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Senior Lecturer in Statistics

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Employment

- 01/2022–present **Senior Lecturer in Statistics**  
School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Macquarie University
- 08/2018–12/2021 **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

## Professional Service

- 11/2022–present **Deputy Course Director for BSc**  
School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Macquarie University
- 03/2022–present **Vice-President**  
Statistical Society of Australia, NSW Branch
- 01/2022–present **Teaching Lead in Statistics**  
School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Macquarie University
- 03/2020–03/2022 **President**  
Statistical Society of Australia, NSW Branch
- 12/2019–present **Board of Directors Ordinary Members**  
The Asian Regional Section of The International Association for Statistical Computing (IASC-ARS)
- 05/2019–12/2021 **Teaching 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 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 21 publications in international journals.

2022	<b>Takeaway alcohol sales and violent crime: the implications of extended trading hours</b> JJJ Wang, T Fung, S Pynnton. Crime and Justice Bulletin, No. 247	No. of citation: 2
2021	<b>Consistent second-order discrete kernel smoothing using dispersed Conway-Maxwell-Poisson kernels</b> No. of citation: 5 A Huang, L Sippel, T Fung. Computational Statistics, 1-13	
2021	<b>The impact of the COVID-19, social distancing, and movement restrictions on crime in NSW, Australia</b> No. of citation: 2 JJJ Wang, T Fung, D Weatherburn. Crime science, 10 (1), 1-14	
2021	<b>Tail asymptotics for the bivariate equi-skew generalized hyperbolic distribution and its Variance-Gamma special case</b> 1 T Fung, E Seneta. Statistics and Probability Letters, 178, 109182	No. of citation: 1
2020	<b>Statistics: Your ticket to anywhere</b> AAB Bilgin, D Bulger, T Fung. Statistics Education Research Journal, 19 (1), 11-20	No. of citation: 2
2018	<b>Quantile function expansion using regularly varying functions</b> T Fung, E Seneta. Methodology and Computing in Applied Probability, 20 (4), 1091-1103	No. of citation: 10
2016	<b>Tail asymptotics for the bivariate skew normal</b> T Fung, E Seneta. Journal of Multivariate Analysis, 144, 129-138	No. of citation: 10
2014	<b>Convergence rate to a lower tail dependence coefficient of a skew-t distribution</b> T Fung, E Seneta. Journal of Multivariate Analysis, 128, 62-72	No. of citation: 9
2014	<b>The deviance information criterion in comparison of normal mixing models</b> T Fung, JJJ Wang, E Seneta. International Statistical Review, 82 (3), 411-421	No. of citation: 1
2013	<b>An alternative estimator for the shape parameter in the negative binomial distribution</b> B Robertson, T Fung, N Weber. Mathematical Scientist, 38 (1)	No. of citation: 1
2013	<b>Contaminated Variance-Mean mixing model</b> T Fung, JJJ Wang, E Seneta. Computational Statistics and Data Analysis, 67, 258-267	No. of citation: 0
2012	<b>Rate of decay of the tail dependence coefficient for the skew t distribution</b> T Fung. Sri Lankan Journal of Applied Statistics, 12 (1), 27-40	No. of citation: 1
2011	<b>Autocorrelation functions</b> R Finlay, T Fung, E Seneta. International Statistical Review, 79 (2), 255-271	No. of citation: 10
2011	<b>The bivariate normal copula function is regularly varying</b> T Fung, E Seneta. Statistics and Probability Letters, 81 (11), 1670-1676	No. of citation: 12
2011	<b>Tail dependence and skew distributions</b> T Fung, E Seneta. Quantitative Finance, 11 (3), 327-333	No. of citation: 10

2010	<b>Tail dependence for two skew t distributions</b> T Fung, E Seneta. Statistics and probability letters, 80 (9-10), 784-791	No. of citation: 41
2010	<b>Modelling and estimation for bivariate financial returns</b> T Fung, E Seneta. International statistical review, 78 (1), 117-133	No. of citation: 26
2010	<b>Extending the multivariate generalised t and generalised VG distributions</b> T Fung, E Seneta. Journal of Multivariate Analysis, 101 (1), 154-164	No. of citation: 12
2008	<b>A characterisation of scale mixtures of the uniform distribution</b> T Fung, E Seneta. Statistics and Probability Letters, 78 (17), 2883-2888	No. of citation: 6
2007	<b>Tailweight, quantiles and kurtosis: A study of competing distributions</b> T Fung, E Seneta. Operations Research Letters, 35 (4), 448-454	No. of citation: 18
2006	<b>Continuity corrections for integer-valued saddlepoint approximations</b> T Fung, J Robinson. Statistics and probability letters, 76 (14), 1465-1469	No. of citation: 0

### Software development

2022	<b>quarto-mq-revealjs-theme: Macquarie University Quarto reveal.js Presentation Template</b> T Fung, S Connor
2020	<b>survivalMPLdc: Penalised Likelihood for Survival Analysis with Dependent Censoring</b> J. Xu, J. Ma, T. Fung
2020	<b>mpcmp: Mean-parametrized Conway-Maxwell Poisson Regression</b> T Fung, A. Alwan, J. Wishart, A. Huang
2019	<b>qicpack: QIC package for GEE</b> T. Fung
2018	<b>thesisdownmq: An updated R Markdown thesis template using the bookdown package for Macquarie University HDR Thesis</b> 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	<b>Coding and Communication in Statistics (STAT1378)</b>
Unit Convenor	<b>Statistical Data Analysis (STAT1371, formerly as STAT171)</b>
Unit Convenor	<b>Applied Statistics (STAT2170/6180, formerly as STAT270/680)</b>
Unit Convenor	<b>Generalized Linear Models (STAT8111, formerly as STAT811)</b>
Unit Convenor	<b>Research Frontiers in Statistics (STAT7900, formerly as STAT700)</b>
Unit Convenor	<b>Stochastic Finance (STAT890, rested)</b>
Unit Convenor	<b>Computer Simulation (STAT2178, formerly as STAT278)</b>
Unit Convenor	<b>Statistical Design (STAT6114, formerly as STAT814)</b>
Unit Convenor	<b>Statistical Modelling in Finance and Insurance (ACST602)</b>
Unit Convenor	<b>Graphics, Multivariate Methods and Data Mining (STAT3102, formerly as STAT302)</b>
Unit Convener	<b>Modern Computational Statistical Methods (STAT8178, formerly as STAT878)</b>
Lecturer	<b>Introductory Statistics (STAT1170, formerly as STAT170)</b>
Lecturer	<b>Statistical Inference (STAT306/806)</b>
Lecturer	<b>Statistical Theory (STAT810)</b>
Lecturer	<b>Prelude to Bioinformatics (STAT8830, formerly as STAT830)</b>
Lecturer	<b>Gambling, Sport and Medicine (STAT175)</b>
Lecturer	<b>Computer Applications in Business (MIST800)</b>

### Named Lectures

2020 **H.O. Lancaster Lecture**  
Statistical Society Australia

### Other presentations since 2018

2022, December 12-13 **IASC-ARS Interim Conference 2022**  
Online Conference

2022, February 21-24 **IASC-ARS 2022**  
Online Conference

2021, July 5-9 **ANZSC 2021**  
Online Conference

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

### Conference organisation

2023, December **Australian Statistical Conference, Sydney**  
Secretary of the Local Organising Committee

2023, December **IASC-ARS Conference, Sydney**  
Chair of the Local Organising Committee and a member of the Scientific Program Committee

2022, February **IASC-ARS 2022, Kyoto**  
Scientific Program Committee

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

- 09/2022–12/2022 **FSE Teaching Development Grant. \$ 5,000**  
DataFest@Macquarie, with I. Jiang
- 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

## External Consulting

- 12/2020 **Adams Hospitality**  
Analysing Alcohol related Crime Statistics at Buronga & Gol Gol, NSW

## Selected academic visits

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|---------|---|----------|
| 11/2018 | <b>NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, Department of Justice, Sydney, Australia</b>  | 4 weeks  |
| 09/2018 | <b>Department of Statistics &amp; Actuarial Science, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China</b>  | 9 weeks  |
| 08/2018 | <b>School of Physical &amp; Mathematical Sciences, (NTU), Singapore</b>   | 3 weeks  |
| 07/2018 | <b>Quality Systems and Reporting, Climate and Atmospheric Science Branch, Office of Environment and Heritage (NSW), Sydney, Australia</b> | 4 weeks  |
| 11/2014 | <b>School of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Sydney, Australia</b>  | 10 weeks |
| 09/2014 | <b>Department of Finance, University of Maryland, USA</b>   | 9 weeks  |
| 08/2014 | <b>Department of Statistics, University of Auckland, New Zealand</b>  | 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

### MRes Project

- 01/2022–02/2023 **Co-supervision of Christina Feng**  
Climate and Assault Hospitalisation
- 02/2021–03/2022 **Co-supervision of Vanessa Neo**  
Inconsistent coral bleaching risk indicators between temperature data sources

### Master Coursework Research 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	<b>Sze Ho Wang</b> Prediction of daily maximum ozone concentrations from ozone precursors and meteorological conditions using Multiple Linear Regression and Generalized Linear Model
06/2016	<b>Ahmad Alqabandi</b> Analysing the Impact of Lockout Law on Alcohol-Related Assaults in NSW Using GLARMA Model
06/2016	<b>Haolun Deng</b> Estimation of Skew Models in WinBUGS and Stan
06/2014	<b>Jian Zheng Xie</b> Modelling and Predicting Stocks Price with ARMA-GARCH Model
06/2014	<b>Brook Naar</b> Fixed Form Variational Bayes Posterior Estimation through Regression – Review and Discussion
11/2013	<b>Ling Chen</b> A Study on Pricing Motor Compulsory Third party Liability Insurance in China using GLM techniques.
11/2013	<b>Gavin Marsh</b> Skew Brownian Motion and Pricing European Options
11/2012	<b>Zhongkai Chan</b> Modelling high frequency financial time series by the decomposition model

## Education

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

## 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.