

Matt Higham

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EDUCATION	Doctor of Philosophy , Oregon State University		GPA: 4.00
	<i>Statistics</i> , Expected June 2019		
	Dissertation Advisors: Dr. Lisa Madsen & Dr. Jay Ver Hoef		
	Committee Members: Dr. Julia Jones , Dr. Katie McLaughlin, & Dr. Debashis Mondal		
	Master of Science , Oregon State University		
<i>Statistics</i> , June 2016			
	Bachelor of Science , Miami University (OH)	Academic Honors with Distinction	GPA: 3.98
	<i>Botany</i> , May 2014		
	<i>Environmental Science Co-major</i> , May 2014		
	<i>Statistics</i> , May 2014		
	<i>Zoology</i> , May 2014		
Graduate Certificate in College and University Teaching			
Oregon State University, August 2018			
18 credits of graduate-level coursework Link to Learning Outcomes			
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Lead Instructor for Introductory Statistics Courses	June 2016 - July 2018, Interspersed	
	Oregon State University		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ST 201: Principles of Statistics I (Spring 2018), ST 351: Introduction to Statistical Methods I (Summer 2016 OSU Cascades, Summer 2018), and ST 352: Introduction to Statistical Methods II (Summer 2016).• Presented statistics material in the context of appropriate software (R or TI-84).• Utilized active learning strategies in both small and large class sizes, ranging from 15 students to over 100 students.• Managed Teaching Assistants for labs and recitations.		
	Lead Instructor for Introductory Ecampus Statistics Course	Sep. 2017 - Mar. 2018	
	Oregon State University		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ST 202D: Principles of Statistics II Ecampus (Fall 2017, Winter 2018).• Supplemented course material with videos and screencasts.• Motivated distance students through engaging online interactions.• Managed Teaching Assistants for online grading of assignments.		
	Graduate Teaching Assistant	Sep. 2014 - Sep. 2016	
	Oregon State University		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ST 552: Statistical Methods, ST 351, ST 352.• Instructed a laboratory using R for first-year graduate students (ST 552).• Led laboratories using Minitab for introductory statistics students (ST 351, 352).• Supervising Instructors:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Dr. Charlotte Wickham (ST 552).– Juli Moore and Jeff Kollath (ST 351, 352).		

COURSE DEVELOPMENT

Graduate Data Analytics Oregon State University

Apr. 2017 - June 2017

- Created laboratory materials for the graduate-level online ST 518D (Data Analytics II) course.

Introductory Statistics Oregon State University

June 2016 - Aug. 2016

- Revised the on campus ST 351 lab materials and assignments from Minitab to R (lead role).
- Collaborated with ST 351 and ST 352 instructors Jeff Kollath and Juliann Moore at OSU to transition all ST 351 and ST 352 lecture notes and online materials from Minitab to R (secondary role).

RESEARCH

Publications

- **Higham, M.**, Ver Hoef, J., Madsen, L., & Aderman, A. (2018). Adjusting a finite population block kriging estimator for imperfect detection. (In Prep: [Link to Current Draft](#)).
- **Higham, M.**, Hoven, B. M., Gorchov, D. L., & Knight, K. S. (2017). Patterns of coarse woody debris in hardwood forests across a chronosequence of ash mortality due to the emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*). *Natural Areas Journal*, 37(3), 406-411. [Link to Abstract](#).

Grants

- United States Fish and Wildlife Grant Sep. 2016 - June 2017
 - Created a Finite Block Kriging with Imperfect Detection.
 - Award number F16AC01127. Amount: \$40,813.
 - Role: Graduate Research Assistant. Supervisors: Dr. Lisa Madsen & Dr. Jay Ver Hoef.
- Hughes Research Internship May 2013 - May 2014
 - Collected and subsequently analyzed data on coarse woody debris in forest research plots with ash mortality from the emerald ash borer.
 - Amount: \$4,500.
 - Role: Undergraduate Research Assistant. Supervisor: Dr. David Gorchov.

Projects

- Master's Project: "Performance of a Local Variance Estimator from a GRTS (Generalized Random-Tessellation Stratified) Sample."
 - Evaluated bias and confidence interval coverage of the GRTS spatial sampling estimator under a variety of spatial surfaces.
 - Advisors: Dr. Lisa Madsen & Dr. Jay Ver Hoef.
 - Committee Members: Dr. Debashis Mondal & Dr. Charlotte Wickham.
- Consulting Projects
 - Collaborated with university graduate students, providing statistical advice on six PhD and Master's theses.
 - Fields of Study: Integrative Biology, Engineering, Crop Science, Wood Science.

Conference Presentations and Posters

- **Higham, M.**, Ver Hoef, J., Madsen, L., & Aderman, A. (2018). Adjusting a finite population block kriging estimator for imperfect detection. Joint Statistical Meetings. Contributed Poster and Speed Presentation.
- **Higham, M.**, Howard, E. (2018). Exploring spatiotemporal patterns in forecast data. Joint Statistical Meetings. Contributed Poster and Speed Presentation. [Link to Github Project Site](#).
- **Higham, M.**, Ver Hoef, J., Madsen, L., & Aderman, A. (2017). Adjusting a finite population block kriging estimator for imperfect detection. Western North American Region of the International Biometric Society. Contributed Presentation.

WORKSHOPS AND SYMPOSIA

Associate and Practitioner in CIRTl
Oregon State University

Sep. 2017 - Mar. 2018

- Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning.
- Researched and applied evidence-based teaching strategies.
- Examined and integrated a “learning-through-diversity” philosophy to current teaching practices.

**Certificate in Teaching and Learning
for Teaching Talks**
Oregon State University

March 2018 - June 2018

- Addressed current issues in adult education through OSU’s Center for Teaching and Learning.

Prepare to Teach Workshop for Statistics Graduate Students

July 2018

MENTORSHIP

Head Boys’ Tennis Coach
Crescent Valley High School

Feb. 2016 - Present, Spring

- Motivated student athletes in aspects of tennis as well as sportsmanship and discipline.
- Organized matches, held daily practices, and participated in tournaments.

Science Department Head Tutor
Miami University

Aug. 2013 - May 2014

- Supervised all Rinella Learning Center tutors in the science department.
- Improved tutor feedback to students through training sessions and through individual problem-solving.

Statistics Tutor
Miami University

Sep. 2011 - May 2013

- Tutored approximately 10 students in Introductory Statistics courses each semester through the Rinella Learning Center.
- Strengthened student problem-solving skills through one-on-one meetings with each student about once per week.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Statistical Programs: R, SAS, Matlab, Minitab.

Presentation and Collaboration: RMarkdown, knitr, shiny, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office Suite, Git and Github.

**PROFESSIONAL
SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP**

- American Statistical Association Jan. 2017 - Present
- WNAR Branch of the International Biometric Society Oct. 2016 - Present
- International Environmetrics Society Oct. 2016 - Present
- Data Science Association Nov. 2016 - Present

**UNIVERSITY
SERVICE**

- **New Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation Leader** Sep. 2018
 - Facilitated OSU policy, diversity and inclusion, and introduction to the learning management system Canvas sessions for new GTAs.
 - Developed some materials for OSU's new GTA training and orientation with a team of 11 other graduate students.
- **Department Head Search Committee Member** Aug. - Oct. 2018
 - Served as the graduate student representative in the committee.
 - Collaborated in drafting interview questions for candidates and summarizing student and faculty feedback about the candidates for the Dean of Science.
- **Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Proposal Review** Nov. 2017
 - Assessed and offered improvements to a research design applying the Finite Population Block Kriging estimator with imperfect detection to brown bears.
- **OSU Student Statistics Organization Vice President** 2015 - 2016
 - Organized events designed to promote communication between Oregon State Statistics students and faculty and to encourage professional growth.
- **Datafest Workshop Leader and Consultant** 2016
 - Created and led a workshop on the R package `ggplot2` for participants.
 - Served as a consultant to help with the Datafest participants statistical techniques and visualizations.
- **Review Committee for OSU Professors** 2016, 2017
 - Collaborated with two to three other OSU students to summarize and script student opinions on four OSU faculty up for promotion.

**AWARDS AND
SCHOLARSHIP**

- **WNAR Distinguished Student Presentation Award** 2017
- **Seely Award**, OSU Dept. of Statistics 2015
 - High performance in first-year courses and on comprehensive exams.
 - Award determined through Statistics Department faculty vote.
- **Provosts Distinguished Graduate Scholarship** 2014 - 2015
 - OSU award to “foster enrollment of students of the highest quality.”
- **Scott Overton Scholarship** for Statistical Ecology 2014 - 2015
- **Comer-Reynolds Memorial Award** in Statistics 2013
- **Benjamin Harrison Scholarship** from Miami University 2010 - 2014
 - Covered full tuition expenses for four years of study at Miami University.