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1. EXPERIENCE

- (1) 2004-PRESENT ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF STATISTICAL SCIENCE, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, NEW YORK
I teach one course a year to people who (rightfully) hate statistics. Research: philosophy of science & probability, Bayesian statistics, climatology & meteorology, goodness of forecasts, over-confidence, medicine.
- (2) 1998-PRESENT. STATISTICAL CONSULTANT, VARIOUS COMPANIES
The rest of my time is spent coaxing people out of their money for telling them they are too sure of themselves. All manner of analyses cheerfully undertaken. Example: I created the *Wall Street Journal's* College Rankings.
- (3) 2003-2010. RESEARCH SCIENTIST, NEW YORK METHODIST HOSPITAL, NEW YORK
Besides the usual, I sit/sat on the Institutional Review Committee to assess the statistics of proposed research. I was an Associate Editor for *Monthly Weather Review*: (through 2011). Also a member of the American Meteorological Society's Probability and Statistics Committee (through 2011).
At a hospital? Yes, sir; at a hospital.
- (4) 2007, 2010 VISITING PROFESSOR OF STATISTICS, DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS, CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, MT. PLEASANT, MI
Ask me about the difference between "a degree" and "an education."
- (5) 2003-2007, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR STATISTICS, WEILL MEDICAL COLLEGE OF CORNELL UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, NEW YORK
Working here gave me a sincere appreciation for how government grants skew research.
- (6) 2002-2003. GOTHAM RISK MANAGEMENT, NEW YORK
A start up then, after Enron's shenanigans, a start down. We set future weather derivative and weather insurance contract prices that incorporated information from medium- and long-range weather and climate forecasts.
- (7) 1998-2002. DOUBLECLICK, NEW YORK
Lead statistician. On-line advertising saves the world.
- (8) 1993-1998. GRADUATE STUDENT, CORNELL UNIVERSITY
Meteorology, applied climatology, and finally statistics. Was Vice Chair of the graduate student government; elected thanks to the miracle of ethanol.
- (9) 1992-1993. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE, SAULT STE. MARIE, MI
Forecast storms o' the day and launched enormous balloons in the name of science. My proudest moment came when I was able to convince an ancient IBM-AT machine to talk to an *analog*, 110 baud, phone-coupled modem, all using BASIC!
- (10) 1989-1992. UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT, CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Meteorology and mathematics. Started the local student meteorology group to chase tornadoes. Who knew Michigan had so few? Spent a summer at UMichigan playing with a science-fiction-sounding lidar.

- (11) 1983-1989. UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
 Cryptography and other secret stuff. Shot things; learned pinochle. I adopted and became proficient with a fascinating and versatile vocabulary. Irritate me for examples. TS/SCI+ security clearance (now inactive).

2. EDUCATION

- (1) Ph.D., 2004, Cornell University. Statistics.
- (2) M.S., 1995, Cornell University. Atmospheric Science.
- (3) B.S., Summa Cum Laude, 1992, Central Michigan University. Meteorology and Math.

3. PUBLICATIONS

3.0.1. *Popular.*

- (1) Op-eds in various newspapers; articles in *Quadrant*, *Crisis*, *Quirks*; blog with ~70,000 monthly readers. Various briefs submitted to government agencies, such as California Air Resources Board, Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Talks of all kinds.

3.0.2. *Books.*

- (1) Briggs, WM., 2015 *The Philosophy of Probability and Statistics*. In preparation! Notice the exclamation point!
- (2) Briggs, WM., 2008 *Breaking the Law of Averages: Real Life Probability and Statistics in Plain English*. LULU Press, New York. Text for undergraduates.
- (3) Briggs, WM., 2006 *So You Think You're Psychic?*. LULU Press, New York. I'll bet you're not.

3.0.3. *Methods.*

- (1) William Briggs, David Legates, Christopher Monckton of Brenchley, Willie Soon, 2014. How Not To Think About Time Series. Submitting to *Science and Education*.
- (2) Briggs, WM, 2014. Common Statistical Fallacies. *Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons*, Volume 19 Number 2, 58–60.
- (3) Christopher Monckton of Brenchley, Willie Soon, David Legates, William Briggs, 2014. Why models run hot: results from an irreducibly simple climate model. *China Science Bulletin*. Accepted
- (4) David R. Legates, Willie Soon, William M. Briggs, Christopher Monckton of Brenchley, 2013. Climate Consensus and 'Misinformation': A Rejoinder to Agnotology, Scientific Consensus, and the Teaching and Learning of Climate Change. *Science and Education*, DOI 10.1007/s11191-013-9647-9.
- (5) Aalt Bast, William M. Briggs, Edward J. Calabrese, Michael F. Fenech, Jaap C. Hanekamp, Robert Heaney, Ger Rijkers, Bert Schwitters, Pieter Verhoeven, 2013. Scientism, Legalism and Precaution—Contending with Regulating Nutrition and Health Claims in Europe. *Contribution to the European Journal of Food and Feed Law*, **6**, 401–409.

- (6) Legates, DR, Soon, W, and Briggs, 2013. Learning and Teaching Climate Science: The Perils of Consensus Knowledge Using Agnotology. *Science and Education*, DOI 10.1007/s11191-013-9588-3.
- (7) Briggs, WM, 2012. On Probability Leakage. *arxiv.org/abs/1201.3611*.
- (8) Briggs, WM, 2012. It is Time to Stop Teaching Frequentism to Non-statisticians. *arxiv.org/abs/1201.2590*.
- (9) Briggs, WM, 2012. Why do statisticians answer questions no one ever asks? *Significance*. Volume 9 Issue 1 Doi: 10.1111/j.1740-9713.2012.00542.x. 30–31.
- (10) Briggs, WM, Soon, W, Legates, D, Carter, R, 2011. A Vaccine Against Arrogance. *Water, Air, & Soil Pollution: Volume 220, Issue 1 (2011)*, Page 5-6
- (11) Briggs, WM, and R Zaretski, 2009. Induction and falsifiability in statistics. *arxiv.org/abs/math/0610859*.
- (12) Briggs, WM, and R Zaretski, 2009. A new look at inference for the Hypergeometric Distribution. Awaiting a home.
- (13) Briggs, WM, 2011. Discussion to A Gelman. Why Tables are Really Much Better than Graphs. *Journal Computational and Graphical Statistics*. Volume 20, 16–17.
- (14) Zaretski R, Gilchrist MA, Briggs WM, and Armagan A, 2010. Bias correction and Bayesian analysis of aggregate counts in SAGE libraries. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 11:72doi:10.1186/1471-2105-11-72.
- (15) Zaretski, R, Briggs, W, Shankar, M, Sterling, M, 2009. Fitting distributions of large scale power outages: extreme values and the effect of truncation. *International Journal of Power and Energy Systems*. DOI: 10.2316/Journal.203.2009.1.203-4374.
- (16) Briggs, WM, 2007. Changes in number and intensity of world-wide tropical cyclones *arxiv.org/physics/0702131*.
- (17) Briggs, WM, 2007. On the non-arbitrary assignment of equi-probable priors *arxiv.org/math.ST/0701331*.
- (18) Briggs, WM, 2007. On the changes in number and intensity of North Atlantic tropical cyclones *Journal of Climate*. **21**, 1387-1482.
- (19) Briggs, WM, Positive evidence for non-arbitrary assignments of probability, 2007. Edited by Knuth et al. Proceedings 27th International Workshop on Bayesian Inference and Maximum Entropy Methods in Science and Engineering. American Institute of Physics. 101-108.
- (20) Briggs, WM, R Zaretski, 2007. The Skill Plot: a graphical technique for the evaluating the predictive usefulness of continuous diagnostic tests. *With Discussion. Biometrics*. **64(1)**, 250-6; discussion 256-61. PMID: 18304288.
- (21) Zaretski R, Gilchrist MA, Briggs WM, 2010. MCMC Inference for a Model with Sampling Bias: An Illustration using SAGE data. *arxiv.org/abs/0711.3765*
- (22) Briggs, WM, and D Ruppert, 2006. Assessing the skill of yes/no forecasts for Markov observations. *Monthly Weather Review*. **134**, 2601-2611.
- (23) Briggs, WM, 2007. Review of *Statistical Methods in the Atmospheric Sciences* (second edition, 2006) by Wilks, D.S. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, **102**, 380.

- (24) Briggs, WM, M Pocerlich, and D Ruppert, 2005. Incorporating misclassification error in skill assessment. *Monthly Weather Review*, **133**(11), 3382-3392.
- (25) Briggs, WM, 2005. A general method of incorporating forecast cost and loss in value scores. *Monthly Weather Review*, **133**(11), 3393-3397.
- (26) Briggs, WM, and D Ruppert, 2005. Assessing the skill of Yes/No Predictions. *Biometrics*. **61**(3), 799-807.
- (27) Briggs, WM, 2004. Discussion to T Gneiting, LI Stanberry, EP Gritmit, L Held, NA Johnson, 2008. Assessing probabilistic forecasts of multivariate quantities, with an application to ensemble predictions of surface winds. *Test*. **17**, 240-242.
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- (29) Mozer, JB, and Briggs, WM, 2003. Skill in real-time solar wind shock forecasts. *J. Geophysical Research: Space Physics*, **108** (A6), SSH 9 p. 1-9, (DOI 10.1029/2003JA009827).
- (30) Briggs, WM, 1999. Review of *Forecasting: Methods and Applications* (third edition, 1998) by Makridakis, Wheelwright, and Hyndman; and *Elements of Forecasting* (first edition, 1998) by Diebold. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, **94**, 345-346.
- (31) Briggs, W.M., and R.A. Levine, 1997. Wavelets and Field Forecast Verification. *Monthly Weather Review*, **25** (6), 1329-1341.
- (32) Briggs, WM, and DS Wilks, 1996. Estimating monthly and seasonal distributions of temperature and precipitation using the new CPC long-range forecasts. *Journal of Climate*, **9**, 818-826.
- (33) Briggs, WM, and DS Wilks, 1996. Extension of the CPC long-lead temperature and precipitation outlooks to general weather statistics. *Journal of Climate*, **9**, 3496-3504.

3.0.4. Applications.

- (1) Carol Mancuso, William Briggs, Gabriel Morales, Lawrence Melniker, 2014. Diagnosis of acute decompensated heart failure by use of thoracic point-of-care ultrasonography (POCUS): An observational study. *The American Journal of Emergency Medicine*. Submitted.
- (2) Devindra S Dabiesingh, many others, William M Briggs, others, John F Heitner, 2014. The Prevalence and Prognostic Significance of Left Ventricular Non-Compaction by Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Imaging. Submitted.
- (3) On Chen, many others, WM Briggs, and John F. Heitner, 2014. Correlation between pericardial, mediastinal and intrathoracic fat volume and coronary artery disease, metabolic syndrome and cardiac risk factors. *European Heart Journal - Cardiovascular Imaging*. Accepted.
- (4) Annika Krystyna, D Kumari, R Tenney, R Kosanovic, T Safi, WM Briggs, K Hennessey, M Skelly, E Enriquez, J Lajeune, W Ghani and MD Schwalb, 2013. Hepatitis c antibody testing in African American and Hispanic men in New York City with prostate biopsy. *Oncology Discovery*, Vol 1. DOI: 10.7243/2052-6199-1-1.

- (5) Ziad Y. Fayad, Elie Semaan, Bashar Fahoum, W. Matt Briggs, Anthony Tortolani, and Marcus DAyala, 2013. Aortic mural thrombus in the normal or minimally atherosclerotic aorta: A systematic review and meta-analysis of the available literature. *Ann Vasc Surg.*, Apr;27(3):282-90. DOI:10.1016/j.avsg.2012.03.011.
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- (7) Birkhahn RH, Wen W, Datillo PA, Briggs WM, Parekh A, Arkun A, Byrd B, Gaeta TJ, 2012. Improving patient flow in acute coronary syndromes in the face of hospital crowding. *J Emerg Med.* 2012 Aug;43(2):356-65.
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- (9) Krystyna A, Kosanovic R, Tenney R, Safi T, Briggs WM, et al. (2011) Colonoscopy Findings in Men with Transrectal Ultrasound Guided Prostate Biopsy: Association of Colonic Lipoma with Prostate Cancer. *J Cancer Sci Ther* S4:002. doi:10.4172/1948-5956.S4-002
- (10) Krystyna A, Safi T, Briggs WM, Schwalb MD, 2010. Higher morbidity in prostate cancer patients after transrectal ultrasound guided prostate biopsy with 3-day oral ciprofloxacin prophylaxis, independent of number of cores. *Brazilian Journal of Urology.* Mar-Apr;37(2):223-9; discussion 230. PMID:21557839.
- (11) Elizabeth Haines, Gerardo Chiricolo, Kresimir Aralica, William Briggs, Robert Van Amerongen, Andrew Laudendach, Kevin O'Rourke, and Lawrence Melniker MD, 2012. Derivation of a Pediatric Growth Curve for Inferior Vena Caval Diameter in Healthy Pediatric Patients. *Crit Ultrasound J.* 2012 May 28;4(1):12.
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- (13) Krystyna A, Safi T, Briggs WM, Schwalb MD., 2011. Correlation of hepatitis C and prostate cancer, inverse correlation of basal cell hyperplasia or prostatitis and epidemic syphilis of unknown duration. *Int Braz J Urol.* 2011 Mar-Apr;37(2):223-9; discussion 230.
- (14) Birkhahn RH, Blomkalns A, Klausner H, Nowak R, Raja AS, Summers R, Weber JE, Briggs WM, Arkun A, Diercks D. The association between money and opinion in academic emergency medicine. *West J Emerg Med.* 2010 May;11(2):126-32. PMID: 20823958.
- (15) Muniyappa R, Briggs WM, 2010. Limited Predictive Ability of Surrogate Indices of Insulin Sensitivity/Resistance in Asian Indian Men: A Calibration Model Analysis. *AJP - Endocrinology and Metabolism.* 299(6):E1106-12. PMID: 20943755.

- (16) Arkun A, Briggs WM, Patel S, Datillo PA, Bove J, Birkhahn RH, 2010. Emergency department crowding: factors influencing flow *West J Emerg Med.* Feb;11(1):10-5.PMID: 20411067.
- (17) Li W, D'Ayala M, Hirshberg A, Briggs W, Wise L, Tortolani A, 2010. Comparison of conservative and operative treatment for blunt carotid injuries: analysis of the National Trauma Data Bank. *J Vasc Surg.* Mar;51(3):593-9, 599.e1-2.PMID: 20206804.
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- (19) Loizzo JJ, Peterson JC, Charlson ME, Wolf EJ, Altemus M, Briggs WM, Vahdat LT, Caputo TA, 2010. The effect of a contemplative self-healing program on quality of life in women with breast and gynecologic cancers. *Altern Ther Health Med.*, May-Jun;16(3):30-7. PMID: 20486622.
- (20) Tavakol M, Hassan KZ, Abdula RK, Briggs W, Oribabor CE, Tortolani AJ, Sacchi TJ, Lee LY, Heitner JF., 2009. Utility of brain natriuretic peptide as a predictor of atrial fibrillation after cardiac operations. *Ann Thorac Surg.* Sep;88(3):802-7.PMID: 1969990.
- (21) Zandieh SO, Gershel JC, Briggs WM, Mancuso CA, Kuder JM., 2009. Re-visiting predictors of parental health care-seeking behaviors for nonurgent conditions at one inner-city hospital. *Pediatr Emerg Care.*, Apr;25(4):238-243.PMID: 19382324.
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- (26) Mancuso CA, Westermann H, Choi TN, Wenderoth S, Briggs WM, Charlson ME, 2008. Psychological and somatic symptoms in screening for depression in asthma patients. *J. Asthma.* **45(3)**, 221-5. PMID: 18415830
- (27) Boutin-Foster C., Ogedegbe G., Peterson J., Briggs M., Allegrante J., Charlson ME., 2008. Psychosocial mediators of the relationship between race/ethnicity and depressive symptoms in Latino and white patients with coronary artery disease. *J. National Medical Association.* **100(7)**, 849-55. PMID: 18672563

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- (29) Charlson ME, Peterson F, Boutin-Foster C, Briggs WM, Ogedegbe G, McCulloch C, et al., 2008. Changing health behaviors to improve health outcomes after angioplasty: a randomized trial of net present value versus future value risk communication.. *Health Education Research*. **23(5)**, 826-39. PMID: 18025064
- (30) Ullery, BW, JC Peterson, FM, WM Briggs, LN Girardi, W Ko, AJ Tortolani, OW Isom, K Krieger, 2007. Cardiac Surgery in Nonagenarians: Should We or Shouldn't We? *Annals of Thoracic Surgery*. **85(3)**, 854-60. PMID: 18291156
- (31) Charlson ME, Boutin-Foster C., Mancuso C., Ogedegbe G., Peterson J., Briggs M., Allegrante J., Robbins L., Isen A., 2007. Using positive affect and self affirmation to inform and to improve self management behaviors in cardiopulmonary patients: Design, rationale and methods. *Controlled Clinical Trials*. November 2007 (Vol. 28, Issue 6, Pages 748-762).
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- (33) Mancuso, CA, T Choi, H Westermann, WM Briggs, S Wenderoth, 2007. Patient-reported and Physician-reported Depressive Conditions in Relation to Asthma Severity and Control. *Chest*. **133(5)**, 1142-8. PMID: 18263683.
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