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Dear Dr. Kaplan,

We are pleased to submit our manuscript entitled “Environmental Science Graduate Student Strategies for Acquisition of Statistical Computing Skills” as a report of original empirical research for publication consideration in the *Statistics Education Research Journal*. All authors have agreed to have the manuscript submitted to the *Statistics Education Research Journal* for review and possible publication.

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Given that computing has become foundational in scientific fields, in particular, the environmental sciences, our study describes the experiences of graduate environmental science students in how and where they aquire the computational knowledge necessary to apply statistical methods in their research. The acquisition of computational knowledge directly relates to the expanded set of issues in statistics education. This paper takes a qualitative look at issues similar to those explored by Harraway and Barker in *Statistics in the Workplace: A Survey of Use by Recent Graduates with Higher Degrees*, also published by the *Statistics Education Research Journal* in November of 2005.

Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

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