

# Thomas Fung

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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

### Article

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

### Software development

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>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</b>
Unit Convenor	<b>Graphics, Multivariate Methods and Data Mining (STAT3102, formally 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	<b>H.O. Lancaster Lecture</b> Statistical Society Australia
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## Other presentations since 2015

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

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

### Conference organisation

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

### Internal Research Funding

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

### Internal Learning and Teaching Funding

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

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

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

### Master Project

06/2019	<b>Yaxin Yu</b> Analysis of influences of 2014 Liquor Reforms Act on domestic violence in Sydney (NSW 2000) and NSW, Australia
06/2019	<b>Jess Chen</b> The comparisons of data mining methods for the predictive accuracy of probability of default for LeadingClub's loan data
06/2019	<b>Katelyn Priester</b> 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

## 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.