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Affiliation

Senior Lecturer (Level C) in Statistics (Australian System)
Research School of Finance, Actuarial Studies and Statistics (RSFAS)
College of Business and Economics, Australian National University
Canberra, ACT, Australia

Jan 2017 - Present

- Convenor of the [ASA DataFest](#) at ANU [2021 - Present]
- CBE representative on the CHMS Education Committee [2020 - Present]
- RSFAS Honours Program Convenor [2015 - 2019]

Affiliate Associate Professor

Aug 2023 - Present

Department of Statistical Sciences and Operations Research
Virginia Commonwealth University
Richmond, Virginia, USA

Education

Ph.D. in Statistics, University of Washington
Seattle, WA, USA

M.A. in Applied Statistics & Applied Economics, University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI, USA

B.A. in Economics & Political Science, University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI, USA

Work Experience

Associate

Jan 2013 - Dec 2017

Statistics Laboratory @ the Bio5 Institute
and the Statistics Graduate Inter-Disciplinary Program (GIDP)
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, USA

Lecturer (Level B) in Statistics

Jul 2014 - Dec 2016

Research School of Finance, Actuarial Studies and Statistics
College of Business and Economics, Australian National University
Canberra, ACT, AUS

Assistant Professor of Statistics

Jan 2013 - May 2014

Faculty of ESTEM
University of Canberra
Canberra, ACT, AUS

Statistician and Regular Statistics Faculty

Sep 2011 - Nov 2012

Statistics Laboratory @ the Bio5 Institute
and the Statistics Graduate Inter-Disciplinary Program (GIDP)
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, USA

Assistant Professor of Statistics

Jul 2007 - Aug 2011

Department of Mathematical Sciences
University of Nevada
Las Vegas, NV, USA

Post Doctoral Fellow

Jan - Jul 2007

Center for Empirical Research in the Law
Washington University
St. Louis, MO, USA
Last updated: 2025-12-04

Visiting Positions

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| Visiting Faculty Department of Statistics & Data Sciences University of Texas Austin, TX, USA | Aug 2019 - Feb 2020 |
| Visiting Faculty Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences University of Washington Seattle, WA, USA | Jul - Aug 2019 |
| Visiting Faculty Department of Statistics & Data Sciences University of Texas Austin, TX, USA | Dec 2017 |
| Visiting Researcher Division of Mathematics, Informatics, and Statistics CSIRO Canberra, ACT, AUS | Mar 2010 |
| Visiting Researcher Division of Computational Biology Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Seattle, WA, USA | Jun - Jul 2008 |

Continuing Education

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| Operational AI: Balancing National Security & Ethical Governance Whole of Government Center of Excellence and the Law School William & Mary Williamsburg, VA, USA | Feb - Mar 2025 |
| Modern Leadership: Reflections and Tools for the Values-Based Leader William & Mary Washington Center Washington, DC, USA | May 2021 |
| Preparing Statisticians for Leadership: How to See the Big Picture and Have More Influence JSM Vancouver, BC, CAN | Jul 2018 |

Scientific Publications

- Marin#, S., B. Loong, and **A.H. Westveld**. "Adaptive Shrinkage with a Nonparametric Bayesian Lasso". Preprint: [arXiv:2411.08262](https://arxiv.org/abs/2411.08262), *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics* (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1080/10618600.2025.2572327>.
- Marin#, S., B. Loong, and **A.H. Westveld**. "BOB: Bayesian Optimized Bootstrap with Applications to Gaussian Mixture Models". Preprint: [arXiv:2311.03644](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.03644), *Statistics and Computing* (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11222-025-10763-y>.
- Wang#, Jiali, **A.H. Westveld**, A.H. Welsh, M. Parker, and B. Loong. "Analysis of Survey on Menstrual Disorder Among Teenagers Using Gaussian Copula Model with Graphical Lasso Prior". *PLOS ONE* 3 (2021): 1–22. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0248340>.
- Lundy, M.B., C.A. Standley, and **A.H. Westveld**. "Curricular Reform in Two Medical School Tracks and the Impact on USMLE Scores". *Medical Science Educator* 27, no. 2 (2017): 201–207. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40670-016-0368-y>.

Chiu, G.S., and **A.H. Westveld**. “A Statistical Social Network Model for Consumption Data in Trophic Food Webs”. Preprint: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1006.4432>, *Statistical Methodology (Special issue on Modern Statistical Methods in Ecology)* 17 (2014): 139–160. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.stamet.2013.09.001>.

Hurwitz, B.L., **A.H. Westveld**, J.R. Brum, and M.B. Sullivan. “Modeling Ecological Drivers in Marine Viral Communities Using Comparative Metagenomics and Network Analyses”. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA* 111, no. 29 (2014): 10714–10719. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1319778111>.

A.H. Westveld and P.D. Hoff. “Modeling of the Learning Process in Centipede Games”. Preprint: [arXiv:1003.2253](https://arxiv.org/abs/1003.2253), *Stat* 2, no. 1 (2013): 242–254. <https://doi.org/10.1002/sta4.32>.

Taylor, A., et al. “The Use of Metformin is Associated with Decreased Lumbar Radiculopathy Pain”. *Journal of Pain Research* 2013, no. 6 (2013): 755–763. <https://doi.org/10.2147/JPR.S52205>.

A.H. Westveld and P.D. Hoff. “A Mixed Effects Model for Longitudinal Relational and Network Data, with Applications to International Trade and Conflict”. Preprint: [arXiv:1009.1436](https://arxiv.org/abs/1009.1436), *Annals of Applied Statistics* 5, no. 2A (2011): 843–872. <https://doi.org/10.1214/10-AOAS403>.

Chiu, G.S., and **A.H. Westveld**. “A Unifying Approach for Food Webs, Phylogeny, Social Networks, and Statistics”. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA* 108, no. 38 (2011): 15881–15886. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1015359108>.

Chiu, Grace S., Peter Guttorm, **Westveld, Anton H.**, Shahedul A. Khan, and Jun Liang. “Latent health factor index: a statistical modeling approach for ecological health assessment”. *Environmetrics* 22, no. 3 (2011): 243–255. <https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1002/env.1055>.

Gneiting, T., A.E. Raftery, **A.H. Westveld**, and T. Goldman. “Calibrated Probabilistic Forecasting Using Ensemble Model Output Statistics and Minimum CRPS Estimation”. *Monthly Weather Review* 133, no. 3 (2005): 1098–1118. <https://doi.org/10.1175/MWR2904.1>.

denotes a student that I supervise in some way.

Working Papers

Chiu, Grace S., et al. “Model-based Calibration of Gear-Specific Fish Abundance Survey Data as a Change-of-Support Problem”. *arXiv Statistics Methodology* (2025). **Submitted**, <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2505.05767>.

Wolff#, Malcolm, Adrian Dobra, **Anton H. Westveld**, and Grace S. Chiu. “Modeling Human Spatial Mobility Patterns with the Lévy Flight Cluster Model”. *arXiv Statistics Methodology* (2025). **Under Revision**, <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2509.00298>.

Kuh#, F.S., G.S. Chiu, and **A.H. Westveld**. “Latent Causal Socioeconomic Health Index”. *arXiv Statistics Methodology* (2023). **Under Revision**, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.12217>.

Kuh#, F.S., G.S. Chiu, and **A.H. Westveld**. “Modeling National Latent Socioeconomic Health and Examination of Policy Effects via Causal Inference”. *arXiv Statistics Applications* (2019). <https://arxiv.org/abs/arXiv:1911.00512>.

Wang#, J., **A.H. Westveld**, B. Loong, and A.H. Welsh. “An Imputation model by Dirichlet Process Mixture of Elliptical Copulas for Data of Mixed Type”. *arXiv Statistics Methodology* (2019). <https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.05473>.

Wang#, J., **A.H. Westveld**, B. Loong, and A.H. Welsh. “A Copula-based Imputation Model for Missing Data of Mixed Type in Multilevel Data Sets”. *arXiv Statistics Methodology* (2017). <https://arxiv.org/abs/1702.08148>.

Conference Papers

C.H. Chien#, A. Haller, and **A.H. Westveld**. “Firm Business Networks”. *International Workshops on Contextualized Knowledge Graphs, and Semantic Statistics co-located with 17th International Semantic Web Conference* (2018). <http://ceur-ws.org/Vol-2317/>.

Chiu, G.S., and **A.H. Westveld**. “Physical Statistics or Statistical Physics? A Brief Overview of Bayesian Melding”. ISBN: 978-0-9872143-3-1, In Piantadosi, J., Anderssen, R.S. and Boland J. (eds) MODSIM2013, 20th International Congress on Modelling and Simulation. Modelling and Simulation Society of Australia and New Zealand (2013): 2506–2512.
<https://www.mssanz.org.au/modsim2013/A7/chiu.pdf>.

Jensen, N.M., A.D. Martin, and **A.H. Westveld**. “Foreign Direct Investment: A Longitudinal Social Network Approach”. *Political Networks Conference* (2011).
http://opensiuc.lib.siu.edu/pnconfs_2010/51/.

Myroshnychenko#, M.V., and **A.H. Westveld**. “Analysis of Morris Water Maze Data with Bayesian Statistical Methods”. Poster associated with the paper [joint with Dr. Jefferson Kinney]. *UNLV McNair Scholars Institute Annual Report 2011-2012, University of Nevada Las Vegas* (2011): 65–71. https://digitalscholarship.unlv.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1002&context=mcnair_journal.

Quinn, K.M., and **A.H. Westveld**. “Bayesian Inference for Semi-parametric Quantal Response Equilibrium Models”. *JSM Proceedings, Section on Bayesian Statistical Science* (2009).

A.H. Westveld and P.D. Hoff. “Statistical Methodology for Longitudinal Social Network Data”. *APSA Proceedings* (2005). <https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/apsa/apsa05/>.

Letnes, B., and **A.H. Westveld**. “Transnational Corporations, Economic Development and Human Rights: On the Importance of Assets and Institutions”. *APSA Proceedings* (2005).
<https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/apsa/apsa05/>.

Technical and Client Reports

Chien#, Chien-Hung, A.H. Welsh, and **A.H. Westveld**. “Australian Business Networks”. *ABS Research Paper* (2019). <https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/1351.0.55.063>.

Chiu, G.S., S. Treier, A.H. Westveld, and N. Erskine. “Progress Report on ‘Evidence-based inference for network relations using latent space network modelling: Case studies from the Australian political landscape’. *Report prepared for ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences* (2019).

Macatangay, K., **A.H. Westveld**, and B. Kunkel. “Intervening for Success”. *Report prepared for Clark County District Attorney, Family Support Division and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services* (2012).

Competitive Grants & Other Funding

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| Consulting , at Virginia Institute of Marine Science (William & Mary). | 2022 |
| • Statistical Consultant (Bayesian methodology) - U.S. Greater Amberjack Research Program . | |
| Instructor at the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare . | 2019 |
| • One day statistics and data science with R workshop. | |
| International Collaborator of the SFI Centre for Research Training . Foundations of Data Science | 2019 |
| Co-PI of ANU RSFAS & RSSS cross-college grant. | 2018 |
| • Evidence-based inference for network relations using latent space network modelling: Case studies from the Australian political landscape. | |

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| • In collaboration with the other PIs: Dr. Shawn Treier and Dr. Grace Chiu. | |
| Co-PI for sustainable farming practices from the Ian Potter Foundation. | 2018 |
| • In collaboration with Professor David Lindenmayer (PI) et al., including Associate Professor Emma Schultz, Dr. Grace Chiu (CBE Co-PIs). | |
| Co-PI for sustainable farming practices pilot project - 1 year grant. | 2016 |
| • In collaboration with Professor David Lindenmayer (PI) et al., including Associate Professor Emma Schultz, Dr. Grace Chiu (CBE Co-PIs). | |
| Co-PI for IBISWorld philanthropic grant. | 2016-2018 |
| • IBISWorld, Melbourne, Australia - 3 year grant; Part of this grant was used to create the IBISWorld Ph.D. Scholarship awarded to Ms. F. Swen Kuh, who is jointly advised by myself and Dr. Grace Chiu (PI). | |
| Sub-grant PI for Clark County District Attorney's Office Family Support Division, Nevada, USA. | 2009-2012 |
| • Child Support Policies via Randomized Experiments (Evidenced Based Policy) funded from the US Department of Health & Human Services. | |
| Sub-grant PI of NSERC Discovery Grant. | 2009 |
| • Statistical modelling of health indices for aquatic ecosystems. | |
| PI of the New Researchers' US Federal Stimulus Award. | 2008 |
| PI of the Nevada System of Higher Education, NSF EPSCoR RING TRUE. | 2007 - 2008 |

Courses Taught, Convened⁺, & Developed*

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| Statistical Learning ^{++*} | 2015 - 2017, 2021 - Present |
| ANU STAT 3040/4040/7040 [undergraduate, honours, graduate - some years graduate and undergraduate were not jointly taught] | |
| Statistical Inference ⁺ | 2014 - 2020, 2024 - Present |
| ANU STAT3013/4027/8027 [undergraduate, honours, graduate] | |
| Statistics for Data Analysis A & B ^{++*} | 2021 |
| ANU Micro-credential Course [professional] | |
| Regression Modelling + Introduction to GLMs ⁺ | 2020 |
| ANU STAT 2008/2014/6014 [undergraduate and graduate] | |
| Regression Modelling ⁺ | 2018 [944 students enrolled] |
| ANU STAT 2008/6038 [undergraduate and graduate] | |
| Managing the Research Process ^{++*} | 2016 - 2018 |
| ANU STAT 4010 [honours] | |
| Introduction to Mathematical Statistics ⁺ | 2014 |
| ANU STAT2001/6039 [undergraduate and graduate] | |
| Econometrics ⁺ | 2014 |
| UC 6541/6551 [undergraduate and graduate] | |
| Problem Evaluation and Resolution ⁺ | 2013 - 2014 |
| UC 8730 [undergraduate] | |
| Introduction to Business Statistics ⁺ | 2013 |
| UC 5123/6275 [undergraduate and graduate] | |
| Aided in developing a course on network data * | 2012 |
| for the School of Information: Science, Technology, and Arts (SISTA) | |
| UA [undergraduate] | |

Applied Statistics for the Biological Sciences⁺
UNLV STAT 391 [undergraduate]

2008 - 2010

Experimental Design and Analysis⁺
UNLV STAT 713 [graduate]

2008 - 2010

Bayesian Data Analysis⁺*
UNLV STAT 753 [graduate]

2009

Independent study for **Bayesian Data Analysis⁺***
UNLV STAT 753 [graduate]

2008 - 2011

Regression Analysis II^{++*} (GLMs, LMMs, GLMMs)
UNLV STAT 762 [graduate]

2010 - 2011

Statistical Decision Theory⁺
UNLV Stat 765 [graduate]

2008

Multivariate Analysis⁺
UNLV Stat 764 [graduate]

2007

Note: Australian National University (ANU), University of Arizona (UA), University of Canberra (UC), University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)

Research Advising and Mentoring

Santiago Marin Ardila, Ph.D. student in Statistics, RSFAS, ANU.

2023 - Present

- Project: Bayesian Posterior Approximation and Non-Parametrics

Co-Pri Adv

Chris Malone, Master's in Statistics, RSAF, ANU.

2021 - 2022

- Project: Bayesian Inference of Eradication of Incipient Tephritis Fruit Fly
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/cm-ds/>

Co-Pri Adv

Malcolm Wolff, Ph.D. student in Statistics, Univ. of Washington, Seattle.

2021 - Present

Co-Adv

- Project: Statistical Modelling of Human Movement, Social Activity Spaces, and Networks
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/malcolm-wolff-82b1586a/>

Fui Swen Kuh, IBISWorld Ph.D. Scholar in Statistics, RSFAS, ANU.

2016 - 2022

Co-Pri Adv

- Project: A Holistic Bayesian Framework for Modelling Latent Socio-Economic Health
- Winner of the Inaugural Poster competition of the ASA Social Statistics Section - JSM 2018
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/swenkuh/>

Joseph Chien, Ph.D in Statistics, Mathematical Sciences Institute, ANU.

2016 - 2021

Assoc Adv

- Project: Using Administrative Data to Gain Insights into Microdrivers of Productivity
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/joseph-chien-hung-chien-6a5184a9/>

Jiali Wang, Ph.D in Statistics, RSFAS, ANU.

2015 - 2018

Co-Pri Adv

- Project: Recent Developments of Copula-Based Models to Handle Missing Data of Mixed-Type in Multivariate Analysis
- Recipient of the 2018 Dennis Trewin Prize presented by the Statistical Society of Australia - Canberra Branch.
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jiali-wang-89244513b/>

Mark Dawkins, Honours in Statistics (H1), RSFAS, ANU.

2017

Co-Pri Adv

- Project: Melded Bayesian Inference for Stochastic Theoretical Models with Applications in Agent Based Modelling
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/mark-dawkins-479762122/>

Jaron Lee, Honours in Statistics (H1), RSFAS, ANU.

2016

Pri Adv

- Project: A Variational Bayes Approach to Clustered Latent Preference Models for Directed Network Data
- Recipient of an ANU University Medal
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jaron-jr-lee/>

Fui Swen Kuh, ANU Summer Research Scholar

2015

Pri Co-Adv

- Project: Social Network Analysis on Food Web and Dispute Data
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/swenkuh/>

Seoyoony Cho, CSIRO Industrial Trainee

2014

Co-Adv

- from the Department of Statistics, Korea University.
- Project: Modeling Network Data Using PyStan
- Received Ph.D. in Biostatistics from University of North Carolina

Hyangki Lee, CSIRO Industrial Trainee

2014

Co-Adv

- from the Department of Statistics, Korea University.
- Project: Modeling Network Data Using PyStan

Yaroslav Mukhin, M.S. in Statistics, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

2010 - 2012

Mentor

- Project: Inference for the Solow Growth Model: A Bayesian Melding Approach
- Received Ph.D. in Economics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/yaroslav-mukhin-6b7890229/>

Maxym Myroshnychenko, NSF Biomathematics Scholar and
UNLV McNair Scholar, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

2010 - 2012

Pri Adv

- Project: Analysis of Morris Water Maze Data with Bayesian Statistical Methods
- Received Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Indiana University Bloomington
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/maxym-myroshnychenko-b79b2b51/>

Internship (Consulting) Advising & Mentoring

Rory Williams, ANU College of Business and Economics Internship Program.

2021

- Joint internship through Australian Department of Social Services

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James Kondilios, ANU College of Science Internship Program.

2019

Pri Adv

- Joint internship through Airservices Australia

Jizhi Li, ANU College of Science Internship Program.

2017

Pri Adv

- Joint internship through the National Disability Insurance Agency, Australia

Yiran Yao, ANU College of Science Internship Program.

2017

Pri Adv

- Joint internship through the National Disability Insurance Agency, Australia

Selected Professional Activities & Awards

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| Associate Editor for the Journal of the American Statistical Association. | 2019 - Present |
| Associate Editor for the quarterly bulletin of the International Society for Bayesian Analysis. | 2016 - Present |
| Instructor for the statistics/data science workshop for the National Youth Science Foundation of Australia. | 2019 |
| Best Poster Award. Young Statisticians' Meeting (satellite meeting of the ISI), Dublin, IRL. | 2011 |
| • Title: Dirichlet Processes for Quantal Response Equilibrium Models - Examination of Pegged Exchange Rate Policies | |
| Best Poster Award. Political Networks Conference, Cambridge, MA, USA. | 2011 |
| • Title: A Bayesian Mixed Effects Model for Longitudinal Social Network Data | |
| Student Paper Award. Joint Statistical Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, USA. ASA Section on Bayesian Statistical Science | 2007 |
| • Title: A Bayesian Mixed Effects Model for Longitudinal Social Network Data | |

Recent Seminars

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| Invited. Professor Adrian Raftery's ABCDE Conference , University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA. | 2024 |
| • Modelling National Latent Socioeconomic Health and Examination of Policy Effects | |
| Invited. Virginia Chapter of the American Statistical Association Conference, Charlottesville, VA, USA. | 2024 |
| • Bayesian Optimized Bootstrap (BOB) for Uncertainty Quantification in Gaussian Mixture Models | |
| Invited. The International Environmetrics Society, Adelaide, AUS. | 2024 |
| • A Bayesian Melding Approach for Stochastic Agent-Based Models | |
| Invited. Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA, USA. | 2023 |
| • A Bayesian Melding Approach for Stochastic Agent-Based Models | |
| Invited. Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, USA. | 2023 |
| • A Bayesian Melding Approach for Stochastic Agent-Based Models | |

Professional Societies

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| American Statistical Association | 2002 - Present |
| American Political Science Association | 2002 - Present |
| Statistical Society of Australia | 2010 - Present |
| International Society for Bayesian Analysis | 2017 - Present |