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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Applied Mathematics, University of Colorado – Denver (2018)

Thesis: "Statistical Analysis of Some Problems in Evolutionary Population Dynamics"

Concentration: Applied Probability and Statistics

Advisor: Burt Simon, Ph.D.

M.S. Statistics, Colorado State University (2014)

M.S. Applied Mathematics, University of Colorado – Denver (2012)

Concentration: Applied Probability

M.S. Electrical Engineering, University of Colorado – Boulder (2008) Concentration: Digital Signal Processing and Digital Communications

B.S. Electrical Engineering and Mathematics, Colorado State University (2007)

Professional Experience

## Colorado State University, Department of Statistics

2018 -

Assistant Professor

Currently teaching and coordinating undergraduate courses in statistics and mentoring graduate teaching assistants as an assistant professor.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### Colorado State University, Department of Statistics

2012 - 2015, 2018 -

## Recent Courses Taught

Summer 2020: STAT 315

Spring 2020: STAT 315, STAT 460, STAT 472, STAA 574 Fall 2019: STAT 315 (2 sec.), STAT 472, STAT 581A4

Summer 2019: STAT 315

Spring 2019: STAT 201, STAT 315 (2 sec.), STAT 460, STAT 472

Fall 2018: STAT 201 (2 sec.), STAT 315

#### Full Course History

Courses Taught	Times Taught	Last Taught
STAT 201: General Statistics*	4	Spring 2019
STAT 204: Statistics for Business Students	3	Summer 2014
STAT 301: Introduction to Statistical Methods	4	Spring 2015
STAT 315: Statistics for Engineers and Scientists*	8	Summer $2020$
STAT 460: Applied Multivariate Analysis	2	Spring 2020
STAT 472: Statistical Consulting*	3	Spring 2020
STAT 581: Applied Multivariate Analysis for Researchers	1	Fall 2019
STAA 574: Methods in Multivariate Analysis	1	Spring 2020

<sup>\*</sup>also served as course coordinator

Teaching
EXPERIENCE
(CONT.)

#### University of Colorado Denver, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Courses Taught	Times Taught	Last Taught
MATH 1110: College Algebra	1	Fall 2017
MATH 1401: Calculus I	1	Fall 2016
MATH 2411: Calculus II	1	Spring 2017
MATH 3191: Applied Linear Algebra	1	Spring 2018
MATH 3382: Statistical Theory	1	Summer 2017
MATH 3800: Probability and Statistics for Engineers	5	Summer 2018
MATH 4810: Probability	1	Summer 2015
MATH 4820/5320: Mathematical Statistics	1	Summer 2016

## ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

## University of Colorado Denver, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

2015 - 2018

2015 - 2018

Teaching Assistant / Instructor

Taught undergraduate and graduate courses in mathematics and statistics for majors and non-majors while completing Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics. Received the Lynn Bateman Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award in 2016.

#### Colorado State University, Department of Statistics

2012 - 2015

Teaching Assistant / Instructor

Taught undergraduate courses and recitations in statistics for non-majors while completing M.S. in Statistics. Received the James S. Williams Memorial Scholarship in 2012.

## University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Electrical Engineering

2007 - 2008

Research Assistant

Conducted research involving the applications of Algebraic Number Theory in the area of MIMO Wireless Communications while completing M.S. in Electrical Engineering. Funded by GAANN Fellowship.

#### Industry Experience

## MacAulay-Brown, Inc., Aurora, Colorado

2009 - 2012

Engineer III

Worked as a model and simulation engineer, specifically in the area of algorithm development. This algorithm development dealt with detection and estimation applications for electronic intelligence.

#### Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, Boulder, Colorado

May – August 2007

Engineering Intern

Developed and maintained a MATLAB graphic user interface (GUI) to process real-time wireless communication data.

## $\mathbf{UV}\text{-}\mathbf{B}$ Monitoring and Research Program, Fort Collins, Colorado

May – August 2006

Engineering Intern

Tested and troubleshooted Ultraviolet Multifilter Rotating Shadowband Radiometers (UV-MFRSR) for use in measuring solar irradiance.

#### ADVISING EXPERIENCE

## Master's Advisory Committee Member, Colorado State University

2018 -

<u>Students</u>	$\overline{\text{Degree}}$	Department	Completed
Aaron Lear	M.S.	Mathematics	$(in\ progress)$
Sara Horton	M.M.	Music Therapy	(in progress)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE  $\textbf{GTA Evaluation and Mentoring Committee}, \ \textbf{Department of Statistics}$ 

2019 - 2020

Committee Chair

Developed and implemented evaluation system for graduate students teaching or grading.

MENTORING EXPERIENCE Course Coordinator, Colorado State University

2018 -

Coordinated graduate students teaching undergraduate courses and recitations and provided feedback on their teaching methods. Courses have included STAT 201, STAT 315, STAT 472

Graduate Teaching Assistant Peer Mentor, University of Colorado Denver 2015 – 2018

Mentored first and second year graduate students on mathematics education and pedagogy. Met biweekly with students, observed their classes, and offered feedback on their methods.

Undergraduate Research Mentor, University of Colorado Denver

Fall 2016

Supervised and mentored two undergraduate economics majors on an independent research project analyzing faculty/course questionnaire results. This project utilized a variety of machine learning methods and the final project was presented at the graduate student seminar series.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Statistics and Mathematics Education, Applied Probability and Simulation, Statistical Machine Learning, Statistical Signal Processing, Sabermetrics

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Simon, Burton, and **Nielsen, Aaron**. "Numerical Solutions and Animations of Group Selection Dynamics." *Evolutionary Ecology Research*, 14 (2012): 757-68.

**Nielsen, Aaron** and Simon, Burton. "Fixation Times in Group-Structured Populations." (In preparation)

**Nielsen, Aaron** and Simon, Burton. "Multiple Levels of Cooperation in Evolutionary Dynamics Models." (In preparation)

Presentations/ Talks Dissertation defense. University of Colorado Denver.

June 2018 April 2017

 $100^{\rm th}$ Anniversary MAA Rocky Mountain Section Conference. Pueblo, Colorado.

April 2017

SIAM Front Range Student Conference. Denver, Colorado.

Statistics Research Seminar. University of Colorado Denver.

March 2017

Graduate Student-Led Seminar.<sup>†</sup> University of Colorado Denver.

December 2016

POSTER
PRESENTATIONS

"Analyzing FCQ Results Using Advanced Data Analytics"

April 2017

Research and Creative Activities Symposium.<sup>†</sup> University of Colorado Denver.

"A Survey of Recent Genetic Developments in Ant Social Polymorphism"

Topics in Statistical Genetics. University of Colorado Denver.

 ${\bf December~2015}$ 

"A Stochastic Model of Sediment Transport" (advised undergraduate statistics majors) May 2014 Undergraduate Research Symposium. Colorado State University.

"Dual Polarization Radar Signal Processing"

May 2007

Engineering Senior Design Project Poster Session. Colorado State University.

Professional Development	Graduate Teaching Assistant Peer Mentee, University of Colorado Denver Met biweekly with a statistics faculty member to receive advice and tips on teaching	2015 - 2016
	Critical Issues in Math Education Seminar, University of Colorado Denver	2015 - 2018
	Weekly seminar series discussing pedagogy.	
Honors and	Lynn Bateman Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award	2016
Awards	CIMS Fellowship	2013
	Williams Scholarship	2012 - 2013
	GAANN Fellowship	2007 - 2008
	Claude W. Wood Scholarship	2002 - 2006
	Colorado Distinguished Scholar	2002 - 2006
	Fort Collins High School Valedictorian	2002
SECURITY	Top Secret / Sensitive Compartmented Information (TS-SCI) clearance	2009 - 2012
CLEARANCES	Counterintelligence (CI) polygraph	2009
Clubs	Faculty Advisor, CSU Men's Club Soccer	2018 –
	Co-founder and Vice President, UCD Machine Learning Club	2016 - 2018
Computer Skills	Basic: JMP, SAS, C, Java, Perl, BUGS, PLINK, SPICE, MathCAD, Adobe Photoshop Intermediate: ggplot2, HTML, CSS, Microsoft Office, Unix/Linux, Microsoft Windows, OS X Advanced: R, MATLAB, L⁴TEX	
Professional Memberships	American Statistical Association (ASA) Mathematical Association of America (MAA) Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) Tau Beta Pi Eta Kappa Nu	
References	Ben Prytherch, M.S., Senior Instructor Department of Statistics. Colorado State University. Email: prytherc@stat.colostate.edu	
	Burt Simon, Ph.D., Associate Professor  Department of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences. University of Colorado De Email: burt.simon@ucdenver.edu	enver.

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