
I. Who might wish to participate in the forum? Forum participants, at least while they are participating, should be committed to constructive dialogue and be interested in trying out new ideas. You don’t have to have a statistical or a philosophical background; it suffices to be interested in obtaining one. You can be an entirely invisible observer, if you choose, but all participants need to have some shared background. They should read in advance: (1) the material for the session (2) the material from at least one of the 6 sessions of the Research Seminar Ph500, available on the seminar blog. A general overview is given in a portion of the readings for the first meeting (May 21) consisting of the first 28 pages from Mayo’s Statistical Inference as Severe Testing: How to Get Beyond the Statistics Wars (CUP, 2018). The pages are here: Excursion 1 Tour 1. Ideally, participants are interested in contributing to launching new directions in the broad, interdisciplinary field of Phil Stat** in ways that challenge the status quo.

*A general explanation of the statistics wars and their casualties is here.

**A general discussion of Phil Stat is here.

Reading for each meeting will be posted 10 days to 2 weeks prior to the meeting on the Phil Stat Wars blog background papers next the speakers name.

II. If you wish to be added to our list for these monthly forums: Please write to: Jean Miller at jemille6@vt.edu 4-5 days prior to the meeting. Provide your full name, email, affiliation or address, a bio or CV, and a sentence or two explaining your interest.

I look forward to seeing you there!

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