

# Taylor B. Arnold

## Curriculum Vitae

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### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2015 - Present Yale University, Statistics, Lecturer  
2014 - Present AT&T Labs Research, Senior Scientist

### EDUCATION

2013 Ph.D. Statistics, Yale University  
Thesis: “Inference with Ill-Conditioned Design Matrices”  
Advisor: Sekhar Tatikonda  
Co-Advisor: John Emerson

2009 M.A. Statistics, Yale University

2007 A.B. Mathematics, Bowdoin College  
Thesis: “Convergence Properties of Simplex Optimization Algorithms”  
Graduated *cum laude*

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Statistical analysis of petabyte-scale data  
develop new techniques, tools, and paradigms for analyzing very large datasets (i.e., “big data”), with a particular focus on streaming, spatiotemporal feeds

Penalized estimation  
combine structurally penalized models with modern optimization theory to enforce complex sparsity patterns in high-dimensional inference; applications include image analysis, epidemiology, and spatial point processes

Applications to humanities data  
collaborate with humanities scholars to visualize and extract meaning from large text, image, and video corpora; engage in broader debates of Digital Humanities

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Journal Articles

- 2015 Arnold, Taylor, Lauren Tilton, Stacey Maples, and Laura Wexler. "Uncovering Latent Metadata in the FSA-OWI Photographic Archive." *Digital Humanities Quarterly*. Accepted August 2015.
- 2014 Arnold, Taylor and Ryan Tibshirani. "Efficient Implementations of the Generalized Lasso Dual Path Algorithm." *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*. Accepted December 2014. doi: 10.1080/10618600.2015.1043010.
- 2013 Grippo, Tomas, John Liu, Nazlee Zebardast, Taylor Arnold, Grant Moore, and Robert Weinreb. "Twenty-Four-Hour Pattern of Intraocular Pressure in Untreated Patients with Ocular Hypertension." *Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science* 54.1 (2013): 512-517. doi: 10.1167/iovs.12-10709.
- 2011 Arnold, Taylor, and John Emerson. "Nonparametric Goodness-of-Fit Tests for Discrete Null Distributions." *The R Journal* 3.2 (2011): 34-39.
- 2011 Emerson, John, and Taylor Arnold. "Statistical Sleuthing by Leveraging Human Nature: A Study of Olympic Figure Skating." *The American Statistician* 65.3 (2011). doi: 10.1198/tast.2011.10165.
- 2010 Russett, Bruce, and Taylor Arnold. "Who Talks, and Who's Listening? Networks of International Security Studies." *Security Dialogue* 41.6 (2010): 589-598. doi: 10.1177/09670106-10388205.

### Books

- 2015 Arnold, Taylor and Lauren Tilton. *Humanities Data in R: Exploring Networks, Geospatial Data, Images, and Text*. New York: Springer International Publishing, 2015. doi: 10.1007/978-3-319-20702-5.

### Manuscripts in Submission

- 2015 Arnold, Taylor. "An Entropy Maximizing Geohash for Distributed Spatiotemporal Database Indexing." *ACM Transactions on Spatial Algorithms and Systems (TSAS)*. Currently under revision. arXiv:1506.05158 [cs.DB]
- 2015 Arnold, Taylor, Michael Kane, and Simon Urbanek. "High-Performance I/O Tools for R." *R Journal*. Currently under revision. <http://arxiv.org/abs/1510.00041> [stat.CO]
- 2015 Arnold, Taylor. *Case Studies in Large-Scale Statistical Learning*. Proposal currently under revision for inclusion in the series Springer Texts in Statistics.
- 2015 Arnold, Taylor. "Sparse Density Representations for Simultaneous Inference on Large Spatial Datasets." *Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)*. Submitted September 2015. arXiv:1510.00755 [stat.CO, cs.DS]

- 2015 Arnold, Taylor, Michael Kane, and Simon Urbanek. "Computing Strategies for Fitting Regressions at Scale." *Journal of Statistical Software*. Submitted October 2015. arXiv:XXXX.XXXXX [stat.CO]
- 2015 Arnold, Taylor, and Lauren Tilton. "The NLP Pipeline and Deterministic Topic Constructions." *Debates in the Digital Humanities 2017*. University of Minnesota Press. Submitted October 2015.

### **Conference Proceedings**

- 2012 Arnold, Taylor, "Defining the Charter: Judicial Activism and the Supreme Court of Canada." American Political Science Association 2012 Annual Meeting Paper. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2109074>
- 2012 Arnold, Taylor. "User-Oriented High-Dimensional Linear Model Estimation." In JSM Proceedings, Statistical Computing Section. Alexandria, VA: American Statistical Association. 2429-2443.

### **Manuscripts in Preparation**

Arnold, Taylor. "An Affine Constrained Fused Lasso for Discrete Spatial Distributions." In preparation for submission to *The Annals of Applied Statistics*.

Arnold, Taylor, Lauren Tilton. "Hierarchical Document Clustering: A Deterministic Method for Organizing Digital Texts." In preparation for submission to *Digital Studies / Le Champ Numérique*.

Arnold, Taylor, Michael Kane, and Simon Urbanek. "Tools for the Datalake: Indices and Fast Queries over Large Delimited Files." In preparation for submission to *Computational Statistics*.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Instructor (with full course responsibility)**

Data Mining and Machine Learning (STAT 365/665) - Yale, Spring 2016  
 Linear Models (STAT 312/612) - Yale, Fall 2015  
 Introduction to Statistics (MAT 107) - Connecticut College, Spring 2011  
 Introduction to Statistics (STAT 107) - Yale, Summer 2010

### **Teaching Assistant**

Statistical Consulting (STAT 627) - Yale, Fall 2009, Spring 2010  
 Data Analysis (STAT 361/661) - Yale, Fall 2010  
 Statistical Case Studies (STAT 325/625) - Yale, Fall 2010  
 Statistical Computing (STAT 662) - Yale, Spring 2011  
 Introductory Data Analysis (STAT 230/530) - Yale, Spring 2011, Spring 2012  
 Introduction to Statistics (STAT 103/503) - Yale, Fall 2012

## INVITED TALKS

- 2016 Culture Analytics and User Experience Design, Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics, UCLA, April 2016
- 2015 “Using R in Humanities Research”, Institute for Liberal Arts Digital Scholarship (ILiADS), Hamilton College, July 2015
- 2015 “High Performance Data I/O”, New England Statistics Symposium, University of Connecticut, April 2015
- 2015 “Oh the Places We’ll Go”, Department Seminar, Amherst College, February 2015
- 2013 “The Genlasso Package”, Connecticut R Users Group, New Haven, CT, February 2013
- 2012 “Historical Data with Photogrammar”, University Library Colloquium, Columbia University, March 2012
- 2011 “The Best Guess: Comparing Bernoulli Estimators”, Department Seminar, Bowdoin College, November 2011

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

- 2016 Joint Statistical Meetings, “What to do with messy data? Four case studies.” Chair and Organizer. Invited Session, 30 July - 4 August.
- 2014 Digital Humanities, “Photogrammar: Organizing Visual Culture through Geography, Text Mining, and Statistical Analysis.” 7-12 July.
- 2012 American Studies Association Annual Meeting, “Photogrammar in Puerto Rico: Reading the FSA’s 1930s Visual Archive with Twenty-first-Century Visualization Tools.” 15-18 November.
- 2012 Joint Statistical Meetings, “User Oriented High Dimensional Linear Model Estimation.” Contributed Talk, 28 July - 2 August.
- 2012 Joint Statistical Meetings, “Statistical Sleuthing by Leveraging Human Nature.” Invited Poster, 28 July - 2 August.
- 2012 useR! Meeting, “Package hdlm: Fitting High Dimensional Linear Models.” Contributed Talk, 12-15 June.
- 2012 American Historical Association Annual Meeting, “From Archive to Interdisciplinary Tool: Transforming Our Image of the FSA-OWI Photograph Collection.” Contributed Talk, January 5-8.
- 2011 American Studies Association Annual Meeting, “Digital Humanities Lightning Shorts.” Contributed Talk, 20-23 October.
- 2011 useR! Meeting, “Nonparametric Goodness-of-Fit Tests for Discrete Null Distributions.” Contributed Talk, 16-18 August.

## AWARDS

- 2013 Yale Thesis Writing Prize
- 2011-2015 NEH Digital Start-Up Grant, Photogrammar, Co-Director
- 2008-2013 Yale Graduate Fellowship

## ADVISING

2015-2016 David Marcano, Senior Thesis Advisor, Yale Statistics  
2015 Yutaro Yamada, Undergraduate Summer Intern, Yale Graphics Group

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2015-2016 American Statistical Association, Section Program Chair  
2015 Biometrika, Referee  
2014-2015 Journal of Statistical Software, Referee  
2013-2015 Neurology, Referee  
2012-2014 The R-Journal, Referee

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2009-2013 Graduate Student Assembly, Statistics Representative  
2010-2011 Yale Tribunal, Member  
2010-2011 Yale Graduate School Executive Committee, Member

## OTHER POSITIONS

2013-2014 Traveler's Insurance, Research and Development, Manager  
2011 Visiting Instructor, Connecticut College  
2007-2008 IBM, Global Business Services, Consultant

## SELECTED SOFTWARE

**genlasso**: Path algorithm for generalized lasso problems. R package.  
`cran.r-project.org/web/packages/genlasso`  
**glmgen**: Generalized lasso implementations. C library and R package.  
`github.com/statsmaths/glmgen`  
**iotools**: I/O tools for streaming. R package.  
`cran.r-project.org/web/packages/iotools`  
**iosub**: Fast selection of data subsets. C library and R package.  
`github.com/statsmaths/glmgen`  
**dgof**: Discrete Goodness-of-Fit Tests. R package.  
`cran.r-project.org/web/packages/dgof`

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Statistical Association (ASA)  
Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)  
American Mathematical Society (AMS)

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