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Current Position and Leadership Experience

I am currently employed as Professor of Statistics (Grade M3 Spine point 12) within the School of Education. I am also co-director of the Centre for Multilevel Modelling (see http://www.bristol.ac.uk/cmm/ for details) which I have directed or co-directed since March 2010.

I have been interim Head of School since October 2023. Prior to that I was Deputy Head of School for 2022-2023 having previously been School Education Director for the bulk of the pandemic period (from September 2019 – August 2022). I have previously also been acting Head of School for a month in February 2022 to cover for staff sickness. I have also directed the school's EdD Bristol programme from January- September 2019 and was assessment officer and plagiarism officer for the same period. In addition I was Deputy School Research Director from July 2015 until September 2016. In my 9 years working in the school I have been a member of the Senior Management team for 6 of them.

Prior to moving to Education I was (from April 2007 – July 2014) Professor of Biostatistics in the School of Veterinary Science at the University of Bristol where I led the BEME (Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Maths and Ecology) research group and for a year lead the Animal Behaviour and Welfare degree programme. I was here also Deputy School Research Director for a period.

Between 2015 and 2017 I set up and held the role of inaugural director of the Universities fourth research institute, JGI (Bristol Jean Golding Institute for Data Intensive Research) which covers data analytics, infrastructure and applications (see http://www.bristol.ac.uk/golding/ for details).

Research Grants Awarded

Grant income of around £3 million as principal investigator (ESRC, British Academy, Defra, Home Office, GW4), and over **£8 million** as co-investigator (many funders) which is detailed below:

2021-2023 – **Principal applicant** on Home Office consultancy project on Police funding formula. (£62k)

2020 – 2022 – **Co-Applicant and Bristol lead** (replacing Prof H. Goldstein) on Wellcome grant – "Efficient and transparent methods for linking and analysing longitudinal population studies and administrative data." (£309k)

2020 – 2024 **NCRM Senior Fellow** and lead of Centre Partner (University of Bristol) to the ESRC National Centre for Research Methods. (£25k)

2018- 2021 **Turing Fellow** of the Alan Turing Institute – "Bridging the Statistical Skills Gap through Automation and Improved Statistical Training." (£0K) – extended to 2024

2018 – 2019 **Principal applicant** on ESRC NCRM grant – "Borrowing Strength – a collaborative software development for Small Area Estimation." (£99k)

2017-2020 – **Co-Sponsor** of Anya Skatova on her UoB VC Fellowship – "Data Analytics and the Science of Wellbeing."

2017-2018 – **Co-Applicant** on UoB Strategic Fund grant – "Urban Vision." (£27k)

2017 – **Principal applicant** on Home Office consultancy project on crime data. (£45k)

2017 – **Principal applicant** on GW4 Initiator award – "Data Intensive Research." (£20k)

2017-2022 – **Work stream lead** on NIHR Biomedical Research Centre grant – workstreams on data sharing and environmental and personal assessment in cross-cutting Biostatistics, Evidence Synthesis and Informatics theme. (total grant is £22M)

2016-2018 **Principal Applicant** on British Academy grant – "Using Statistical E-books to teach undergraduate students quantitative methods and statistical software." (£115k)

2016-2019 **Sponsor** of Rob French on MRC Skills Development Fellowship – "Investigating the inter-relationship between diabetes and children's educational achievement." (£433k)

2014-2017 **Co-Applicant** on BBSRC grant – "Validation and Differentiation of Welfare Indicators in Laying Hens." (£483k)

2013-2017 **Principal Applicant** on ESRC grant – "The use of interactive electronic-books in the teaching and application of modern quantitative methods in the social sciences." (£786k)

2013-2018 **Co-Applicant** on 3 related RSPCA grants – "Statistically modelling the racing greyhound population", "Aetiology of dental and periodontal disease in racing greyhounds" and "Determining the most welfare compatible transport method for dogs, with particular emphasis on racing greyhounds." (~£240k in total)

2012-2013 **Co-Applicant** on EU grant – "Coordinated European Animal Welfare Network." (£380k Euros)

2012-2014 **Principal Applicant** on ESRC grant – "E-books for causal modelling and missing data methods." (£19k)

2012-2015 **Co-Applicant** on NERC grant – "Experimental approaches to determine the impacts of light pollution: field studies on bats and insects." (£650k)

2012-2015 **Co-Applicant** on Dairy Co project – joint supervisor of 2 PhD students – 1 in Nottingham and 1 in Bristol.

2011-2014 **Co-Applicant and Deputy Director** on ESRC Research Methods programme node: "LEMMA 3: Longitudinal Effects, Multilevel Modelling and Applications." (£1.4 Million)

2011-2014 **Co-Applicant** on BBSRC Case studentship "A Bayesian decision-theoretic framework to evaluate and optimize decision making for mastitis control in the UK Mastitis Control Scheme."

2011-2014 **Co-Applicant** on DEFRA grant – "Improving mitigation success where bats occupy houses and historic buildings." (£380k)

2011-2014 **Co-Applicant** on BBSRC grant: 'The defence cascade as an indicator of animal welfare in the lab and field.' (£725k)

2010-2015 **Co-Applicant** on EPSRC/NERC grant: 'National Centre for Statistical Ecology – Beyond 2010.' (£1.0 Million)

2010-2012 **Co-applicant** on John Oldacre Foundation grant: 'Digital Dermatitis in Dairy Cattle.' (£51k)

2009-2013 **Collaborator** on Wellcome Veterinary Training Fellowship: 'A quantitative (Bayesian) assessment of veterinary surgeons clinical beliefs in order to improve preventive healthcare for dairy cattle.' for Helen Higgins (£313k)

2009-2012 **Principal Applicant** on ESRC National Centre for e-Social Science programme node: "e-STAT –NCeSS quantitative node." (£1.1 Million)

2008-2011 **Principal Applicant** on DEFRA grant entitled 'A County Parish Holding Herd (CPHH) level spatial and temporal analysis of the Randomised Badger Culling Trial (RBCT) dataset' (£286k)

2008-2011 **Co-applicant** on ESRC Research Methods programme node: "STRUCTURES for building, learning, applying and computing statistical modelling." (£1.2 Million)

2006-2009 **Principal Applicant** on ESRC grant R000231190: 'Sample Size, Identifiability and MCMC Efficiency in Complex Random Effect Models.' (£174k)

2006-2010 **Sponsor** of Martin Green on Wellcome Clinical Fellowship Application: "Use of Bayesian statistical methods to investigate farm management strategies, cow traits and decision-making in the prevention of clinical and sub-clinical mastitis in dairy cows." (£406k)

2005-2008: **Named collaborator** on ESRC Research Methods programme node: "Lemma: Learning environment for multilevel methodology and applications." based at the University of Bristol (£670k)

1999-2003: **Named research officer** on ESRC grant R000238217: 'Applications and understandings of multilevel modelling in the social sciences.' (graded outstanding) at the Institute of Education, London. (£392k)

1998-1999: **Named research officer** on ESRC grant R000222732: 'Developing graphical and inferential tools for social science data analysis.' (graded outstanding) at the Institute of Education, London. (£41k)

Research Publications

Current H-Index score is 56 on Google Scholar (includes books etc.)
Total citations at 14/9/23 = 35,922 with i10-index = 111
Note that RAE/REF next to citations refers to outputs returned in research exercises

Books

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Recent and Forthcoming Research Presentations

September 2023 "Optimal simulation-based sample size calculations for complex multilevel models" – RSS conference, Harrogate.

September 2019 "Panel discussion on teaching statistics with software" – RSS Conference, Belfast.

June 2019 "The Borrowing Strength collaborative project" – NCRM Showcase, Manchester.

March 2019 "Developing a Statistical Analysis assistant for Small Area Estimation in StatJR" – 12th International Multilevel Conference, Utrecht.

Sept 2018 "Automating Multilevel analysis and statistical teaching preparation" – Talk at the RSS Conference, Cardiff.

July 2018 "An Introduction to StatJR" and "Using StatJRs Statistical Analysis assistant to assist in automating statistical analysis" – talks at the ESRC Research Methods Festival, University of Bath.

June 2018 "How do we solve the statistics skills gap?" – plenary at the School of Education doctoral conference.

June 2018 "The use of MCMC methods to estimate discrete time survival / event history models with applications in health and veterinary science" and "Statistical software developments at the Centre for Multilevel Modelling" – seminars to the Biostatistics group, University of Gottingen

November 2017 "The British Academy funded Statistical eBook grant" – meeting of the Q-step co-ordinators at the Nuffield foundation.

September 2017 "Progress on the British Academy funded Statistical eBook grant" – British Academy Higher-Level Strategy group for Quantitative Skills, London

November 2016 "Using Computers to Teach Statistics to Reluctant Researchers" – GSOE Conversations in Education seminars.

September 2016 "Creating a Statistical Analysis Assistant using Stat-JR" – RSS conference, Manchester.

July 2016 "What are Statistical eBooks" – Research Methods Festival, University of Bath.

February 2016 "Stat-JR: eBooks, workflows and other software developments at the Centre for Multilevel Modelling" – University of Durham Statistics department seminar

September 2015-July 2017: Over 30 talks to various groups about the Jean Golding Institute in my tenure as director.

December 2015 "Statistical Software developments at the Centre for Multilevel Modelling" – University of Nottingham Statistics group seminar

November 2015 "Stat-JR, eBooks, workflows and other software developed at the multilevel modelling centre." – University of Kent Statistics department seminar

June 2015 "The use of electronic books for teaching statistical ideas with application to statistical ecology" NCSE Summer Workshop, Falmouth

April 2015 "The use of eBooks and statistical analysis assistant to teach multilevel modelling" 10th International Multilevel Conference Utrecht (Plenary)

September 2014 "A Statistical Analysis Assistant – the future or folly?" RSS Conference, University of Sheffield.

February 2014 "Stat-JR – history, interoperability and eBooks" University of Reading Statistics group seminar

November 2013 "Statistical interoperability – what, why, when and how? The Stat-JR experience" IBS BIR / RSS Statistical Computing meeting on software interoperability, London

October 2013 "Stat-JR and other software developed at the multilevel modelling centre" Open University Statistics group seminar.

September 2013 "The Use of Interactive E-Books for teaching Bayesian Statistical Modelling and Missing Data Methods using the Stat-JR package". RSS Conference, University of Northumbria

July 2013 " The Use of Interactive E-Books for Teaching Bayesian Statistical Modelling using the Stat-JR package" 4th Channel Network Conference, International Biometric Society, University of St Andrews.

May 2013 "The Stat-JR software package and it's interoperability and e-book functionality", Spatial modelling group, School of Geographical Sciences, University of Bristol

March 2013: "The Stat-JR package and its interoperability and e-book functionality", 9th International Multilevel Conference Utrecht

November 2012: "Statistical software developed at the Centre for Multilevel Modelling", LSHTM seminar.

October 2012: "Statistical software developed at the Centre for Multilevel Modelling", University of Bath statistics group seminar.

September 2012 "Using the STAT-JR software package for statistical analysis." Structure and Uncertainty workshop (poster), Bristol.

September 2012 "Using the STAT-JR software package for statistical analysis." RSS annual conference, Telford.

July 2012. "Using the STAT-JR software package for statistical analysis". Research Methods Festival, University of Oxford,

February 2012: "Statistical Software at the Centre for Multilevel Modelling" – Invited talk at University of Nottingham Vet School.

December 2011: "Statistical Software at the Centre for Multilevel Modelling" – Invited talk to Glasgow statistics group.

December 2011: "It shouldn't happen to a vet's data – using statistics in research." – Invited talk to Glasgow vet school.

November 2011: "Statistical Software at the Centre for Multilevel Modelling" – Invited talk to MRC Biostatistics unit.

October 2011: "It shouldn't happen to a vet's data – using statistics in research." – Talk to RSS GAS Section.

July 2011: "The STAT-JR software package and it's application to statistical ecology" – Talk at the NCSE conference in Bath

March 2011: "Using Discrete Time Survival Models to Model Breakdown with TB of Cattle Using the Randomised Badger Culling Trial Dataset" – Invited talk at INFER conference, University of Warwick.

March 2011: "Statistical Software at the Centre for Multilevel Modelling" – Plenary talk at the Amsterdam International Multilevel Modelling conference

November 2010: "Invited Discussion Meeting on Capture-Recapture: Developments and Applications" – Rothamsted.

September 2010: "Using Discrete time survival models to model breakdown with TB of cattle using the Randomised Badger Culling Trial dataset" - Royal Statistical Society Conference, Brighton

September 2010: "Statistical Methods for linking motivational priority and welfare indicator approaches to animal welfare assessment" – Royal Statistical Society Conference, Brighton

July 2010: "Estimating badger numbers from badger signs using the RBCT dataset" - International Statistical Ecology Conference, Kent

July 2010: "What is Multilevel Modelling" – ESRC Research Methods festival, Oxford

July 2010: "MCMC Efficiency in Multilevel Models" – ESRC Research Methods festival, Oxford

September 2009: "Sample size calculations for cross-classified models in education" – Royal Statistical Society Conference, Edinburgh.

May 2009: "It shouldn't happen to a vet's data – using random numbers in research." – Inaugural lecture – Dept of. Clinical Veterinary Science, Bristol.

May 2009: "Classification of Mass spectrometry data using principal components analysis, Bayesian MCMC modelling and a deterministic peak finding algorithm" - Veterinary Pathology, Infection and Immunity, Bristol.

April 2009: "Simple Methods to improve MCMC Efficiency in random effect models." –LSHTM statistics seminar

April 2009: "Sample size calculations for cross-classified models" – 7th Amsterdam International Multilevel modelling conference.

December 2008: "Simple Methods to improve MCMC Efficiency in random effect models." - University of Cambridge statistics lab.

September 2008: "Simple Methods to improve MCMC Efficiency in random effect models." Royal Statistical Society Conference, Nottingham.

September 2008: "Predicting environmental preferences in laying hens." Royal Statistical Society Conference, Nottingham.

August 2008: "Predicting environmental preferences in laying hens." 42nd Congress of the International Society of Applied Ethology, Dublin

July 2008: "Simple Methods to improve MCMC Efficiency in random effect models." International Biometrics Conference, Dublin, Ireland.

June 2008: "Sample size calculations in multilevel modelling" – ESRC Research Methods Festival, Oxford.

January 2008: Using complex random effect models in epidemiology and ecology" – University of Reading statistics group.

December 2007: "The use of centered parameterisations and Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) estimation to fit discrete time survival models" – RSS general applications section meeting, London.

September 2007: "Random effect modelling of great tit nesting behaviour" – RSS environmental statistics section meeting, London.

June 2007: "Using complex random effect models in epidemiology and ecology" – University of Liverpool epidemiology group seminar.

May 2007: "Using complex random effect models in epidemiology and ecology" – University of Bristol statistics department seminar.

May 2007: "Using complex random effect models in epidemiology and ecology" – South West local group of the RSS, University of Plymouth seminar.

April 2007: "Using SMCMC for normal response multilevel models" – 6th Amsterdam International Multilevel modelling conference.

March 2007: "Using complex random effect models in epidemiology and ecology" – University of Bath statistics department seminar.

February 2007: "Using complex random effect models in epidemiology and ecology" - University of St Andrews NCSE seminar.

February 2007: "Classification of Mass spectrometry data using principal components analysis, Bayesian MCMC modelling and a deterministic peak finding algorithm" – University of St Andrews statistics department seminar.

December 2006: "Classification of Mass spectrometry data using principal components analysis, Bayesian MCMC modelling and a deterministic peak finding algorithm" - University of Lancaster statistics department seminar.

September 2006: "'Counting chickens and other tales' Using random effect models and MCMC estimation in applied statistics research." – University of Bristol School of clinical veterinary science interview presentation.

July 2006: "Sample size calculations in multilevel modelling" – ESRC research methods festival, Oxford.

June 2006: "Random effect modelling of great tit nesting behaviour" - RSS General Applications section meeting, London.

February 2006: "Classification of Mass spectrometry data using principal components analysis, Bayesian MCMC modelling and a deterministic peak finding algorithm" - University of Warwick statistics department seminar.

February 2006: "MCMC Estimation for random effect modelling - The MLwiN experience" University of Warwick epidemiology and ecology seminar.

February 2006: "Classification of Mass spectrometry data using principal components analysis, Bayesian MCMC modelling and a deterministic peak finding algorithm" – RSS North East local group seminar.

January 2006: "MCMC Estimation for random effect modelling - The MLwiN experience". University of Nottingham medical statisticians seminar.

December 2005: "Classification of Mass spectrometry data using principal components analysis, Bayesian MCMC modelling and a deterministic peak finding algorithm" - University of Kent statistics department seminar.

September 2005: "MCMC Estimation for random effect modelling - The MLwiN experience" International Conference on Survey Research Methods

July 2005: "An illustration of the use of reparameterisation methods for improving MCMC efficiency in crossed random effect models." Leeds Annual Statistical Research Workshop

March 2005: "An illustration of the use of reparameterisation methods for improving MCMC efficiency in crossed random effect models." 5th Amsterdam International Multilevel modelling conference.

February 2005: "Partitioning of Variance in Multilevel Models." MRC Biostatistics Unit, University of Cambridge seminar series.

January 2005: "Partitioning of Variance in Multilevel Models." Centre for Multilevel Modelling, Institute of Education seminar series.

June 2004: "An MCMC algorithm for problems involving 'constrained' variance matrices with applications in multilevel modelling." University of Reading Statistics seminars.

April 2004: "Using cross-classified multivariate mixed response models with applications to life-history traits in great tits (Parus major)." Workshop on Uncertainty, Complexity and Predictive Reliability of Environmental/Biological Models.University of Nottingham.

December 2003: "An MCMC algorithm for problems involving 'constrained' variance matrices with applications in multilevel modelling." Leeds and Bradford RSS Local group.

April 2003: "An MCMC algorithm for problems involving 'constrained' variance matrices with applications in multilevel modelling" 4th International Amsterdam conference on multilevel analysis.

April 2003: "'The Birds and the Bees' and the Birds again – Applying crossed random effect models to reproduction data" Young Statistician's conference, University of Cambridge.

March 2003: "An MCMC algorithm for problems involving 'constrained' variance matrices with applications in multilevel modelling" University of Kent statistics department seminar.

September 2002: "An MCMC algorithm for problems involving 'constrained' variance matrices with applications in multilevel modelling" Royal Statistical Society conference, Plymouth.

June 2002: 'MCMC Estimation of Multilevel Models in the MLwiN software package'. (poster presentation). Valencia VII Bayesian statistics conference, Tenerife.

May 2002: 'An Introduction to Bayesian (Hierarchical) Modelling using MLwiN'. (with Harvey Goldstein) Journées de Statistiques Conference, Brussels.

May 2002: 'Multilevel Modelling of Complex Data Structures Using MCMC'. (with Harvey Goldstein) Journées de Statistiques Conference, Brussels.

February 2002: 'A beginner's guide to MCMC estimation for multilevel modelling in MLwiN'. Trinity College, Dublin statistics department seminar.

February 2002: 'MCMC methods for fitting multilevel models with complex level 1 variation (heteroskedasticity) and extensions to constrained variance matrices.' Trinity College, Dublin statistics department seminar.

Februrary 2002: 'Extending multilevel models to complex cross classified and multiple membership data structures (with Harvey Goldstein and Jon Rasbash).' RSS General Applications section meeting, London.

November 2001: 'MCMC methods for fitting multilevel models with complex level 1 variation (heteroskedasticity) and extensions to constrained variance matrices.' Bath statistics department seminar.

October 2001: 'An interface between the MLwiN and WinBUGS packages' poster at 'Practical Bayes using WinBUGS' meeting at the RSS, London.

August 2001: 'MCMC estimation of multilevel models in the MLwiN software package.' European Meeting of Statisticians 2001, Maderia.

May 2001: 'An introduction to Hierarchical, Cross-classified and multiple membership models'. invited presentation to Claritas Senior Analysts conference.

April 2001: 'Fitting models to complex data involving hierarchical, crossed and multiple membership structures (with Harvey Goldstein)' invited presentation at the 3rd International Amsterdam conference on multilevel analysis.

March 2001: 'MCMC Methods for fitting multilevel models with complex level 1 variation.' University of Nottingham statistics department seminar.

February 2001: 'Fitting complex model structures to large datasets. A Monte Carlo Markov Chain (MCMC) algorithm to fit multiple membership multiple classification models.' University of Southampton statistics department seminar.

December 2000: 'Multilevel modelling in MLwiN : What's new and what's still to come.' Imperial College Statistics department seminar.

December 2000: 'MLwiN software for multilevel modelling.' Workshop on Software Support for Bayesian Analysis, NIPS 2000 conference, Breckenridge, Colorado.

November 2000: 'Multilevel modelling in MLwiN : What's new and what's still to come.' RSS Highland Group Seminar, University of Aberdeen.

October 2000: 'MCMC Methods for fitting multilevel models with complex level 1 variation.' University of Lancaster statistics department seminar.

October 2000: 'An Introduction to Bayesian Statistics, Simulation Methods and Monte Carlo Markov chain (MCMC) methods.' MLwiN Fellows group meeting at the Institute of Education.

September 2000: 'MCMC Estimation of cross-classified and multiple membership models.' First European Conference on Spatial and Computational Statistics, Ambleside.

August 2000: 'Computational issues in MCMC fitting of multilevel models (with David Draper).' Compstat 2000 conference. Utrecht.

May 2000: 'MCMC Methods for fitting multilevel models with complex level 1 variation.' ISBA 2000 conference. Crete.

May 2000: 'MLwiN : Hierarchical/multilevel modelling software (poster presentation with David Draper).' ISBA 2000 conference, Crete.

May 2000: 'MCMC Methods for fitting multilevel models with complex level 1 variation.' University College, London statistics department seminars.

April 2000: 'MCMC Methods for fitting multilevel models with complex level 1 variation.' Young Statisticians conference, LSHTM, London.

March 2000: "Class size Project." (joint talk with P. Blatchford, H. Goldstein, C. Martin and V. Moriarty) Talk at the DFEE, London.

February 2000: 'Multilevel modelling in MLwiN : What's new and what's still to come.' University of Bath Statistics department internal seminars.

February 2000: 'Applying MCMC methods to multilevel models.' LSHTM statistics seminar.

Teaching (at University of Bristol)

2023/2024: Unit lead on 1 unit for postgraduates in School of Education ("Introduction to Quantitative Methods/Statistics in Education") Unit lead for designing faculty unit ("Advanced Quantitative Methods")

2022/2023: Unit lead on 1 unit for postgraduates in School of Education ("Introduction to Quantitative Methods/Statistics in Education")

2021/2022: Unit lead on 1 unit for postgraduates in School of Education ("Introduction to Quantitative Methods/Statistics in Education") and 1 dissertation workshop for masters students.

2020/2021: Unit lead on 1 unit for postgraduates in School of Education ("Introduction to Quantitative Methods/Statistics in Education") and 1 dissertation workshop for masters students.

2019/2020: Unit lead on 1 unit for postgraduates in School of Education ("Introduction to Quantitative Methods/Statistics in Education") and supervising 1 MSc dissertation.

2018/2019: Unit lead on 2 units for postgraduates in School of Education ("Introduction to Quantitative Methods/Statistics in Education" and "Exploring and Visualising Data in Education") and also teaching on "Advanced Quantitative Methods/Multivariate Statistical Methods" Supervising 8 MSc dissertations

2017/2018: Unit lead on 2 units for postgraduates in School of Education ("Introduction to Quantitative Methods/Statistics in Education" and "Exploring and Visualising Data in Education") and also teaching on "Advanced Quantitative Methods/Multivariate Statistical Methods" Supervising 10 MSc dissertations.

2015/2016 and 2016/2017 Teaching bought out by URI directing role

2014/2015: Teaching 2 courses (with Liz Washbrook) for postgrads in School of Education ("Introduction to Quantitative Methods/Statistics in Education" and "Advanced Quantitative Methods/Multivariate Statistical Methods")

2013/2014: Teaching main statistics lectures to vets and Animal Behaviour and Welfare (ABW) students along with stats DSE, additional stats lectures to ABW.

2012/2013: Teaching main statistics lectures to vets and ABW students along with stats and epidemiology DSE, additional stats lectures to ABW.
: Supervised 3 3rd year dissertation projects.

2011/2012: Teaching main stats lectures to vets and ABW students along with stats and epidemiology DSE, additional stats lectures to ABW and statistics lectures on Meat Science MSc.
: Supervised 2 3rd year dissertation projects.

2010/2011: Teaching main stats lectures to vets and ABW students along with stats and epidemiology DSE and statistics lectures on Meat Science MSc.
: Supervised 2 3rd year dissertation projects.

2009/2010: Teaching additional stats lectures on 2nd year Scientific Methods and Ethics unit, Epidemiology DSE on vet course and statistics lectures on Meat Science MSc.
: Co-Supervising 2 3rd year dissertation project

2008/2009: Teaching additional stats lectures on 2nd year Scientific Methods and Ethics unit
: Supervising 1 3rd year dissertation project

2007/2008: Co-supervising 2 3rd year dissertation projects

Teaching (at University of Nottingham)

2006/2007: Statistical Concepts and Methods (Autumn term) to 130 second year Mathematics BSc. students.

    : Fundamentals of Statistics (Autumn term) to 5 MSc. in statistics students.

    : Supervising 1 MMath dissertation student.

2005/2006: Maths for engineering management (Autumn term) to 105 final year engineering and mathematics BSc students.

    : Analysis of Data (Full year) to 11 final year mathematics BSc students and MSc. statistics students.

    : Advanced Topics in Statistics (Spring term) to 2 MMath fourth year students – teaching 1 of the 3 topics 'Multilevel modelling' (11 lectures) including writing the material from scratch.

    : Supervising 1 final year project student and 2 MMath dissertation students on various applied statistics topics.

2004/2005: Maths for engineering management (Autumn term) to 110 final year engineering and mathematics BSc students.

    : Analysis of Data (Full year) to 11 final year mathematics BSc students.

    : Supervising 3 final year project students and 1 MMath dissertation students on various applied statistics topics.

2003/2004: Maths for engineering management (Autumn term) to 135 final year engineering and mathematics BSc students.

    : Analysis of Data (Spring term) to 30 final year mathematics BSc students.

    : Supervised 2 final year project students on the topic 'multilevel modelling'.

2002/2003: I joined the statistics group in the School of Mathematical Sciences at the University of Nottingham partway through the 2nd semester of the academic year 2002/2003. My teaching was therefore limited to setting and marking an extensive assignment for final year mathematics students (23 students) as part of their 'Analysis of Data' course.

1994-1998: In my MSc. and PhD. time at Bath I took undergraduate tutorials for both first and second undergraduate mathematics students and for first year Business students.

The bulk of my other teaching experience has been teaching short courses to other academic staff, non-academic researchers and PhD students. These courses are typically 3-days long but range from ½ day to 10 days and I have in total taught 180 days of workshops.

Short Courses and Workshops (Teaching)

July 2023: Introductory 3-day MLwiN workshop. University of Bristol (with George Leckie).

February 2023: Introductory 2-day MLwiN workshop. Royal Statistical Society (with George Leckie).

January 2023: Introductory 3-day MLwiN workshop. University of Bristol (with George Leckie).

July 2022: Introductory 3-day MLwiN workshop. University of Bristol (with George Leckie).

February 2022: Introductory 2-day MLwiN workshop. Royal Statistical Society (with George Leckie).

January 2022: Introductory 3-day MLwiN workshop. University of Bristol (with George Leckie).

October 2021: Introductory 3-day MLwiN workshop. Home Office (with George Leckie).

July 2021: Introductory 3-day MLwiN workshop. University of Bristol (with George Leckie).

February 2021: Introductory 2-day MLwiN workshop. Royal Statistical Society (with George Leckie).

January 2021: Introductory 3-day MLwiN workshop. University of Bristol (with George Leckie).

January 2020: Introductory 3-day MLwiN workshop. University of Bristol (with CMM team).

July 2019: 1-day Small Area Estimation workshop, University of Bristol (with Nikos Tzaridis).

July 2017: Introductory 3-day MLwiN workshop. University of Bristol (with CMM team).

January 2017: Introductory 3-day MLwiN workshop. University of Bristol (with CMM team).

July 2016: 1-day Stat-JR Workflow & eBook workshop, University of Bristol (with CMM team).

January 2016: Introductory 3-day MLwiN workshop. University of Bristol (with CMM team).

September 2015: 3-day Advanced MCMC modelling workshop. University of Southampton (with George Leckie).

February 2015: 1-day Writing eBooks using the Stat-JR package. University of Edinburgh (with CMM team)

January 2015: 3-day Introductory MLwiN workshop. University of Bristol (with CMM team).

September 2014: 1-day Writing eBooks using the Stat-JR package. University of Bristol (with CMM team)

July 2014: 1-day Modelling Longitudinal Data using the Stat-JR package. RMF, Oxford (with George Leckie)

April 2014: 3-day Advanced MCMC modelling workshop. University of Bristol (with CMM team).

April 2014: 2-day Introductory MLwiN workshop. ESRI Dublin (with George Leckie).

January 2014: 3-day Introductory MLwiN workshop. University of Bristol (with CMM team).

September 2013: 3-day Research Multilevel Workshop. University of Bristol (with CMM team).

July 2013: ½ day workshop on Multilevel Modelling. Lowestoft as part of NCSE summer conference

July 2013: 1-day Modelling Longitudinal Data using the Stat-JR package. University of Bristol (with Fiona Steele).

June 2013: Introductory 3-day MLwiN workshop. University of Swansea (with Fiona Steele).

April 2013: 3-day Discrete Response modelling workshop. University of Bristol (with CMM team).

January 2013: Introductory 3-day MLwiN workshop. University of Bristol (with CMM team).

July 2012: 3-day Workshop using the Health Survey of England dataset, Cathie Marsh Centre, University of Manchester (with Mark Tranmer, Vanessa Higgins and Ian Plewis).

April 2012: 3-day Advanced MCMC modelling workshop. University of Bristol (with CMM team).

January 2012: Introductory 3-day MLwiN workshop. University of Bristol (with CMM team).

September 2011: 3-day Research Multilevel Workshop. University of Bristol (with CMM team).

January 2011: Introductory 3-day MLwiN workshop. University of Bristol (with CMM team).

October 2010: 3-day Workshop using the Health Survey of England dataset, Cathie Marsh Centre, University of Manchester (with Mark Tranmer, Vanessa Higgins and Ian Plewis).

December 2009: Introductory 3-day MLwiN workshop. Swedish Society for Social Medicine & The Swedish Epidemiological Association, Malmo, Sweden

October 2009: Introductory 3-day MLwiN workshop. University of Edinburgh (with Jon Rasbash).

April 2009: Half day workshop on "An Introduction to Random Effect modelling."at Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine (SVEPM) Annual Conference, London.

March 2008: Introductory 3-day MLwiN workshop. University of Stirling (with Jon Rasbash).

March 2008: Half day workshop on "Does using WinBUGS make you Bayesian?" at Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine (SVEPM) Annual Conference, Liverpool.

August 20th-24th 2007: Workshop on "An Introduction to Bayesian Analysis and MCMC methods" for University of Prince Edward Island, Canada (with Henrik Stryhn).

August 7th-18th 2005: Summer school on 'Likelihood-based inference for hierarchical/mixed statistical models' for DINA (Nordic Informatics Network in the Agricultural Sciences) Greve, Denmark. (with Henrik Stryhn)

July 7th 2005: Workshop on MLwiN & WinBUGS for ESRC Summer School, University of Southampton. (with Nicky Best)

April 6th-8th 2005: Introductory MLwiN workshop. University of Bristol (with MLwiN core team).

March 29th-31st 2004: Introductory MLwiN workshop. University of Bristol (with MLwiN core team).

June 30th- July 2nd 2003: Introductory MLwiN workshop. Institute of Education, London (with MLwiN core team).

April 7th-9th 2003: Introductory MLwiN workshop. University of Bristol (with MLwiN core team).

January 8th-10th 2003: Introductory MLwiN workshop. Institute of Education, London (with MLwiN core team).

December 9th-11th 2002: MCMC estimation in MLwiN workshop. Massey University, Palmerstone North, New Zealand (with David Draper).

September 11th-13th 2002: Introductory MLwiN workshop. Institute of Education, London (with MLwiN core team).

June 13th-14th 2002: Introductory MLwiN workshop. University of Verona, Italy (with Andy Jones).

May 8th-10th 2002: Introductory MLwiN workshop. Institute of Education, London (with MLwiN core team).

April 8th-10th 2002: Introductory MLwiN workshop. University of Bristol (with MLwiN core team).

January 8th-10th 2002: Introductory MLwiN workshop. Institute of Education, London (with MLwiN core team).

September 5th-7th 2001: Introductory MLwiN workshop. Institute of Education, London (with MLwiN core team).

June 27th-29th 2001: Introductory MLwiN workshop. University of Birmingham (with Jon Rasbash and Tony Fielding).

June 14th-15th 2001: Introductory MLwiN workshop. University of Verona, Italy (with Andy Jones).

April 25th-27th 2001: Introductory MLwiN workshop. Institute of Education, London (with MLwiN core team).

April 11th 2001: Workshop on Bootstrap and MCMC methods in MLwiN. University of Amsterdam, Holland (with Harvey Goldstein).

February 26th-27th 2001: Introductory MLwiN workshop for the ONS. Institute of Education, London(with MLwiN core team).

January 8th-10th 2001: Introductory MLwiN workshop. Institute of Education, London (with MLwiN core team).

September 6th-8th 2000: Introductory MLwiN workshop. Institute of Education, London (with MLwiN core team).

June 12th-14th 2000: Introductory MLwiN workshop. Institute of Education, London (with MLwiN core team).

April 5th-7th 2000: Introductory MLwiN workshop. Institute of Education, London (with MLwiN core team).

March 25th -26th 1999: Introductory MLwiN workshop. Institute of Education, London (with MLwiN core team).

April 6th 1998: MCMC methods in MLwiN workshop. Institute of Education, London (with David Draper)

Other Academic Commitments

PhD and EdD supervision

I currently jointly supervise 4 PhD students in Education, Bridget Azubuike, Shuxin Liu, Anran Xiongchen and Ainur Muratkyzy (GSOE), 1 in Geography, Mirah Zhang and 1 Turing PhD student in Vet Science, Leo Gorman. I also supervise 4 EdD students, Eunice Chan, Selene Sin Ting Ho, Hannah Hughes and Emma Salari for their EdD dissertations.

I jointly supervised (with Professor Guoxing Yu) PhD student Sha Liu who completed her PhD in 2023 in Education, Bristol, Thesis title: "*Investigating the efficacy of automated writing evaluation as a diagnostic assessment tool in L2 writing instruction: A mixed-method study.*"
I jointly supervised (with Professor Guoxing Yu) PhD student Jing Zhang who completed her PhD in 2023 in Education, Bristol, Thesis title: "*Teachers' language assessment literacy in the digital age: construct, competence and affecting factors.*"
I supervised EdD student Emily Ng Ka Lai who completed her EdD (HK) in 2022 in Education, Bristol. Thesis title: "*A quasi-experimental study of the Flipped Classroom Method in a Hong Kong University-Based Associate Degree of Nursing setting.*"
I supervised EdD student Jack Kai Kit Ng who completed his EdD (HK) in 2022 in Education, Bristol. Thesis title: "*A Study of Leadership in Hong Kong Self-financing Higher Education.*"

I supervised PhD student (with Dr Angeline Mbogo Barrett) PhD Student Jinglu Zhang who completed her PhD in 2022 in Education, Bristol, Thesis title: "*Assessing and understanding Chinese high school students' scientific argumentation competence.*"

I co-supervised (with Simon Brownhill) EdD student Diah Restu Susanti who completed her EdD in 2020 in Education, Bristol. Thesis title: "*The Implementation of the Scientific Approach (SA) in Indonesian 2013 Curriculum for English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Classes and Its Influence on Students' Critical Thinking Development Processes: An In-Depth Case Study of An Indonesian State Senior High School.*"

I supervised EdD student Gloria Leung who completed her EdD (HK) in 2020 in Education, Bristol. Thesis title "*Evaluation of the Validity of Large-Scale Examinations.*"

I supervised EdD student Lim Kim Ying who completed her EdD in 2020 in Education, Bristol. Thesis title "*A mixed methods approach to understanding the relationship between computing students' approaches to learning and academic performance for different entry pathways.*"

I supervised(with co-supervisor Helen Manchester) EdD student Joanna Yeung who completed her EdD (HK) in 2020 in Education, Bristol. Thesis title: "*Using simulation with Simulated Patients and Peer Role-play for adverse event disclosure training in an undergraduate nursing program: A comparative study.*"

I jointly supervised (with Professor Guoxing Yu) PhD student Suh Kwon who completed his PhD in 2019 in Education, Bristol. Thesis title: "*The impact of visual cues on second language listening comprehension process and performance: An eye-tracking study.*"

I jointly supervised (with Professor George Leckie) PhD student Beatriz Gallo Cordoba who completed her PhD in 2019 in Education, Bristol. Thesis title: *"Statistical Methods for Investigating the Ethnic Achievement Gap in Colombia."*

I jointly supervised (with Professor Steve Harris) PhD student, Chris Draper who completed his PhD in 2017 in Biology, Bristol. Thesis title: "*Zoo Licensing and Inspection: Using Legislative Requirements to Assess Animal Welfare and Conservation in British Zoos."*

I jointly supervised (with Professor Mike Mendl, Dr James Hodge and Dr Liz Paul) PhD student, Amanda Deakin who completed her PhD in 2017 in Vet Science, Bristol. Thesis title: "*Decision-making under ambiguity: Cognitive judgement bias in a bird and an insect model*"

I jointly supervised (with Dr Nicola Rooney, Dr Emily Blackwell and Dr Rachel Casey) PhD student, Katie Wonham who completed her PhD in 2017 in Vet Science, Bristol. Thesis title: *"Statistical model-based approaches for investigating the welfare of the UK racing greyhound population.*"

I jointly supervised (with Professor Fiona Steele) PhD student, Toni Price who completed her PhD in 2017 in AQM, Bristol. Thesis title: "*A faster simulation approach to sample size calculations for complex random effect models.*"

I jointly supervised (with Dr Roland Baddeley) PhD student, Bobby Glenn Stuijfzand who completed his PhD in 2016 in AQM, Bristol. Thesis title: *"Advanced statistical methods to interpret eye movements: What does where one looks tell you about you?"*

I jointly supervised (with Dr Jane Murray and Dr Rachel Casey) PhD student, Lizzie Rowe who completed her PhD in 2015 in Vet Science, Bristol. Thesis title: "*A longitudinal study of early-life risk factors for feline obesity.*"

I jointly supervised (with Professor David Main) PhD student, Cheryl Heath who completed her PhD in 2015 in Vet Science, Bristol. Thesis title: "*Statistical approaches to improve the welfare assessment of dairy cattle.*"

I jointly supervised (with Professor Ian Dryden) 2 PhD. students, Chris Brignell thesis title *"Shape analysis and Statistical Modelling in Brain Imaging"*

and Kelly Handley thesis title *"Statistical Analysis of proteomic mass spectrometry data"* who completed their PhDs in the School of Mathematical Sciences, University of Nottingham in 2006 and 2007 respectively.

I co-supervised the PhDs of Aurelian Madouasse thesis title "*An evaluation of milk recording, somatic cell counts and reproductive performance in a large cohort of dairy herds in England and Wales*" at the Vet School, University of Nottingham who completed his PhD in 2009, Helen Higgins who completed her PhD in 2013, Peter Down thesis title "*Optimising decision making in mastitis control*" and Peers David thesis title "*Molecular epidemiology and transmission dynamics of S.uberis bovine clinical mastitis"* who completed their PhDs in 2016 all with Professor Martin Green.

I am Visiting Professor at Atlantic Veterinary College, University of Prince Edward Island and was a member of the supervisory committee for 1 student, Elmabrok Masaoud who completed his PhD in 2009

Journal Editing and Reviewing

I was (2007-2010) an Associate Editor of the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series A.

I was an Associate Editor of the Biometrical Journal (2011-2018) and am statistics editor (since 2020) of International Studies in Catholic Education.

I have refereed for many journals including JRSS A, JRSS C, Computational Statistics and Data Analysis, Computational Statistics, Psychometrika, Statistics in Medicine, Statistics and Computing, and Statistical Methods for Medical Research.

I have reviewed several grant applications for the ESRC, BBSRC, MRC and DEFRA. I serve on the ESRC's review college. In 2019 I was on the ESRC Centres call panel and in 2020 the Research Methods Development Grant call panel.

I also serve on the UKRIs Future Leaders grants college and am an EEF Statistical Analysis plan reviewer.

I have reviewed end of grant reports for several UK research councils, the UK Department of Health and the US National Science Foundation. I also served on a grant panel for the Academy of Finland.

Teaching/Examining roles

I was School Education Director for the School of Education, University of Bristol (2019-2022)

I am external examiner for all Statistics units at the Open University (2020-2024)

I was external examiner of all Statistics and Operational Research courses for the School of Mathematics, University of Cardiff (2018-2021)

I was the programme director for the EdD (Bristol) programme (2019)

I was assessment officer and plagiarism officer for the School of Education (2018-2019)

I was external examiner of all Statistics courses (UG & PG) for University College, London (2011-2015).

I was external examiner of Mathematics (Service modules) for the University of Plymouth (2007-2011).

I was the programme director for the BSc. in Animal Behaviour and Welfare at Bristol for 2009-2010.

I was seminar organiser for the statistics and probability seminars in the school of Mathematical Sciences in Nottingham from 2003 to 2007.

I was course director for the course 'BSc. in Mathematics and Management studies' in 2006/7.

I was also a member of the exam monitoring committee and the quality and standards committee in the school at Nottingham.

Learned Bodies
I am a Turing Fellow (see https://www.turing.ac.uk/people/researchers/william-browne) since 2018 and I have been on the Training Steering Group for the past 5 years.
I have been a Fellow of the RSS (Royal Statistics Society) since 2000 and was a student fellow for several years. I am currently on the Teaching Statistics Section committee (since 2020) and the Honours Committee (since 2020)
I have been on the Education Committee (2014-15) and was on the Academic Affairs Committee (2011-2014), a member of the council of the RSS (2010-2013) and of the executive of the RSS (2012-2013) and of the President Nominating Committee (2013). I was also programme chair for the RSS conference in 2015.
I served as a member of the General Applications Section (GAS) Committee of the RSS in June 2003-2006 and again in 2010-2011.
I was also elected a member of East Midlands local group committee of the RSS in June 2003 and was Chair from 2004 - 2007.
I was a member of the British and Irish Regional Committee of the International Biometrics Society (2012-2014)

School Governing
I was a school governor at Wrington Church of England primary school from April 2015 until September 2018 and chair of their curriculum committee from 2016-2018.
I have been on the Members committee for the Cathedral Schools Trust (Multiple Academy Trust) since its launch in 2016 and am Chair of the committee since December 2016.

PhD/EdD examination
I was internal/external examiner for the following doctoral theses:
2004 University of Warwick Biology (external)
2006 University of Nottingham Mathematics (internal)
2008 University of Kent Statistics (external)
2008 University of Bristol Vet Science (internal x 2)
2009 University of Kent Statistics (external)
2009 University of Reading Statistics (external)
2009 University of Lancaster Statistics (external)
2010 University of Southampton Statistics (external)
2010 Trinity College Dublin, Statistics (external)
2011 University of Edinburgh, Vet Science (external)
2011 University of Zurich, Biostatistics (external)
2011 University of Bristol, Chemistry (internal)
2012 University of Bristol Vet Science (internal)
2014 University of Bath, Statistics/Biology (external)
2014 London School of Economics, Law/Methodology (external)
2015 University of Nottingham, Statistics (external)
2016 University of St Andrews, Statistics (external)
2018 University of Southampton, Statistics (external)

2018 University of Glasgow, Statistics (external)
2018 University of Bristol, Education (independent chair)
2019 University of Bristol Education (internal)
2020 University of Bristol Education (internal)
2021 University of Bristol, Education (independent chair)
2022 University of Bristol Education (internal for EdD)
2023 University of Glasgow, Social Sciences (external)
2023 University of Bristol, Education (independent chair)
2023 University of Bristol Education (internal)

Other responsible roles
I am co-director of the Centre for Multilevel Modelling at the University of Bristol.
I was Deputy Director of Research, Graduate School of Education from 2015-2016 and a member of the GSOE SLT. I am currently again a member of SLT since 2018.
I am an Associate Member of the National Centre for Statistical Ecology.
I was a member of the NC3Rs Reporting Guidelines Working Group.
I was a Member of the Independent Statistical Standing Committee for the funder CHDI foundation

Previous Academic Positions

2007-2014   **University of Bristol – School of Veterinary Sciences**
I was Professor of Biostatistics for 7 years out at Langford before moving to the Graduate School of Education in August 2014.

2003-2007   **University of Nottingham**
I was appointed at the University of Nottingham as a lecturer in statistics in the Department of Mathematical Sciences in February 2003. I taught many courses and supervised 2 PhD students. I was promoted to Associate Professor in September 2006.

1998-2003   **Institute of Education, London**
In October 1998 I started work as a Research Officer in the Multilevel Models project team on ESRC research grant R000222732. I was a key member of the team with responsibility for the MCMC methodology features in the *MLwiN* software package. The main area of my work involved using the MCMC methods developed in my PhD. thesis to allow the fitting of more models in the *MLwiN* computer package. The work was varied and also included assisting with user support, writing manual chapters and assisting with the running of workshops on the use of the package. The position allowed me to conduct statistical methodology research and see the results being used by our 3,000+ users whilst being part of a well-respected research team. Over the 4-year period I did much collaborative work with many academics from other institutions, and was supported for the last 3 years by the ESRC grant R000238117 that started in September 1999 and on which I was a named researcher.

Education

1995-1998 **University of Bath** PhD in Statistics.
Research Topic:
Applying Markov Chain Monte Carlo methods to multilevel models.

1994-1995 **University of Bath** MSc in Computational Statistics with Distinction
Main subjects studied:
Statistical Inference, Simulation, Numerical Analysis, *C* Programming,
Documentation and Graphics, Data Analysis, Generalised Linear Models,
Computationally Based Inference, Multivariate Analysis,
Sequential Analysis and Smoothing Methods, Complex Stochastic Structures.

1990-1994 **University of Bath** BSc in Statistics with 1st class honours
Main subjects studied in final year:
Sample Surveys, Quality Control and Reliability, Statistical Inference,
Stochastic Processes, Applied Statistics, Operational Research, Time Series,
Generalized Linear Models, Multivariate Analysis and Experimental Design,
Advanced Computer Graphics.
First Year Average: 82%   Second Year Average: 78%
Final Year Average: 80%

1988-1990 **Neath College, Neath**
4 A Levels   Pure Mathematics(A), Applied Mathematics(A), Computing(B)
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1 AS Level   Pure Mathematics with Mechanics(A)

1983-1988 **Dwr-Y-Felin Comprehensive School, Neath**
1 O Level   Mathematics(A)
8 GCSES   English Language(A), English Literature(A), Physics(A), French(A),
             Chemistry(A), Computer Studies(A), Geography(A), Music(C)

Academic Prizes

1995   James Duffy Prize for best student on MSc in Computational Statistics.
1994   Chapman & Hall Prize for Statistics.
1990   BP Chemicals Award for Science A Level.
1988   Watkins and Bradfield Award for Computer Studies GCSE.

Interests and Activities

I am interested in virtually all sports. My main sport as a student was basketball, which I played for 8 years at university. I represented the University of Bath for 6 years, and South West Universities for two years and was awarded my half Blue for basketball. On the organisational side I was club treasurer for 3 years and club secretary for 2 years and am a Grade 3 basketball referee. I also

played for the University of London team for 1 year. I also played at Nottingham for the University postgraduate and staff team.

After university I took up half marathon running. I have run 5 half-marathon races. In 2001/2002 I took a challenge to raise money for the cancer ward that cared for my grandfather through running and ran 575 miles in a year. In Bath, I played football for the university postgraduate team. I also played 5-a-side football in Nottingham.

Since moving to Bristol much of my spare time is taken up with my family however I still try to go jogging when I get the opportunity. I also enjoy swimming, walking, reading, listening to music and playing poker.

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