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Background

Born and raised in Los Angeles.

Ph.D. in (Theoretical) Mathematics, UCLA.

Significant Honors and Accomplishments

- Eric Ziegel Award, 2018
- 6 books, 4 book chapters, numerous research papers
- Pioneering work in causal inference (ATE), data privacy, parallel computation for data science
- Keynote speaker, *SatRdays*, April 2019, UCLA
- Keynote speaker, *R/Finance 2018*, June 2018, Chicago
- Keynote speaker, *useR! 2017*, July 2017, Brussels, Belgium
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Statistical Software*, 2012-
- Editor in Chief, *The R Journal* (publication of the R Foundation), 2017-2018
- Executive Editor (one of three), *The R Journal* 2016-2018
- Past appointee to IFIP Working Group 11.3 on Database Security (UNESCO-sponsored international research and policy committee)
- UCD Distinguished Teaching Award (campuswide), 2006
- UCD Distinguished Public Service Award (campuswide), 2002
- UCD Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award (campuswide), 1994
- UCD Computer Science Club's Professor of the Year Award, 1995, 2002, 2005 and 2011

Research/Writings

dsld: A Socially Relevant Tool for Teaching Statistics, Taha Abdullah, Arjun Ashok, Brandon Estrada, Norman Matloff, Aditya Mittal, arXiv, 2024

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An S-Curve Method for Abrupt and Gradual Changepoint Analysis, with L. Jiang and C. Kennedy, the *Journal of Data Science*, 2024

RWN: A Novel Neighborhood-Based Method for Statistical Disclosure Control, with Noah Perry and Patrick Tendick, *Transactions on Data Privacy*, 2024

The Art of Machine Learning: Algorithms+Data+R , NSP, June 2023

An S-Curve Method for Abrupt and Gradual Change point Analysis, with L. Jiang and C. Kennedy, SDSS 2023

Belated Tribute to a Great Mathematician, and Some Related Personal Thoughts on PhD Education, *Celebratio Mathematica*, 2022

Walk a Mile in Their Shoes: a New Fairness Criterion for Machine Learning, arXiv, 2022

K-Means Clustering Usage in Datasets with Missing Values, with WX Zhang, useR! 2022

Modernizing k-Nearest Neighbor Software, with Robin Elizabeth Yancey and Bochao Xin, Stat, 2021

TDAsweep: A Novel Dimensionality Reduction Method for Image Classification Tasks, with Yu-Shih Chen and Melissa Goh, arXiv, 2020

R vs. Python for Data Science, **invited** paper, SDSS 2020

Modernizing k-Nearest Neighbor Software, with Robin Elizabeth Yancey and Bochao Xin, SDSS 2020

prVis: a Novel Method for Visual Dimension Reduction, with Tiffany Jiang, Robert Tucker and Allan Zhao, useR! 2019

Probability and Statistics for Data Science: Math + R + Data , CRC, 2019

Methods for Visualizing Dimension Reduction in R, with Tiffany Jiang, Robert Tucker and Allan Zhao, SDSS, 2019

Extension of the Tower Method for Missing Values to Time Series, with Pete Mohanty, R/Finance 2019, **keynote address**

Fast, General Parallel Computation for Machine Learning, P2PS workshop, with Robin Yancey, ICPP 2018

Fast Computation of Large-Scale Mixed Effects Models, with Robin Yancey, Proceedings of the JSM 2018

revisit: a Statistical Teaching Tool in R, with Emily Watkins and Tiffany Chen, JSM 2018

The R Language: a Powerful Tool for Taming Big Data, **invited** book chapter with Robin Yancey and C. Fitzgerald, *Encyclopedia of Big Data Technologies*, Springer, 2018

The Data Privacy Problem: Computer Science, Statistics and Future Directions, **invited paper**, SAE, July 2017, Paris, France

Statistical Regression and Classification: from Linear Models to Machine Learning (professional monograph/textbook), Chapman and Hall, 2017; **Eric Ziegel Award, Best Reviewed Book of 2017**, *Technometrics*

A New Framework for Random Effects Models, JSM 2016.

Statistics and R for Analysis of Elimination Tournaments, Ariel Shin and Norman Matloff, *userR!* 2016.

Rectools: an Advanced Recommender System, Pooja Rajkumar and Norman Matloff, *userR!* 2016.

Software Alchemy: Turning Complex Statistical Computations into Embarrassingly-Parallel Ones, Norman Matloff, *Journal of Statistical Software*, 71 (2016)

A Closer Look at What We Should Mean by "Big" in "Big Data," *Handbook of Big Data* (**invited chapter** in professional monograph), Hans Buhlmann *et al* (eds.), Chapman and Hall, 2016

Improved Estimation of Class Probabilities through Unlabeled Data , arXiv:1510.01422, 2016

A New Method for Avoiding Data Disclosure While Automatically Preserving Multivariate Relations, N. Matloff and P. Tendick, arXiv:1510.04406, 2016

A Different Approach to the Problem of Missing Data, with Xiao (Max) Gu, *Proceedings of the Joint Statistical Meetings*, 2015

Parallel Computation for Data Science (professional monograph), Chapman and Hall, 2015

A New Approach to the Parallel Coordinates Method for Large Data Sets, with Yingkang Xie, *Proceedings of the Joint Statistical Meetings*, 2014

A Package for Parallel Matrix Powers, with Jack Norman, *userR!* 2014

Regression Fit Diagnostics Using *freqparcoord*, with Yingkang Xie, *userR!* 2014

Long Live (Big Data-fied) Statistics!, **invited paper**, *Proceedings of JSM 2013*, 98-108

Immigration and the Tech Industry: As a Labour Shortage Remedy, for Innovation, or for Cost Savings?, *Migration Letters* 2013 (extension of **invited** paper presented at Migration and Competitiveness: Japan and the US, Berkeley/Japan, 2012, funded by Sloan Foundation)

Are Foreign Students the 'Best and Brightest'? Data and implications for immigration policy, **invited paper**, Economic Policy Institute, 2013.

Efficient Parallel R Loops on Long-Latency Platforms, **invited paper**, *Proceedings of Interface 2012-- Future of Statistical Computing: Internet Scale Data, Flexible Modeling, and Visualization* , Scott, Wickham and Morris (eds.), 2012.

Parallel R Revisited (**invited paper**, abstract), *useR! Abstract Booklet*, 2012, Vanderbilt University, http://biostat.mc.vanderbilt.edu/wiki/Main/UseR-2012#Abstract_Booklet

Debate: H-1B Visa (**invited book chapter**), in *Debates on U.S. Immigration*, Judith Gans, Elaine Replogle, Daniel Tichenor (eds.), Sage Publications, 2012

The Art of R Programming (professional book), No Starch Press, 2011.

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A New Method for Rule Finding Via Bootstrapped Confidence Intervals. *SIAM Conference on Data Mining*, 2008, 547-552.

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Estimation of Internet File-Access/Modification Rates, *ACM Transactions on Modeling and Computer Simulation*, 2005, 15, 3, 233-253.

Offshoring: What Can Go Wrong? (**invited** article). *IEEE IT Pro*, July/August 2005, 39-45.

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On the Need for Reform of the H-1B Non-immigrant Work Visa in Computer-Related Occupations (**invited** paper). *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*, Fall 2003, Vol. 36, Issue 4, 815-914 (99 pages).

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Ergodicity Conditions for a Dissonant Voting Model. *Annals of Probability*, 1977, 5, 371-386.

Public Service

Have written frequently about minority and social issues, especially on age discrimination in the software industry.

Have presented invited testimony on a number of occasions to the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Have served as a consultant to the U.S. Dept. of Commerce and Dept. of Health and Human Services during the Clinton administration.

Frequently serve as an invited panelist on computer industry hiring practices, in forums sponsored by industry, academia, government and public-affairs groups, such as Migration and Competitiveness: Japan and the United States, the Stanford University Computer Project Conference, the Boston University Workshop on Migration of Foreign Scientists and Engineers to the United States, the ITAA/Dept. of Commerce Convocation, the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, the Gartner Group Application Development Summit, MEPTECH, Silicon

Valley Power Breakfast, Software Development Expo, the California Governor's Older Worker and Exemplary Employer Conference, etc. His recommendations on careers in the computer field has been occasionally sought by writers of career-advice columns, and syndicated columnist Joyce Lain Kennedy features Dr. Matloff's e-newsletter on career issues in her books, *Resumes for Dummies*, *Job Hunting for Dummies* and *Cover Letters for Dummies*.

Have written articles (in many cases by invitation of the magazine or newspaper) for the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Public Interest*, the *New Democrat* (a publication of the Democratic Leadership Council), the *National Review*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *AsianWeek*, the *San Jose Mercury News*, *Controller Quarterly* (published by the California State Controller's Office) and so on.

Have been interviewed or cited by NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN, NPR, PBS, the Voice of America, the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *San Jose Mercury News*, the *Boston Globe*, the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, the *Dallas Morning News*, the Associated Press, *Mother Jones*, the *New Republic*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Investor's Business Daily*, *Business Week*, *US News and World Report*, *Science Magazine*, *Computerworld*, the *Electronic Engineering Times*, *Upside*, *AsianWeek*, *India West* and many others.

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