



Bio Sketch for James Curran

What area of statistics do you work in?

I'm interested in developments in what I guess would be number theory primarily - but really just things relating to well known problems in mathematics like the Fermat's Theorem, Riemann Hypothesis, cryptography. I also quite like combinatorics

What were your best and worst subjects at school?

Best subjects were always Maths, Chemistry and French, worst was always Physics

When you decided you wanted to be a statistician and why

When I found myself idly fitting time series models to some data I'd found on the web at 2am in the morning - during my MSc. I decided I liked the unique combination of skills it requires: mathematics, computing and good communication skills.

What training (degrees and subjects) you've done

B.Sc. (Pure and Applied Mathematics)

M.Sc. (Mathematics)

Ph.D. (Statistics)

Subject areas are maths (pure and applied), statistics, computer science, ecology and chemistry. I also have spent a fair amount of time in genetics, but I have no formal qualifications in it.

What do you do for fun?

Cycling, reading, Xbox and PS3, and computing primarily. I also like to run in the bush but that's harder to do in Auckland.