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## Education

B.A. (Mathematics) 1964, M. I. T. , Cambridge Massachusetts  
M. S. (Statistics) 1966, Stanford University  
Ph. D. (Statistics) 1969, Stanford University

## Experience

10/17 - present Adjunct Professor  
Mathematics Department, Portland State University

1/05 - 7/05 Francqui Professorship, Universite Libre de Bruxelles

7/81 - present Professor of Statistics, Emeritus: 2002  
Adjunct Professor of Biology  
Department of Statistics, University of Illinois

7/74 - 7/81 Associate Professor of Statistics  
Department of Statistics, University of Illinois

7/69 - 7/74 Assistant Professor of Statistics  
Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

9/18 - present Adjunct Professor of Statistics  
Department of Mathematics and Statistics  
Portland State University

## Professional Recognition

**Fellow: American Association for the Advancement of Science:** 2016

**co-Editor**, *Journal of the American Statistical Association* (T & M): 2005 -2008

**Fellow: Institute of Mathematical Statistics:** 1984

**Fellow: American Statistical Association:** 1994

**Fellow: Center for Advanced Study, UIUC:** 1993 - 1994

**National Science Foundation Grants, PI or co-PI** : 1975 - 1995, 1997 - 2001  
National Science Foundation support: 2006 - 2012

**National Security Agency Grants, PI:** 2001 - 2007

**NSF evaluation panels** Math post-doc: 1985, 1992; Statistics Program panel: 2003;  
Math Division Committee of Visitors: 2004

**NATO Collaborative Research Grant** 1993 - 1995

## Professional and Administrative Contributions

1991 - 2004 Associate Editor, *Journal of the American Statistical Association*

1979 - 1990 Associate Editor, *Annals of Statistics*

1983 - 1985 Chair, Division of Statistics, Department of Mathematics  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

1984 - 1986 COPSS Award Committee (IMS representative)

1991 - 1992 Chair, Senate Admissions Committee, UIUC

March, 1992 Program Chair: Central Region IMS, Cincinnati,

1994 - 1995 Chair, Senate Committee on Student Life, UIUC

## Supervision of Doctoral Students

### Primary Advisor

Lu Gan, University of Illinois, 2014  
Seokwoo Choi, University of Illinois, 2014  
Blandine Bawawana, University of Illinois, 2012  
Guixian Lin, University of Illinois, 2010  
Tereza Neocleous, University of Illinois, 2005  
Constantin Georgescu, University of Illinois, 2004  
Quanshui Zhao, University of Illinois, 1995  
Kenneth Zhou, University of Illinois, 1995  
Liji Shen, University of Illinois, 1994  
Xuming He, University of Illinois, 1989  
Lin-An Chen, University of Illinois, 1988  
James Ringland, University of Illinois, 1980  
Willis Davis, Harvard University, 1975

### Secondary Advisor (involving substantial supervision)

Karlien Vanden Branden Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, 2005  
Gabriela Bidart-Bouzat, Ecology, University of Illinois, 2004  
Sabrina Russo, Ecology, University of Illinois, 2003  
Nara Jung, Mathematics, University of Illinois, 2003  
Arne Bathke, Statistics, Göttingen, Germany, 2000  
Ralf Reidel, Ecology, University of Illinois, 1999  
Susan Franson, Ecology, University of Illinois, 1985  
Persi Diaconis, Harvard University, 1974  
Sandy Zabell, Harvard University, 1974  
Joel Kleinman, Harvard University, 1972

### External Reviewer

John Brewster, University of British Columbia, 1972  
James Maher, Rutgers University, 1973  
Shawn Xiang Lie, University of Calgary, 1994  
Alwell Oyet, University of Alberta, 1997

## Publications

- Linearity of Unbiased Linear Model Estimators, *The American Statistician*, 76:4 , 372-375, 2022 [ Correction: *The American Statistician*, 77:2, 237, 2023 ]
- (with Haimberg Y.) Using Canonical Quantile Regression to predict company performance: better prediction than using CEO compensation. *Econometrics and Statistics*, Oct 26, 2022.
- Canonical quantile regression, *J. Multivar. Anal.*, 192, 105071, 2022.
- (Xuming He and Xiaofeng Shao), A conversation with Stephen Portnoy, *Statistical Science*, 37, 443-454.
- (with Moshe Rachmuth and Jacob L. Wright) Behold-Nā, Statistics is an Effective Tool, Use It-Nā, *Journal of Semitic Studies*, 67, 441-469, 2022;
- Big data and small: a statistician's view, *Then and Now, II: We Were There 1960-2021*, MIT Class of 1964, 142-147, 2021.
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- The Two-Envelope Problem for General Distributions, *J. Statistical Theory and Practice*, 14, Article number 21, 2020.
- Edgeworth's time series model: not AR(1) but same covariance structure, *J. Econometrics*, 213, 281-288, 2019.
- Invariance, optimality, and a 1-observation confidence interval for a Normal mean, *The American Statistician*, 73, 10-15, 2019.
- A missing element: letter to the editor, *Significance*, 15:2, 46-47; (with supplemental material at <http://significancemagazing.com/584>), 2018.
- (with Seokwoo Choi) Quantile autoregression for censored data, *J. Time Series Analysis*, 37, 603-623, 2016.
- Maximizing probability bounds under moment-matching restrictions, *The American Statistician*, 69, 41-44, 2015.
- Exact Probability Bounds under Moment-matching Restrictions, arXiv:1411.2566[math.ST], 2014.
- Who invented the Delta Method, letter, *American Statistician*, 67, 190, 2013.

- Review of Jurečková, Sen, and Picek: *Methodology in Robust and Nonparametric Statistics*, *J. Amer. Statist. Assoc.*, 108, 1134-1135, 2013.
- The Jackknife's Edge: Inference for censored regression quantiles, *Comp. Statist. Data Analysis*, 72, 273-281, 2013.
- Censored data analysis, *Encyclopedia of Environmetrics Second Edition*, A.-H. El-Shaarawi and W. Piegorisch (eds). John Wiley & Sons Ltd, Chichester, UK, pp. 358-363, 2012.
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- (with G. Lin and X. He) Quantile regression with doubly censored data, *J. Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*, 56, 797-812, 2012.
- (with Simos Meintanis) Specification tests in mixed effects models. *J. Statistical Planning and Inference*, 141, 2545-2555, 2011.
- Is ignorance bliss: fixed vs. random censoring. *Nonparametrics and Robustness in Modern Statistical Inference and Time Series Analysis: A Festschrift in honor of Professor Jana Jurečková*, IMS Collections Vol. 7, 215-223, 2010.
- Another elementary approach to the multivariate normal. Letter: *IMS Bulletin*, 39:8, 15, 2010.
- (with Guixian Lin) Asymptotics for Censored Regression Quantiles, *J. Nonparametric Statistics*, 22, 115-130, 2010.
- (with Tereza Neocleous) A partly linear model for censored regression quantiles, *Lifetime Data Analysis*, 15, 357-378, 2009.
- (with Tereza Neocleous) Monotonicity of regression quantile functions, *Prob. Stat. Letters*, 78, 1226-1229, 2008.
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- (with M. Debruyne, M. Hubert, and K. Vanden Branden) Censored depth quantiles, *Comp. Stat. Data Anal.*, 52, 1604-1614, 2008.
- (with Sabrina Russo and Carol Augspurger) Incorporating animal behavior into seed dispersal models: implications for seed shadows, *Ecology*, 87, 3160-3174, 2006.

- (with Tereza Neocleous and Karlien Vanden Branden) Correction to “Censored Regression Quantiles”, *J. Amer. Stat. Assoc.*, 101, 860-861, 2006.
- (with Xuming He) Discussion on Location-Scale Depth by I. Mizera and C. Müller, *J. Amer. Statist. Assoc.*, 99, 973-976, 2004.
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- Censored Regression Quantiles, Chapter 8, *Survival Analysis Using S* by M. Tableman and J. Kim, Chapman-Hall/CRC, Boca Raton, 2004.
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