

Making a Name:

Up-and-Coming Statisticians on the Verge of Great Things

Statisticians work in so many fields—from animal health to ecology to agriculture to computer science—and, every year, an untold number make a name for themselves. *Amstat News* asked around, and the names of the statisticians below just kept coming up as those belonging to people on the verge of doing great things. Allow us to introduce some of the ASA's up-and-coming statisticians.



Min Yang

Age: 38

Title: Assistant Professor

Employer: University of Missouri-Columbia

Alma Mater: University of Illinois at Chicago

Research Interests:

My main research area is optimal design of experiments. Currently, I am working on optimal design for generalized linear models, an underdeveloped area.

Name a statistician you admire and tell us why.

Jack Kiefer, because of his fundamental contribution to the design of experiments.

What do you love most about your profession?

The opportunity to tackle challenging research problems that may make a contribution to science.

What do you hate most about your profession?

Because of what I love most about my profession, when I focus on a problem, I cannot live a 'normal' life until I find an answer.

What was the best career advice you were given?

Work on problems that you honestly believe will have a big impact and don't worry about whether it is the fashion today.

What is one web site/blog you can't go a day without visiting?

Sports news web sites.

What is something your friends would be surprised to learn about you?

I am doing what I love to do. But, if I could choose a second career, I would be a tennis player.