

Susan Vanderplas

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2009 — 2015 **Ph.D.**, *Statistics*, Iowa State University
- 2009 — 2011 **MS**, *Statistics*, Iowa State University
- 2005 — 2009 **BS**, *Psychology & Applied Mathematical Sciences*, Texas A&M University

Professional Experience

- 2013 — 2015 **Statistical Consultant**, Designed Shiny applications for agricultural data for the Iowa Soybean Association and other groups.
- 2013 — 2014 **Statistical Programmer**, *Statistics*, Iowa State University, Created and redesigned web-based applets to teach statistical techniques interactively.
- 2012 — 2014 **Research Assistant**, *Statistics*, Iowa State University, Designed and analyzed experiments to understand human perception of statistical graphics. Optimized graphics to clearly communicate statistical results and counteract perceptual biases identified during experiments.
- 2012 **Research Assistant**, *Iowa Department of Transportation*, Iowa State University, Developed a hierarchical bayesian model to determine the effectiveness of road interventions on traffic accidents and fatalities.
- 2009 — 2009 **Research Experience for Undergraduates**, *Bioinformatics & Computational Biology*, Iowa State University, Worked with biologists and bioinformaticians to compare homologous gene expression in humans, pigs, and mice.
- 2008 — 2008 **Research Experience for Undergraduates**, *Mathematics*, University of Nebraska, Created a mathematical model describing electrical impulse transmission and decay along neurons with varying states of myelination.

Publications

Peer Reviewed Publications


- 2010 Towfic, Fadi, **Vanderplas, Susan**, Oliver, Casey A, Couture, Oliver, Tuggle, Christopher K, Greenlee, M Heather West, and Honavar, Vasant (2010). "Detection of gene orthology from gene co-expression and protein interaction networks". In: *BMC bioinformatics* 11.Suppl 3, S7. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1186/1471-2105-11-S3-S7>.
- 2009 Hull, Rachel, Bortfeld, Heather, and **Koons, Susan** (2009). "Near-infrared spectroscopy and cortical responses to speech production". In: *The open neuroimaging journal* 3, p. 26. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2174/1874440000903010026>.

Other Publications

1.  Budrus, Sarah, **Vanderplas, Susan**, and Cook, Dianne (2013). "In tennis, do smashes win matches?" In: *Significance* 10.3, pp. 35–38. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1740-9713.2013.00665.x>.



Software

Dates show initial involvement; only packages which are no longer maintained have end dates.




-  **animint**, *Interactive animations*, <https://github.com/tdhock/animint>

Grants

Funded



-  **Google: Google Summer of Code**, *animint: d3 graphics with ggplot2*, co-PI, Total: \$6,000
-  **Google: Google Summer of Code**, *animint: d3 graphics with ggplot2*, student, Total: \$6,000

Awards




-  **Student Paper Award**, *Graphics Section, American Statistical Association*
-  **IGERT Fellowship**, *National Science Foundation*
-  **Graduated with Foundation, University, Liberal Arts, Psychology, and Math Honors**, *Texas A&M University*
-  **Astronaut Scholar**, *Astronaut Scholarship Foundation*
-  **Research Fellow**, *Texas A&M University*
-  **University Scholar**, *Texas A&M University*
-  **Director's Excellence Award**, *Texas A&M University*
-  **National Merit Award**, *Texas A&M University*
-  **National Merit Scholar**

Talks

Invited

-  **Animint: Interactive Web-Based Animations using Ggplot2's Grammar of Graphics**, *JSM*, Section on Statistical Graphics, Seattle, WA
[Link](#)
-  **The curse of three dimensions: Why your brain is lying to you**, *JSM*, Section on Statistical Graphics, Boston, MA
[Link](#)

Contributed

-  **Visual Aptitude and Statistical Graphics**, *InfoVis*, IEEE, Chicago, IL
-  **Do You See What I See? Using Shiny for User Testing**, *JSM*, Section on Statistical Graphics, Boston, MA
[Link](#)
-  **Animint: Interactive, Web-Ready Graphics with R**, *Great Plains R User Group*, Sioux Center, IA
[Link](#)

2013

Signs of the Sine Illusion – why we need to care, *JSM*, Section on Statistical Graphics, Montreal, ON, CA

Teaching

2013

Stat 336, *Introduction to Business Statistics II*, Iowa State University

2012

Stat 430, *Probability and Statistics for Computer Science*, Iowa State University

2011

Stat 226, *Introduction to Business Statistics I*, Iowa State University

Professional Practice

Workshop

2014

R Workshop series, *Iowa State University*, Ames, IA, evening classes

2014

R Workshop series, *Iowa State University*, Ames, IA, 4 day

2013

R Workshop series, *Iowa State University*, Ames, IA, 4 day

2013

R Workshop series, *Iowa State University*, Ames, IA, 5 day

Service

Discipline

2017
2019

Council of Sections Representative, *Graphics Section*, ASA