analyst **October 2004 – February 2007**

Accounts Manager **September 2000 – September 2004**

PERSONAL
DEVELOPMENT

Scrutiny Unit placement, House of Commons, Westminster, London, January – April 2008

Staff-Student Liaison Committee Ph.D. representative, 2007-09

LSE Survey Review Group member, 2007-08

ESRC Media Training for Researchers, Birmingham, September 2006

Freedom Week, Cambridge, July 2006

London Local GRADschool, Imperial College, June 2006

ESRC Enterprisers, Durham University, January 2006

Young Enterprise Company, Managing Director, October 1998 – June 1999

COMPUTER
SKILLS

- Statistical/Econometric Packages: Minitab, SPSS, STATA, SHAZAM
- Programming: R, C++
- Publishing: \LaTeX

LANGUAGE
SKILLS

- English – mother tongue
- French – studied to A-level
- German – studied to A-level
- Latin – studied to GCSE

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