

# James Spencer Abdey

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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. Student in Statistics

- Thesis title: 'To  $p$ , or not to  $p$ ? Quantifying Inferential Decision Errors to Assess Whether Significance Truly is Significant'
- Expected submission date: March 2009
- 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

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

Referee (Econometrics): XIV Spring Meeting of Young Economists, 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

30<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

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

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

- Elementary Statistical Theory
- Aspects of Market Research
- Market Research 1: Research Methods

**University of London, External System**

Development of online resources for Virtual Learning Environment **August 2008**

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

Examiner of Statistics scripts **May 2006 – present**

**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

- Analysis of departmental Autumn Performance Reports
- Preparation of reports for parliamentary Select Committees
- Delivery of Statistics training seminar to Committee staff
- Statistical review of Scrutiny Unit resources

Staff-Student Liaison Committee Ph.D. representative, 2007 – present

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 Packages: Minitab, SPSS, SHAZAM
- Programming: Visual C++, R
- Publishing:  $\LaTeX$

LANGUAGE  
SKILLS

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

REFEREES

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