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1 Education and Qualifications

11 - 14	PhD in Geographic Information Science (<i>Awarded Oct. 2014</i>) - City, University of London, UK.
03 - 06	BA (<i>1st class Hons</i>) in Geography - Durham University, UK.

2 Awards Honors and Distinctions

2016	InfoVis Best Paper Honorable Mention, IEEE VIS 2016.
2013	Smeed Prize (1st place) for best student paper and presentation (14 shortlisted papers), 45th National Universities Transport Study Group Annual Conference, University of Oxford.
2012	VAST Challenge award for Efficient Visualization, IEEE Visweek, Seattle, Washington. Nokia Mobile Data Challenge. 3rd best paper from c.100 entries, Pervasive 2012, University of Newcastle.
2011	Fully-funded City University Studentship for PhD study (£50,000 stipend over 3 years).
2006	Robin Mills Award for second highest first in academic cohort, Durham University Geography.

3 Research Experience

14 - pres	Research Fellow - giCentre, City, University of London. A €13m, four-year EU project involving academic and SME partners across Europe. Responsible for contributing new research and software in spatial analysis for crime research. As well as publishing research outputs at IEEE Vis and Eurovis, designed visual analysis software prototypes and currently integrating components into an agreed development pipeline. Contributed to teaching via guest lectures and lab assistance for modules in Data Science and Data Visualization.
11 - 14	PhD Researcher - giCentre, City, University of London. Recent advances in information visualization and data analytics were used to analyse and classify customer travel behaviours within the London Cycle Hire scheme. Work was presented at international academic and industry conferences, winning best paper at one leading conference, and research papers were published in four international academic journals. Tutored and guest lectured on undergraduate and postgraduate modules in Data Visualization and Research Methods. Delivered invited talks on data analytics to industry and academic audiences.

10 - 11	Senior Researcher - YouGov, London. Managed fieldwork, client relationships, data analysis and reporting for various customer insight projects. As well as developing and extending skills in data analysis, a substantial aspect of the role was around survey design and implementation: preparing and piloting scripts and monitoring response rates and making decisions about sample boosting when surveys were ‘live’. Also introduced new chargeable analysis outputs: dashboard reporting for tracker projects and basic interactive graphics for client use.
08 - 10	Research Officer - Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire. In an award-winning research team, managed and was the principal analyst on a large-scale evidence base commissioned by the council’s Transport Department. Using current techniques within GIS and market research, the work considered factors such as access to services, local labour market efficiency and fear of crime on Leicestershire’s public transport system. The project was featured in a leading international conference on data analysis. Also worked on various smaller economic insight research projects.
06 - 08	Research Executive - QA Research, York. Graduate scheme in social and market research. Developed skills in both qualitative and quantitative research, presenting, report writing, sales/PR writing and project management.

4 Publications

(a) Refereed Academic Journals

2016	<p>Beecham, R., Dykes, J., Meulemans, W., Slingsby, A., Turkay, C., and Wood, J. (in press). Map line-ups: effects of spatial structure on graphical inference. IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics. [paper web-site] [23% acceptance rate] [Best Paper Honorable Mention].</p> <p>Beecham, R., Rooney, C., Meier, S., Dykes, J., Slingsby, A., Turkay, C., and Wong, W. (2016). Faceted Views of Varying Emphasis (FaVVEs): a framework for visualising multi-perspective small multiples. Computer Graphics Forum, 35(3):241–249. [paper web-site] [28% acceptance rate].</p>
2014	<p>Wood, J., Beecham, R., and Dykes, J. (2014). Moving beyond sequential design: Reflections on a rich multi-channel approach to data visualization. IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics, 20(12):2171–2180. [23% acceptance rate].</p> <p>Beecham, R. and Wood, J. (2014). Characterising group-cycling journeys using interactive graphics. Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies, 47(October):194–206.</p> <p>Beecham, R., Wood, J., and Bowerman, A. (2014). Studying commuting behaviours using collaborative visual analytics. Computers, Environment and Urban Systems, 47(September):5–15.</p> <p>Beecham, R. and Wood, J. (2014). Exploring gendered cycling behaviours within a large-scale behavioural data-set. Transportation Planning and Technology, 37(1):83–97. [Smeed Prize (1st place)] [Taylor & Frances top 10 articles from 2014]</p>
2013	<p>Slingsby, A., Beecham, R., and Wood, J. (2013). Visual analysis of social networks in space and time using smartphone logs. Pervasive and Mobile Computing, 9(6):848–864.</p>

(b) Book Chapters

- 2015 | Beecham, R. (2015). Using bikeshare datasets to improve urban cycling experience and research urban cycling behaviour. In Gerike, R. and Parkin, J., editors, **Cycling Futures: From Research into Practice.**, pages 267–283. Ashgate, Farnham, UK.

(c) Refereed Conference Proceedings

- 2015 | Beecham, R., Dykes, J., Slingsby, A., and Turkay, C. (2015). Supporting crime analysis through visual design. In **Poster presented at IEEE VIS**, Chicago, USA.
 Dykes, J., Rooney, C., Beecham, R., Turkay, C., Slingsby, A., Wood, J., and Wong, W. (2015). Multi-Perspective Synopsis with Faceted Views of Varying Emphasis. In **Poster presented at IEEE VIS**, Chicago, USA.
- 2014 | Beecham, R., Dykes, J., Turkay, C., Slingsby, A., and Wood, J. (2014). Map Line Ups: Using Graphical Inference to Study Spatial Structure. In **DECISIVE: Dealing with Cognitive Biases in Visualizations, a workshop at IEEE VIS**, Paris, UK.
 Beecham, R. and Wood, J. (2014). Towards confirmatory data analysis? Deriving and analysing routing information for an origin-destination bike share dataset. In **46th Annual Universities' Transport Study Group (UTSG) Conference**, Newcastle, UK.
- 2012 | Beecham, R., Wood, J., and Bowerman, A. (2012). Identifying and explaining inter-peak cycling behaviours within the London Cycle Hire Scheme Conference. In **Progress in Movement Analysis: Experiences with Real Data**, Zurich, Switzerland.
 Kachkaev, A., Dillingham, I., Beecham, R., Goodwin, S., Ahmed, N., and Slingsby, A. (2012). Monitoring the Health of Computer Networks with Visualization - VAST 2012 Mini Challenge 1 Award: Efficient Use of Visualization. In **IEEE Conference on Visual Analytics Science and Technology**, Seattle, USA.
 Beecham, R., Wood, J., and Bowerman, A. (2012). A visual analytics approach to understanding cycling behaviour. In **Poster presented at the IEEE Conference on Visual Analytics Science and Technology (VAST)**, Seattle, USA.
- 2010 | Radburn, R., Beecham, R., Dykes, J., Wood, J., and Slingsby, A. (2010). Using spatial treemaps in local authority decision making and reporting. In **IEEE Conference on Information Visualization (InfoVis), Discovery Exhibition**, Utah, USA.

(d) Technical Reports

- 2010 | Beecham, R., Radburn, R., Sutton, R., Hardy, J., Cunningham, C., and Rothwell, S. (2010). Delivering DaSTS in Leicestershire: A report for the Leicestershire LTP3 evidence base. , Leicestershire County Council. [report web-site]

5 Teaching Experience

- 15-16 | Active Mobility, MSc lecture series, TU Vienna (Guest Lecturer).
 Visualizing Society, BA module, City, University of London (Guest Lecturer and Teaching Assistant).

	Visual Analytics, MSc module, City, University of London (Guest Lecturer and Teaching Assistant).
	Principles of Data Science, MSc module, City, University of London (Guest Lecturer and Teaching Assistant).
	Data Visualization, MSc module, City, University of London (Guest Lecturer).
	Business Intelligence & Analytics, MSc module, City, University of London (Guest Lecturer and Teaching Assistant).
14-15	Visual Analytics, MSc module, City, University of London (Guest Lecturer and Teaching Assistant).
	Principles of Data Science, MSc module, City, University of London (Guest Lecturer and Teaching Assistant).
	Business Intelligence & Analytics, MSc module, City, University of London (Guest Lecturer and Teaching Assistant).
	Communication & Presentation, MSc module, City, University of London (Guest Lecturer and Teaching Assistant).
13-14	Communication & Presentation, MSc module, City, University of London (Guest Lecturer and Teaching Assistant).
	Data Visualization, MSc module, City, University of London (Teaching Assistant).

6 Invited Presentations

2016	Beecham, R. (2016). Visualising uncertainty (and probability), at Visual Analytics Bootcamp. Middlesex University, London
2015	Beecham, R. (2015). Thinking spatially ... through visualization, at Geography Department Seminar Series. University College School, London
2014	Beecham, R. (2014). Discovering bike share cycle behaviours through interactive visual analysis. Or why pictures are a necessary part of big data analytics, at LSHTM Public Health Group Seminar Series. London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, London
2013	Beecham, R. (2013). Exploratory visualization for discovering data stories, Hacks versus Hackers Meetup. London
	Beecham, R. (2013). Data visualization, at The Power of Data, PPA Digital Publishing Conference 2013. London
	Beecham, R. (2013). Visualization for better data analysis, at Transport Statistics User Group. London
	Beecham, R. (2013). Exploring gender and cycle behaviour in a large-scale datasets, at Urban Digital: GIS Mapping and Technology, King's College London Geography Department. London
2012	Beecham, R. (2012). Beyond representation: using visual analytics to classify cycling behaviours within the London Barclays bike share scheme, at ICLCity2012: Innovation, Creativity and Leadership - Research and Practice. London
	Beecham, R. (2012). Visualization of the London bike share scheme, at Public Transport Interest Group, ITS UK. London

7 Academic and Professional Duties

Review articles submitted to the following international journals:

IEEE Transactions on Visualization & Computer Graphics, Computers & Graphics, IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transport Systems, Research in Transportation Business Management, International Journal of Geographic Information Science, Computers, Environment & Urban Systems.

(a) Conference and Seminar Organisation

2015	Universities Transport Study Group, 47th Annual Conference, 6th-8th January, City, University of London. Committee member and judging panel for best paper award.
2014	DECISIVE: Dealing with Cognitive Biases in Visualisations (a workshop at IEEE VIS 2014), 9th November 2014, Paris, France. Committee member.

8 Relevant Educational Courses and Workshops

2013	Geographically Weighted Regression using R. National Centre for Geocomputation, Maynooth, Ireland.
	Data Analysis using R. Coursera and Johns Hopkins University.
2012	Processing and visualization of moving object data. TU Delft, Netherlands.

9 Technical skills

code	R, Java, Processing, PHP, HTML, CSS.
dbase	MySQL, PostgreSQL SQLite, MongoDB.
soft	QGIS, Tableau, Excel, SPSS, Mondrian.
stats	regression, cluster analysis, factor analysis, estimation-based stats, graphical inference.

10 Other Education, Qualifications and Teaching Experience

00 - 02	A-levels in Chemistry (B), French (B), Geography (A). AS-level in Music (A).
00 - 01	Grade 8 Drum-kit (Distinction).
02 - 03	Drum-kit tutor and teaching assistant at Marlborough Boys' College, Blenheim, New Zealand. 12 month Gap Year placement.