Nick Horton Wins 2014 Mu Sigma Rho Statistics Education Award

This award is named in honor of William Douglas Warde who unexpectedly passed away in August 2010. Bill was a faculty member at Oklahoma State University for forty-two years and was a long-time national officer of Mu Sigma Rho. Bill’s energy and enthusiasm for the promotion of our discipline to students was second to none.

Nick Horton Highlights

- Professor of Statistics at Amherst College since 2013, previous to this Nick was at Smith College for several years
- 2010 - received a distinguished teaching award at Smith College. He also received a different teaching award at Smith in 2009
- 2009 received the ASA’s Waller Education award for outstanding contributions to statistics education
- Nick has also written textbooks on the use of R in the teaching of data management, statistical analyses, and graphics
Nick has nearly 150 publications on his CV. Several of these publications are centered on statistics education. Biomedical research is another area in which Nick has done a tremendous amount of work. In many cases, Nick involved undergraduate students in these publications.


George Cobb said this about Nick, “Nick is among the very best in terms of talent, originality, breadth, and energy.”

A student of Nick’s wrote, “It was thanks to Nick that the light went on – data contains fascination information about health, politics, and science. Only through the lens of statistics can this information be revealed and thus applied to the important questions of our time. This was it – statistics was the perfect way to make my love of numbers relevant to my interests!”

You are certainly well-deserving of this award. Congratulations Nick!