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#### **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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#### PERSONAL PROFILE

I am an applied statistician and statistical programmer, with a wide range of research experience. This has been mainly medical, which is unsurprising, as I came to statistics from a genetics background. I work extensively on the analysis, management and validation of data. My analyses use a very broad range of methods, standard and non-standard, developing new methods when appropriate. As I have a broad, in-depth understanding of how statistical methods work (or otherwise), I find it easy to learn or develop new methods, and to gain a feel for their advantages and limitations. Although my skills are more technical than managerial, one of my strong points is communicating statistics to non-statistical people. I contribute to the writing of scientific reports and papers, sometimes as the corresponding author of a multi-authored multi-centre publication. I am also involved in teaching statistics to medical students, and refereeing for medical and statistical periodicals.

#### SKILLS

**Statistical methods:** Although not a career methodologist, I have published on (and use routinely in my day-to-day work) confidence-interval methods for rank and spline parameters that can be understood by non-statisticians, and which are not really "non-parametric". I am also expert in using (and developing when necessary) scenario-comparison methods, propensity-score methods, and implementations of multiple-test procedures.

**Statistical/numerical software:** I have written and distributed over 120 Stata packages, mostly on the Statistical Software Components (SSC) website. I am also an experienced SAS programmer, have been a Genstat programmer, and have some experience of R, including integrating R with Stata.

**Programming languages:** Mata, C, SQL. Some knowledge of C++. Have previously been a FORTRAN programmer and a Pascal programmer.

Operating environments (last 10 years): Windows, Linux.

Other software: Plain TeX and LaTeX (using the MiKTeX package). I have also used symbol-

manipulation software for algebraic solution of quartic eigenequations.

**Other training:** Completed a course in Good Clinical Practice (GCP) at the King's College London Clinical Trials Unit in 2023.

#### CAREER

**September 2021-Present:** Research Fellow in the Centre for Cancer Screening, Prevention and Early Diagnosis, Wolfson Institute of Preventive Medicine, Queen Mary University of London.

**April 2021-August 2023:** Statistician in the Cancer Prevention Group, School of Cancer & Pharmaceutical Sciences, King's College London.

**October 2018-March 2021:** Research Associate in the Department of Primary Care and Public Health, School of Public Health, Imperial College London. Providing the computational and statistical input for a project in the Doctor Foster Unit funded by the British Heart Foundation (BHF) on describing and modelling the treatment and survival prospects for patients diagnosed with heart failure in 2001-2002 and in 2011-2012.

**July 2014-September 2018:** Research Associate in the Department of Primary Care and Public Health, School of Public Health, Imperial College London. Involved principally in research projects on adverse drug reactions (ADRs). I also liaised with researchers as a member of the Research Development Service (RDS) team, advising them regarding their grant applications for trials and other studies, especially regarding power calculations. In this position, I became familiar with analysing data from NHS databases, such as the Hospital Episode System (HES) and the Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD).

**January 2006-June 2014:** Lecturer in Medical Statistics in the Respiratory Epidemiology, Occupational Medicine and Public Health Group, National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College London. Involved mainly in research projects on the epidemiology of asthma and allergic disease. Included in the College's REF submission for 2014.

**September 1999-December 2005:** Lecturer in Medical Statistics at the Department of Public Health Sciences, King's College London (from which my group moved to Imperial College as a group in January 2006).

**October 1996-August 1999:** Lecturer in Medical Statistics at the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, Imperial College School of Medicine, London.

**September 1995-September 1996:** Statistician at the Department of Public Health Sciences, St George's Hospital Medical School, London.

August 1994-August 1995: Between jobs, I updated my skills and did some consultancy work at the Organisation of Population Censuses and Surveys (OPCS).

August 1991-August 1994: Statistician and Modeller in the Department of Statistics, Rothamsted Experimental Station. (Status: SSO.)

**July 1986-July 1991:** Computer Programmer and Statistician in the Department of Environmental and Preventive Medicine, Medical College of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

March 1982-May 1986: Computational and Statistical Assistant in the Department of Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

**January 1980-December 1981:** Computer programmer in the Department of Bacteriology, St Mary's Hospital Medical School, University of London.

# **OTHER FUNCTIONS HELD**

**Since 2009:** Scientific co-organiser of the United Kingdom Stata User Meeting (with Professor Stephen Jenkins and more recently with Michael Crowther) in 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, and 2021.

Since May 2003: Associate Editor of The Stata Journal.

July 2007 to September 2009: Regular statistical referee for *Thorax*.

May 1997 to February 2003: Regular statistical referee for Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery.

# PRIZES, AWARDS AND OTHER ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS

**December 2014.** The *Stata Journal* Editors' Prize, 2014. Presented principally for the article: Newson RB. Attributable and unattributable risks and fractions and other scenario comparisons. *The Stata Journal* 2013; **13**: 672-698.

# **EDUCATION**

**October 1980-July 1988 (concurrently with full-time employment):** Part-time studies, leading to the award (in 1988) of the degree of DPhil at the University of Sussex, based in the Schools of Mathematics and Biology.

**October 1978-August 1979:** MSc, Biometry, Department of Applied Statistics, University of Reading. Graduated 1979.

**October 1977-July 1978:** Preliminary year in the Department of Mathematics, Nottingham University, qualifying me for entry to the MSc course in Biometry at Reading University.

**October 1974-July 1977:** BSc, Botany/Zoology (Joint Honours), University of Nottingham. Graduated 1977, Class 2(ii).

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