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Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

- 08/2018–present **Senior Lecturer in Statistics**
Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Macquarie University
- 01/2018–08/2018 **Senior Lecturer in Statistics**
Department of Statistics, Macquarie University
- 02/2010–12/2017 **Lecturer in Statistics**
Department of Statistics, Macquarie University
- 01/2010–02/2010 **Research Assistant (Supervisor: Professor Neville Weber)**
School of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Sydney
- 07/2005–02/2010 **Tutor**
School of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Sydney

Education

- 2010 **Ph.D. in Statistics**
School of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Sydney
➤ Supervisor: Emeritus Professor Eugene Seneta
- 2006 **B.Sc.(Advanced Mathematics) Honours Class I**
School of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Sydney
➤ Supervisor: Emeritus Professor Eugene Seneta

Professional Service

- 03/2020–present **President**
Statistical Society of Australia, NSW Branch
- 05/2019–present **Teaching/Discipline Lead in Statistics**
Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Macquarie University
- 03/2019–03/2020 **Vice-President**
Statistical Society of Australia, NSW Branch
- 03/2019–present **Associate Editor**
Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics
- 01/2019–10/2019 **Statistics Seminar Organiser**
Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Macquarie University
- 02/2018–06/2018 **Higher Degree Research (HDR) Director**
Department of Statistics, Macquarie University
- 03/2016–03/2018 **Secretary**
Statistical Society of Australia, NSW Branch
- 10/2015–06/2018 **Master of Research (MRes) Advisor**
Department of Statistics, Macquarie University
- 03/2015–03/2016 **Assistant Secretary**
Statistical Society of Australia, NSW Branch
- 02/2014–08/2014 **Statistics Seminar Organiser**
Department of Statistics, Macquarie University
- 07/2013–08/2014 **Undergraduate Studies Coordinator**
Department of Statistics, Macquarie University

08/2010–10/2010 **Postgraduate and Honour Coordinator**
Department of Statistics, Macquarie University

Research Interest

- My research interests include
 - (Integer-valued) Time Series Analysis
 - Flexible Regression
 - Conway-Maxwell Poisson (CMP) and related distributions
 - Variance-Gamma and related distributions
 - Tail dependence
- My research is motivated by complex data that exhibit deviations from an assumed model, such as dispersion, zero-inflation, skewness and heavy-tailedness.

Publications

Journal Publications

I have 17 publications in international journals.

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| 2020 | Statistics: Your Ticket to Anywhere.
A Bilgin, D Bulger, T Fung. Statistics Education Research Journal, 19 (1) |
| 2018 | Quantile function expansion using regularly varying functions
T Fung, E Seneta. Methodology and Computing in Applied Probability, 20 (4), 1091-1103 |
| 2016 | Tail asymptotics for the bivariate skew normal
T Fung, E Seneta. Journal of Multivariate Analysis, 144, 129-138 |
| 2014 | Convergence rate to a lower tail dependence coefficient of a skew-t distribution
T Fung, E Seneta. Journal of Multivariate Analysis, 128, 62-72 |
| 2014 | The deviance information criterion in comparison of normal mixing models
T Fung, JJJ Wang, E Seneta. International Statistical Review, 82 (3), 411-421 |
| 2013 | An alternative estimator for the shape parameter in the negative binomial distribution
B Robertson, T Fung, N Weber. Mathematical Scientist, 38 (1) |
| 2013 | Contaminated Variance-Mean mixing model
T Fung, JJJ Wang, E Seneta. Computational Statistics and Data Analysis, 67, 258-267 |
| 2012 | Rate of decay of the tail dependence coefficient for the skew t distribution
T Fung. Sri Lankan Journal of Applied Statistics, 12 (1), 27-40 |
| 2011 | Autocorrelation functions
R Finlay, T Fung, E Seneta. International Statistical Review, 79 (2), 255-271 |
| 2011 | The bivariate normal copula function is regularly varying
T Fung, E Seneta. Statistics and Probability Letters, 81 (11), 1670-1676 |
| 2011 | Tail dependence and skew distributions
T Fung, E Seneta. Quantitative Finance, 11 (3), 327-333 |
| 2010 | Tail dependence for two skew t distributions
T Fung, E Seneta. Statistics and probability letters, 80 (9-10), 784-791 |
| 2010 | Modelling and estimation for bivariate financial returns
T Fung, E Seneta. International statistical review, 78 (1), 117-133 |
| 2010 | Extending the multivariate generalised t and generalised VG distributions
T Fung, E Seneta. Journal of Multivariate Analysis, 101 (1), 154-164 |
| 2008 | A characterisation of scale mixtures of the uniform distribution
T Fung, E Seneta. Statistics and Probability Letters, 78 (17), 2883-2888 |
| 2007 | Tailweight, quantiles and kurtosis: A study of competing distributions
T Fung, E Seneta. Operations Research Letters, 35 (4), 448-454 |
| 2006 | Continuity corrections for integer-valued saddlepoint approximations
T Fung, J Robinson. Statistics and probability letters, 76 (14), 1465-1469 |

Software development

2020	survivalMPLdc: Penalised Likelihood for Survival Analysis with Dependent Censoring J. Xu, J. Ma, T. Fung
2020	mpcmp: Mean-parametrized Conway-Maxwell Poisson Regression T. Fung, A. Alwan, J. Wishart, A. Huang
2019	qicpack: QIC package for GEE T. Fung
2018	thesisdownmq: An updated R Markdown thesis template using the bookdown package for Macquarie University HDR Thesis T. Fung, J. Wishart

Teaching experience

I have extensive convening and teaching experience ranging from first year to master level, theoretical to applied units.

Unit Convenor	Statistical Data Analysis (STAT1371, formerly as STAT171)
Unit Convenor	Applied Statistics (STAT2170/6180, formerly as STAT270/680)
Unit Convenor	Generalized Linear Models (STAT8111, formerly as STAT811)
Unit Convenor	Research Frontiers in Statistics (STAT7900, formerly as STAT700)
Unit Convenor	Stochastic Finance (STAT890, rested)
Unit Convenor	Computer Simulation (STAT2178, formerly as STAT278)
Unit Convenor	Statistical Design (STAT6114, formerly as STAT814)
Unit Convenor	Statistical Modelling in Finance and Insurance
Unit Convenor	Graphics, Multivariate Methods and Data Mining (STAT3102, formally STAT302)
Unit Convener	Modern Computational Statistical Methods (STAT8178, formerly as STAT878)
Lecturer	Introductory Statistics (STAT1170, formerly as STAT170)
Lecturer	Statistical Inference (STAT306/806)
Lecturer	Statistical Theory (STAT810)
Lecturer	Prelude to Bioinformatics (STAT8830, formerly as STAT830)
Lecturer	Gambling, Sport and Medicine (STAT175)
Lecturer	Computer Applications in Business (MIST800)

Named Lectures

2020	H.O. Lancaster Lecture Statistical Society Australia
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Other presentations since 2015

2019, August 18–23	62nd World Statistical Congress Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2019, June 25–27	EcoSta Taichung, Taiwan
2018, October 31	Statistics Seminar Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
2018, October 28	Statistics Seminar International Centre for Mathematical Research, Peking University, China
2018, October 11	Statistics Seminar Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
2018, September 13	Statistics Seminar Research School of Finance, Actuarial Studies and Statistics (RSFAS), Australian National University, Australia

2018, August 26–30	ISCB/ASC 2018 Melbourne, Australia
2018, August 26–30	Statistics Seminar Duke-NUS, Singapore
2018, July 28–August 2	Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) Vancouver, Canada
2017, December 16–18	CMStatistics London, UK
2017, September 20	NIASRA Seminar Series University of Wollongong, Australia
2017, July 16–21	61st World Statistics Congress Marrakech, Morocco
2017, June 15–17	EcoSta Hong Kong, China
2016, December 5–9	Australian Statistical Conference (ASC) Canberra, Australia
2016, July 30–August 4	JSM Chicago, USA

Conference organisation

2019, December	IASC-ARS 2019, Hong Kong Organiser of the invited paper session: Recent Advances in Modelling Complex Data
2018, June	EcoSta, Hong Kong Organiser of the invited paper session: Recent advance in (semi)parametric modelling
2017, December	AustMS, Sydney Organiser of the invited paper session: Stochastic models and applications

Internal Research Funding

07/2018–12/2018	Macquarie University OSP Travel Grant. \$ 6,850
08/2014–01/2015	Macquarie University OSP Travel Grant. \$ 6,850
01/2012–12/2012	Macquarie University New Staff Research Grants Scheme. \$19,194

Internal Learning and Teaching Funding

01/2017–12/2017	Macquarie University's Strategic Infrastructure Scheme (MQSIS) for Learning and Teaching. \$30,451 Cloud-based virtual laboratory for large statistics units, with J. Wishart
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External Consulting

12/2020	Adams Hospitality Analysing Alcohol related Crime Statistics at Buronga & Gol Gol, NSW
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Selected academic visits

11/2018	NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, Department of Justice, Sydney, Australia	4 weeks
09/2018	Department of Statistics & Actuarial Science, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China	9 weeks
08/2018	School of Physical & Mathematical Sciences, (NTU), Singapore	3 weeks
07/2018	Quality Systems and Reporting, Climate and Atmospheric Science Branch, Office of Environment and Heritage (NSW), Sydney, Australia	4 weeks
11/2014	School of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Sydney, Australia	10 weeks

09/2014	Department of Finance, University of Maryland, USA	9 weeks
08/2014	Department of Statistics, University of Auckland, New Zealand	5 weeks

Research Supervision

Postdoctoral researcher

01/2020–12/2020 **Manjula Schou**

04/2012–9/2012 **Joanna Wang**

Ph.D Thesis

02/2014–02/2017 **Co-supervision of Jamil hasan Karami**
An Extension of Model Selection Curves Framework to Accelerated Failure Time Models

Master Project

06/2019	Yaxin Yu Analysis of influences of 2014 Liquor Reforms Act on domestic violence in Sydney (NSW 2000) and NSW, Australia
06/2019	Jess Chen The comparisons of data mining methods for the predictive accuracy of probability of default for LeadingClub's loan data
06/2019	Katelyn Priester Predictors of Acute Pain after Thoracic Surgery
06/2017	Sze Ho Wang Prediction of daily maximum ozone concentrations from ozone precursors and meteorological conditions using Multiple Linear Regression and Generalized Linear Model
06/2016	Ahmad Alqabandi Analysing the Impact of Lockout Law on Alcohol-Related Assaults in NSW Using GLARMA Model
06/2016	Haolun Deng Estimation of Skew Models in WinBUGS and Stan
06/2014	Jian Zheng Xie Modelling and Predicting Stocks Price with ARMA-GARCH Model
06/2014	Brook Naar Fixed Form Variational Bayes Posterior Estimation through Regression – Review and Discussion
11/2013	Ling Chen A Study on Pricing Motor Compulsory Third party Liability Insurance in China using GLM techniques.
11/2013	Gavin Marsh Skew Brownian Motion and Pricing European Options
11/2012	Zhongkai Chan Modelling high frequency financial time series by the decomposition model

Refereeing

Annals of the Institute of Statistical Mathematics, Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics, Communication in Statistics - Theory and Methods, Computational Statistics, Econometrics and Statistics, Empirical Economics, Entropy, International Journal of Theoretical and Applied Finance, International Statistical Review, Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics, Journal of Multivariate Analysis, Journal of Applied Mathematics, Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation, Mathematics, PLOS ONE, Songklanakarin Journal of Science and Technology, Statistics and Probability Letters.