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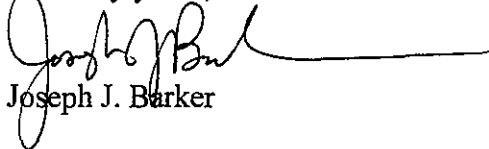
Dear Ms. Melnyk:

As you know, I represent John Wiley & Sons, Inc. ("Wiley"). This letter and the enclosed documents come in response to your client's subpoena and our telephonic conversation in May.

Wiley objects to your client's subpoena as overly broad, unduly burdensome, and because it seeks information not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Subject to and without waiving those objections, Wiley encloses all the responsive documents (as limited by our phone call) that it was able to locate subject to a reasonable search. These documents are in the bates range Wiley 0001 to 0023.

Please note that some pages have redactions. These redactions reflect privileged (either attorney-client, work product, or both) communications among Wiley employees, which, in any event, are not responsive to your subpoena.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph J. Barker

Enclosures

Palmieri, Jacqueline - Hoboken

From: John R. Mashey [<mailto:mash@heymash.com>]
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2011 2:09 AM
To: Quigley, Stephen - Hoboken
Cc: Bailey, Janet - Hoboken
Subject: RE: Recent emails

Mr Quigley,

Now that it has been 5 months, might I assume that Wiley has determined that no changes to the record are warranted*?

Yours,

John Mashey

* That is:

- 1) Wegman and Said (2011)
- 2) Said and Wegman (2009), as documented in more detail by Ted Kirkpatrick.
- 3) Said's claimed Professorship at Oklahoma State University.

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/%28ISSN%291939-0068/homepage/EditorialBoard.html>

From: Quigley, Stephen - Hoboken [<mailto:squigley@wiley.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 10:03 AM
To: mash@heymash.com
Cc: Bailey, Janet - Hoboken
Subject: Recent emails

Dr. Mashey,

Please be advised that we are in receipt of your second email on various issues dealing with the editors of WIRE: Computational Statistics. We are reviewing the facts. Should any changes to the record be warranted, those will be made on the record.

Cordially,

SHQ

Steve Quigley
John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
Associate Publisher, Wiley-Blackwell

-----Original Message-----

From: Ted Kirkpatrick [mailto:ted@sfu.ca]

Sent: Monday, May 09, 2011 8:37 PM

To: Quigley, Stephen - Hoboken

Cc: Bailey, Janet - Hoboken

Subject: WIREs: Computational Statistics---potential plagiarism in "Roadmap for Optimization" article

Dear Mr. Quigley and Ms. Bailey,

John Mashey gave me your names. I have been examining the article "Roadmap for Optimization", by Y. Said and E. Wegman, in the August

2009 issue of WIREs: Computational Statistics. This article does not appear to meet the standards that Wiley sets for its scholarly and technical publications. In particular, large portions of the article appear to closely match related pages in Wikipedia. Given that the Wikipedia pages are dated five months before the WIREs:CS article was first made available on-line, the most reasonable conclusion is that the text was copied from Wikipedia into this article.

In addition to the apparent plagiarism, there are substantial problems with the writing. By itself, this does not disqualify an article, but together with the evidence of plagiarism it raises doubts in my mind about whether the article was ever subjected to genuine peer review.

This possibility is especially damaging, given that the article was written by two of the journal's Editors-in-Chief.

I have read articles from other authors in WIREs:CS and other journals in the WIREs series. I have found them as a rule to be comprehensive and well-written. They are strikingly different from this article.

I request that you have scholars unaffiliated with WIREs:CS review this article for both potential plagiarism and overall quality. If they conclude that substantial portions were plagiarized, the article should be formally retracted and the editorial process at WIREs:CS revised to prevent a recurrence.

Attached to this message is a PDF providing detailed comparisons of sections of the article with Wikipedia, together with a summary of some of its writing problems.

If you would like further information, please contact me at this email address.

Sincerely,

Ted Kirkpatrick

Associate Professor of Computing Science Simon Fraser University Burnaby BC Canada

From: John R. Mashey [mailto:mash@heymash.com]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 12:30 PM
To: WIRES Computational Statistics
Cc: jlr@psu.edu; jhf@stanford.edu
Subject: Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews - Computational Statistics - substantial plagiarism by Editors Wegman and Said

Dear Cassie Strickland, Profs. Rosenberger, Friedman:
Please forward to Edward Bates and Oliver Arnott, whose emails I am unable to find, as per:
<http://blogs.wiley.com/publishingnews/2009/12/09/maintaining-the-version-of-record-wiley-blackwell-retraction-policy/>

1) I am writing to report massive plagiarism in an article by Wegman and Said, "Color theory and design" in the recent issue of this journal they edit with long-time associate David Scott.

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/wics.v3.2/issuetoc>

Normally, I would report such to the editors, but that didn't seem likely to be useful in this case.

If I need to send this elsewhere, please advise.

2) I'm a half-retired Bell Labs/Silicon Valley computer scientist who has been studying potential academic misconduct problems involving Wegman and Said. I've copied members of the Advisory Board where we likely know people in common, all of whom are aware of my activities in this area:

Prof. Rosenberger: my B.S., MS and PhD are from Penn State, and I'm still in contact, lectured there a few years ago, and see Dean Larson most years when he comes to visit. Others include Dean Easterling, Prof. Mary Jane Irwin, Prof. Michael Mann, among others.

Prof Friedman: I live in Portola Valley, am often on Stanford campus. President Hennessy is a friend of 25 years. Don Kennedy and Chris Field are quite familiar with my work on this, among others.

3) The plagiarism was discovered and exhaustively documented by Canadian blogger "Deep Climate," a fine investigator who prefers to remain anonymous.

Of course, near-verbatim plagiarism is easily demonstrable, and he has done a detailed analysis, posted publicly at:

<http://deepclimate.org/2011/03/26/wegman-and-said-2011-dubious-scholarship-in-full-colour>

It includes a 22-page side-by-side analysis of the paper with the antecedent texts:

<http://deepclimate.files.wordpress.com/2011/03/wegman-said-color-theory-and-design-antecedents-v12.pdf>

This plagiarism chain started in 2002, with material used in lectures, an Army ACAS course, and finally in Wegman and Said (2011). Commenters on that post have already identified Wegman/Said plagiarism in two more articles.

4) Wegman and his students now have a long history of using other people's work, usually via cut-and-paste with a little editing, with at-best vague and often zero citation. In addition to various articles and book chapters, the 2006 Wegman Report for Congress, this includes 4 PhD dissertations, including Said's.

5) That issue of the WIRES journal has 10 articles, of which:

3 are by Wegman's past students: Martinez, Moustafa, Chow

1 is the Wegman and Said article

1 is by Scott

1 is by a colleague of Scott's at Rice, Wickham

All this may be perfectly fine, but is somewhat disconcerting to see such a concentration of authors.

6) Wegman and Said ran a multi-year campaign, 2006-2010, attacking climate science for bad peer review, with no evidence beyond fact that people coauthored papers. They also plagiarized material from Social Networks Analysis textbooks for the 2006 Wegman Report and a 2008 article in Computational Statistics and Data Analysis, where Wegman was then an Advisor and Said an Associate Editor. Top SNA researchers have looked at that article and thought it was quite poor, but it was accepted in 6 days at CSDA with no revisions.

These claims are documented in detail, referencing findings by Deep Climate, and then many additions:

<http://deepclimate.org/2010/09/26/strange-scholarship-wegman-report/>

That led to articles in USA Today:

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/sciencefair/post/2010/10/wegman-plagiarism-investigation-/1>

http://www.usatoday.com/weather/climate/globalwarming/2010-11-21-climate-report-questioned_N.htm

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/sciencefair/post/2010/11/wegman-report-round-up/1>

Given that publicity, it is surprising to see Wegman and Said do this again. However, Wegman's comments show that he doesn't believe any of this is plagiarism. It is unclear what George Mason University thinks, as it has now been a year since the original complaint by Professor Ray Bradley:

<http://www.desmogblog.com/gmu-still-paralyzed-wegman-and-rapp-still-paranoid>

7) So, I am sorry to have to hand you this mess, but you need to be informed.

Sincerely

John R. Mashey, PhD
Portola Valley, CA

-----Original Message-----

From: John R. Mashey [mailto:mash@hevmash.com]

Sent: Monday, June 18, 2012 10:26 PM

To: m.hulme@uea.ac.uk; Alexei.Verkhatsky@manchester.ac.uk; Subramaniam, Shankar; nadel@u.arizona.edu; pedrycz@ee.ualberta.ca; MINanotech@umich.edu; prs@org.chemie.uni-giessen.de; jgerhart@berkeley.edu; efw@princeton.edu; Jeffrey.Wilusz@colostate.edu; Peter.Lund@aalto.fi; ibbvne@udel.edu

Subject: FYI, no action/reply asked, strange behavior at another WIREs journal and even stranger behavior at Wiley

Dear WIREs journal Editors:

This is just a heads-up alert for an impending problem that is not really yours, but caused by Wiley and your sibling journal, WIREs: Computational Statistics, for whom I expect there may be some serious negative publicity in the near future.

I am writing to assure you it is not aimed at WIREs journals in general.

I have never seen two Editors-in-Chief write heavily-plagiarized articles for their own journal, have a paper retracted elsewhere for plagiarism, and then be allowed to quietly revise the papers and continue as Editors-in-Chief. I cannot believe this is typical of WIREs and Wiley policy.

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WIREs:CS is Co-edited by Edward Wegman, Yasmin Said and David Scott.

Wegman and Said wrote articles in 2009 and 2011 for WIREs:CS, both massively plagiarized from various sources, including Wikipedia, although often with errors.

All this was reported to Wiley March-May 2011. They quickly settled into a routine of saying "If corrections need to be made to the record, they will be made on the record" and little more.

In May 2011, Computational Statistics and Data Analysis retracted an article by Said, Wegman, et al for plagiarism.

Wiley let Wegman and Said quietly revise the online articles ~February 2012, rewording the obvious plagiarism, fixing some of the errors, and adding citations.

No complainants were notified, and there were no retraction notices. Wegman and Said remain Editors.

Starting 3 months ago, two of us have been writing the Wiley Board and relevant Wiley executives (Sean Pidgeon, Gary Rinck, Edward Wates, Susan

Spilka.) So far, we have gotten exactly one short message back from a public relations director (Helen Bray in UK) saying that they would review this, but when Wiley looked last year, they just thought "some of the citations to sources could have been made more clearly." That was 2 months ago, and since then Wiley has been silent.

For whatever reason, it seems clear that Wiley has avoided taking this seriously for 15 months, so we're about to give up trying with them and instead will soon start talking to journalist friends and see what happens.

If for some reason you want to see more, it is well-documented:

<http://www.desmogblog.com/sites/beta.desmogblog.com/files/see.no.evil.0.pdf>

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pp.22-23 has thumbnails of the papers published in WIREs:CS, where word-for-word identical text is highlighted cyan, trivial edits in yellow, with their paper on left, and original sources on right of each pair. A glance suffices to show that the papers are mostly copy-paste plagiarized.

p.25 summarizes the 2011 email conversations with Wiley, and the discovery of the revised papers.

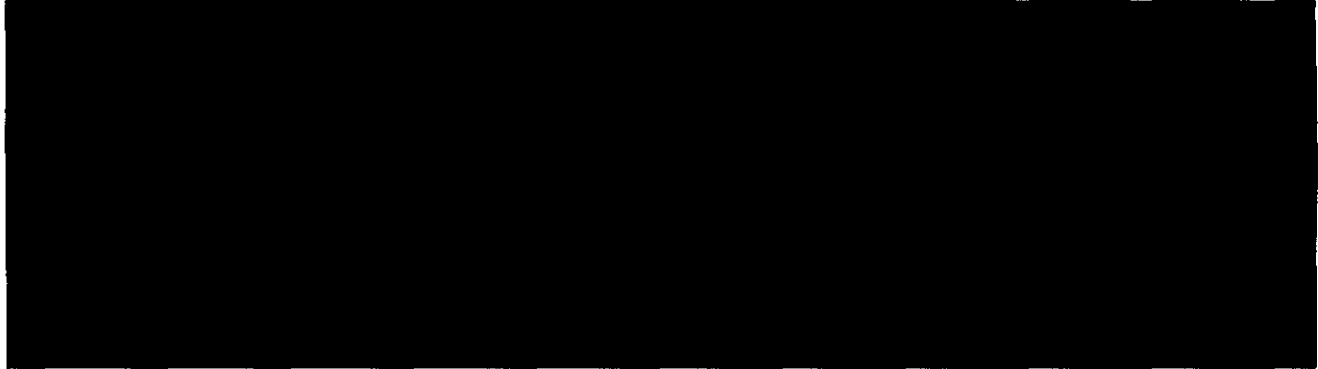
pp.35-37 has the details of conversation <http://deepclimate.org/2012/03/16/wiley-coverup-complete-wegman-and-said-red>

[o-hides-plagiarism-and-errors/](#) has the details about the revisions.

Sincerely,

John R. Mashey, PhD
Portola Valley, CA

----- Forwarded Message



-----Original Message-----

From: John Mashey [mailto:johnmashey@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 10:45 PM
To: Chancellor Katehi
Subject: FYI: Not a UC Davis issue, but a Wiley Board issue

Edward Wegman and Yasmin Said are 2 of the co-editors-in-chief of Wiley's WIREs:Computational Statistics journal. They co-wrote 2 papers for the journal they edit.

Both papers were mostly plagiarized, the first mostly from Wikipedia, and both with errors so bad that it is hard to imagine they were peer-reviewed. These were discovered, documented in detail and reported to Wiley March and April 2010. Complainants were told that if changes were needed to the record, they would be made on the record.

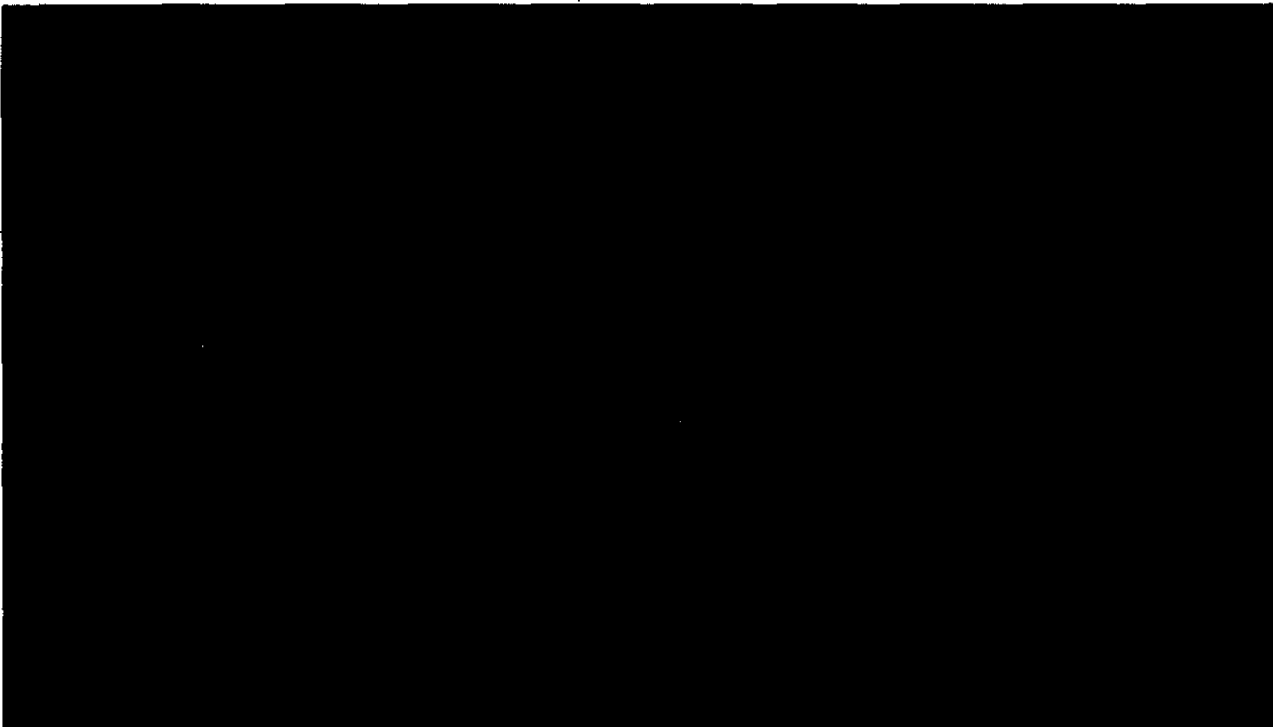
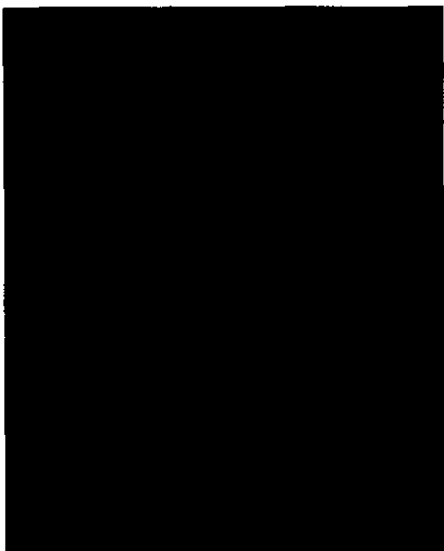
Result: Around January 2012, both papers were quietly replaced by revised versions that fixed most of the errors identified, reworded the obvious copy-and-paste, and inserted citations. ~~No complainant was ever notified, there were no retractions and no one would ever have noticed unless they were familiar with the problem and were monitoring the files.~~

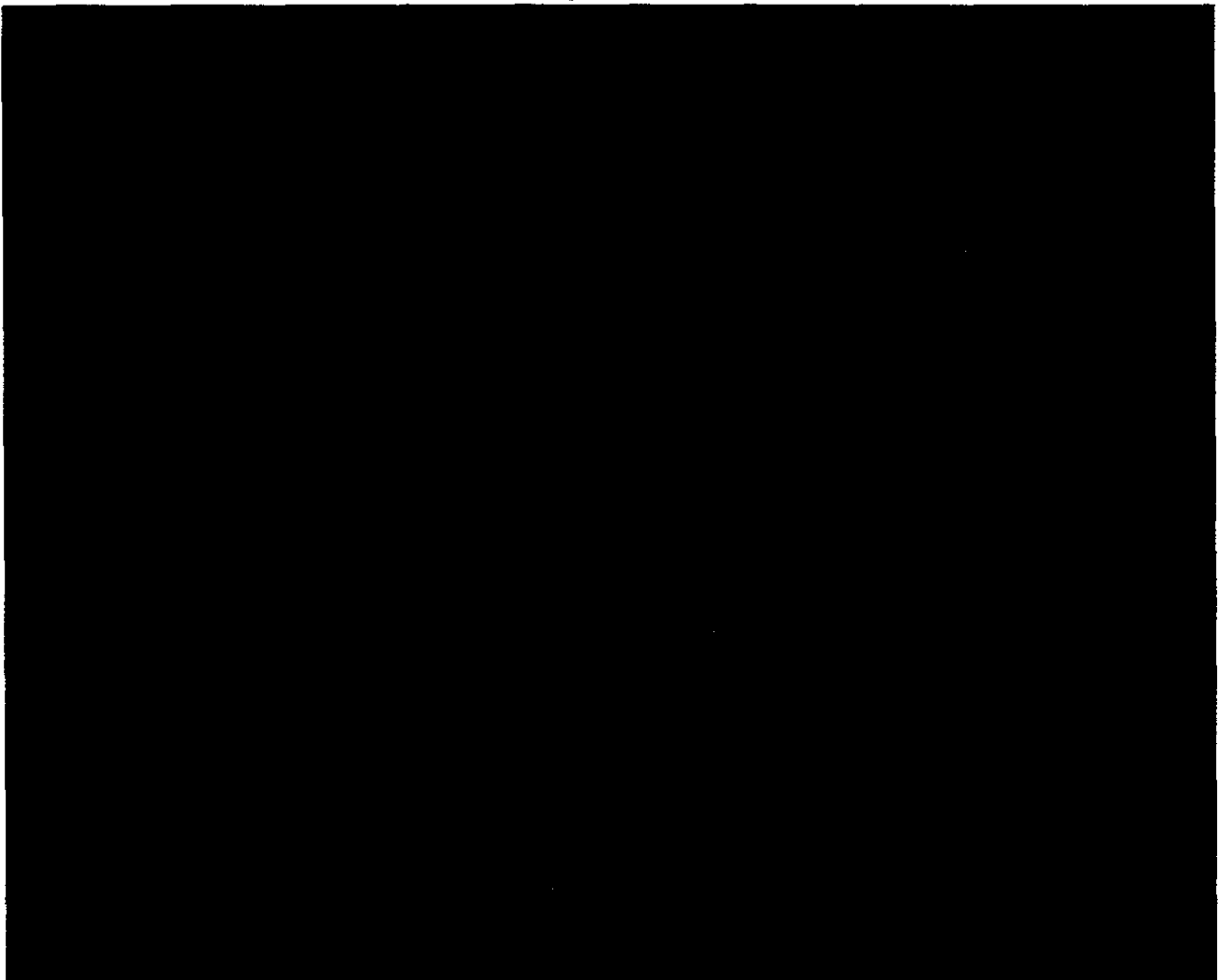
See <http://deepclimate.org/2012/03/16/wiley-coverup-the-great-wegman-and-said-redo-to-remove-plagiarism-and-errors/>
and <http://www.desmogblog.com/see-no-evil-george-mason-university> PDF p.25, 35-37. for the emails.
<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/sciencefair/post/2011/10/more-wikipedia-copying-from-climate-critics/1> USA Today

I hope this is not representative of Wiley, but it certainly breaks Wiley's only guidelines.

Sincerely,
John Mashey, PhD
Portola Valley, CA

----- End of Forwarded Message





On 3/28/12 12:39 PM, "John R. Mashey" <mash@heymash.com> wrote:

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>Editors in Chief:

>Edward J. Wegman, Bernard J. Dunn Professor of Data Sciences and

>Applied Statistics, George Mason University Yasmin H. Said, Assistant

>Professor, George Mason University David W. Scott, Noah Harding

>Professor of Statistics, Rice University

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>Said was Wegman's student, is a frequent co-author of Wegman's and is

>actually a Research Assistant Professor, but is also listed as WIREs:CS

>Managing Editor. Scott is a long-time associate of Wegman's. In 2006,

>they wrote a 91-page report for Congress, of which 35 pages were found

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>2010)

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>and Wegman and Said (2011).

>Both papers were mostly plagiarized, the first almost entirely from

>Wikipedia, the second from that plus various other sources. These

>were discovered, documented in detail and reported to Wiley in March

>and April 2011. I reported some, and by May 2011, Simon Fraser

>University's Ted Kirkpatrick added more detail on Said and Wegman

>(2009). Even more detail was added later by blogger Deep Climate.

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>Complainants were told (by Stephen Quigley, with Janet Bailey copied on

>the

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>made on the record.

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>involved in at least 80 pages of obvious copy-paste-trivial-edit

>plagiarism, including the Wegman Report, 4 PhD dissertations (including

>Said's), a patent, several talks and 7 articles.

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>COVERAGE OF RETRACTION

>In May 2011, one of these (Said, Wegman, et al) was forced to be

>retracted by Elsevier over Wegman's objections. That got covered by

>various reporters who have followed this story and still are:

>- USA Today,

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>- Nature,
><http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v473/n7348/full/473419b.html>
>- Science (in a profile on me),
><http://www.sciencemag.org/content/332/6035/1250.full>
>- Chronicle of Higher Education,
><http://chronicle.com/blogs/ticker/journal-retracts-george-mason-u-schol>
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>[2] <http://www.desmogblog.com/see-no-evil-george-mason-university>
>PDF p.25, 35-37. for the emails to Wiley, by date. p.4 shows the known
>plagiarism chains involving Wegman or his students, starting as early
>as 1996.
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>tribution-and-further-discussion-of-why-scientists-cheat/
>A well-known award-winning Columbia statistician offers an opinion
>about WIREs:CS.
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>MORE PROBLEMS, OR AT LEAST CONCERNS

>Although the other WIREs journals seem OK from a cursory look, WIREs:CS
>had yet more problems.
>Said gave a false rank and affiliation (Professor, Oklahoma State
>University). This was reported to Wiley and it took 4 months to get
>that fixed. One might think that having a junior, non-tenure Research
>Assistant Professor claim a Professor rank at another school might
>raise a red flag.
>[5] <http://www.wiley.com/bw/editors.asp?ref=1939-5108&site=1> on this
>page, it is still wrong.
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>I have other concerns about quality of peer review and author selection.
>While many authors seem credible, some seem dubious and some articles
>seem inappropriate for a review journal.
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>A credible article on statistics of computer performance seemed to get
>very minimal review, leading one to wonder if it done just by Yasmin
>Said, quite unqualified on the particular topic. I know the senior
>author, David Lilja of University of Minnesota.
>WIREs:CS covers a huge range of topics, ranging from ones of which I
>know nothing, to many where I have some experience, to this one, where
>I've given invited lectures at Stanford, Princeton, Cambridge and other
>schools. So I
>*know* this article is good, and I think many others are likely good,
>but I am not sure of some others and I am concerned about the reality
>of peer review.
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>Either Scott ran peer review (poorly) for the 2 plagiarized articles or
>else Wegman/Said did and one might think he would have noticed. Scott
>wrote at least 5 articles (as of last Spring), which seemed OK, but
>whose reviews (if
>any) would have been handled by Wegman or Said. It may be just fine
>for editors to write articles for the journal they edit, but it also
>might be prone to abuse.
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>A review journal is only useful if one can trust articles to be written
>by experts, so that a newcomer to a field can trust judgments about
>importance of topics. Many WIREs:CS articles were written by
>Wegman+Scott students or colleagues. Those may be fine, or not. For
>example, Rezazad(2011) was written by a student of Wegman's. His PhD
>was one of those that contained plagiarism. The article was just a
>minor edit of part of his dissertation about network optimization,
>supposedly creating new algorithms. The dissertation was not cited and
>there was worrisome bibliography-padding in the dissertation. I used
>to work at Bell Labs, so have some network experience. I had some
>reservations about the usefulness in the real world, as did some other
>computer scientists who looked at it, None of this builds trust and it
>seemed quite inappropriate for a review journal.
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>PRINT REFERENCE
>John Wiley & Sons intends to capture this content in a comprehensive
>print reference work, the Wiley Encyclopedia of Computational

>Statistics.¹
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>Without a comprehensive review by independent experts, I would have
>serious concerns about that.
>Yasmin Said is listed as Managing Editor, far more junior than the
>editors of other WIREs journals, and with a well-documented history of
>plagiarism and error-filled work, either with Wegman or by herself.
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>Please take this seriously and act decisively.
>I cannot believe Wiley's handling of this is truly representative of
>Wiley's publication ethics.
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>Sincerely,
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>John Mashey, PhD (Computer Science), past VP & Chief Scientist, Silicon
>Graphics.
>Portoia Valley, CA
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From: John R. Mashey [mailto:mash@heymash.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 6:19 AM
To: Wates, Edward - Oxford; Wiley, Deborah - Hoboken; Spilka, Susan - Hoboken
Subject: Ed Wegman and Yasmin Said published 2 massively-plagiarized articles in journal they edit for Wiley, WIREs:CS. Year-ago complaint has finally produced a quiet cover-up, apparently with Wiley's cooperation

Dear Edward Wates, Deborah Wiley, Susan Spilka:

I am sorry to bother you, but you may want to know about the following situation, in light of:

EW:

<http://blogs.wiley.com/publishingnews/2009/12/09/maintaining-the-version-of-record-wiley-blackwell-retraction-policy/>

DW: <http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/Section/id-410432.html> (given your long interest in copyright)

SS: as SVP Corporate Communications, you will probably have to deal with this.

1. OVERVIEW

- Two of the editors-in-chief of Wiley's WIREs:CS authored 2 seriously-plagiarized/error-filled articles for that journal.
- Either the third editor, a long-time associate of the others, ran peer-review quite poorly or there was no peer review.
- The problems were reported to Wiley a year ago, with detailed documentation.
- This has been known to at least 3 Wiley people (Cassie Strickland, Stephen Quigley, Janet Bailey) for a year.
- Recently, the 2 online articles were reworked and quietly replaced, with no retractions or apologies, and no notice to complainants of the outcome.
- 2 weeks ago, I sent emails to the Board and several Wiley people. Another person sent letters last week.
- I would not expect an instant resolution, but have yet to receive even an acknowledgment of receipt.
- Hopefully, there soon might be *some* indication that Wiley takes seriously massive plagiarism and then cover-up by its own journal's editors.

2. EDITORS

The co-editors-in-chief of Wiley's WIREs:Computational Statistics journal are:

Edward J. Wegman, Bernard J. Dunn Professor of Data Sciences and Applied Statistics, George Mason University
Yasmin H. Said, Assistant Professor, George Mason University
David W. Scott, Noah Harding Professor of Statistics, Rice University
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/%28ISSN%291939-0068/homepage/EditorialBoard.html>

Said was Wegman's student, is a frequent co-author of Wegman's and is also listed as WIREs:CS Managing Editor, although she is actually a non-tenure-track Research Assistant Professor, rather more junior than editors of the other WIREs journals, which seem OK. Scott is a long-time associate of Wegman's.

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During 2009-2011, Wegman and/or his students were found to have been involved in at least 80 pages of obvious copy-paste-trivial-edit plagiarism, including the Wegman Report, 4 PhD dissertations (including Said's), a patent, several talks and 5 other papers beyond the 2 mentioned next.

3. WIRES:CS: 2 PLAGIARIZED PAPERS AMONG MANY INVOLVING WEGMAN AND SAID Wegman and Said co-wrote papers for WIRES:CS - Said and Wegman(2009) and Wegman and Said (2011). Both papers were mostly plagiarized, the first almost entirely from Wikipedia, the second from Wikipedia plus various other sources, although both with errors. The first paper (on a topic familiar to me) was especially error-plagued.

These were discovered by several people and I reported them to Wiley in March and April 2011. By May 2011, Simon Fraser University's Ted Kirkpatrick added more detail on Said and Wegman (2009), further expanded by blogger Deep Climate in October.

I originally wrote to Cassie Strickland 03/28/11, got a reply back quickly from Stephen Quigley, with Janet Bailey copied on all exchanges.

I was told that if changes were needed to the record, they would be made on the record, and then later that "it is against Wiley policy to comment on editorial processes to third parties, but, rest assured that any changes to the record will be made on the record."

4. RETRACTION OF ANOTHER PAPER, (Said, Wegman, et al (2008)) from Elsevier's Computational Statistics and Data Analysis (CSDA) In May 2011, one of these was forced to be retracted by Elsevier over Wegman's objections. He just wanted to be allowed to add citations, with no retraction.

That got covered by various reporters who have followed this story and continue to do so:

- USA Today,

http://www.usatoday.com/weather/climate/globalwarming/2011-05-15-climate-study-plagiarism-Wegman_n.htm

- Nature, <http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v473/n7348/full/473419b.html>

- Science (in a profile on me),

<http://www.sciencemag.org/content/332/6035/1250.full>

- Chronicle of Higher Education,

[http://chronicle.com/blogs/ticker/journal-retracts-george-mason-u-scholars-c](http://chronicle.com/blogs/ticker/journal-retracts-george-mason-u-scholars-critique-of-global-warming/33108)

[ritique-of-global-warming/33108](http://chronicle.com/blogs/ticker/journal-retracts-george-mason-u-scholars-critique-of-global-warming/33108)

- RetractionWatch,

<http://retractionwatch.wordpress.com/2011/05/17/controversial-paper-critique>

[ng-climate-change-science-set-to-be-retracted-because-of-plagiarism/](http://retractionwatch.wordpress.com/2011/05/17/controversial-paper-critique)

5. WIRES:CS ACTION: QUIET COVER-UP

Both papers were quietly revised in place by February 2012 to fix most of the errors identified, add citations and reword the obvious copy-and-paste.

No complainant was ever notified of any resolution, there were no apologies or retractions of any sort.

The revisions were claimed to be requested by the editors in chief and the publisher, hence Wiley.

The original versions have essentially disappeared, which of course makes a mockery of citations to a journal supposed to be archival.

The net effect was to hide extensive plagiarism from most readers, given the online nature of the journal and zero notification.

The only people who might have noticed this:

- had to be checking the online abstracts of old papers occasionally, not something most would do
- had to be familiar enough with the original abstracts to notice the revisions and then repurchase the papers to see what happened

Blogger Deep Climate happened to do so and discovered what had been done.

6. REFERENCES FOR THE ABOVE

[1]

<http://deepclimate.org/2012/03/16/wiley-coverup-the-great-wegman-and-said-re-do-to-remove-plagiarism-and-errors/>

[2] <http://www.desmogblog.com/see-no-evil-george-mason-university>

PDF p.25, 35-37. for the emails to Wiley, by date.

p.4 shows the known plagiarism chains involving Wegman or his students, starting as early as 1996.

[3]

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/sciencefair/post/2011/10/more-wikipedia-copying-from-climate-critics/1> USA Today

[4] <http://andrewgelman.com/2011/09/wiley-wegman-chutzpah-update/>

"Wiley Wegman chutzpah update: Now you too can buy a selection of garbled Wikipedia articles, for a mere \$1400-\$2800 per year!"

Andrew Gelman, a well-known Columbia statistician offers opinions, in one of several articles about this.

7. SAID'S FALSE RANK AND AFFILIATION 2009-2011 Said gave a false rank and affiliation (Professor, Oklahoma State University).

One might think that having a very junior, non-tenure-track GMU Research Assistant Professor claim to be a Professor at another school would yield an immediate negative response by the publisher, including an apology to OSU, but instead it was just quietly changed, although it took 4 months for that to happen.

As of -04/08/12, one instance is still wrong:

<http://www.wiley.com/bw/editors.asp?ref=1939-5108&site=1>

8. CONCERNS ON PEER REVIEW AND AUTHOR SELECTION (NOT NECESSARILY MISCONDUCT, MERELY WORRISOME) People have other concerns about quality of peer review and author selection, some of which were mentioned a year ago to Wiley.

While many WIREs:CS authors seem quite credible, some seem dubious and some articles seem inappropriate for a review journal.

Either Scott ran peer review (poorly) for the 2 plagiarized articles or he just let Wegman or Said do it, a poor separation of author/editor roles.

Scott wrote at least 6 articles, which seemed OK, but whose reviews (if any) would have been handled by Wegman or Said.

It may be just fine for editors to write articles for the journal they edit, but it also might be prone to abuse. It certainly does not look good.

A review journal is only useful if one can trust articles to be written by experts, so that a newcomer to a field can trust judgments about importance of topics. Many WIREs:CS articles were written by Wegman+Scott students or colleagues. Those may be fine, or not. Last Spring, I did a quick scan of all the papers already published.(*) Of 156 papers:

4 were by Wegman+Said

14 were by other Wegman students

8 were by Wegman coauthors

6 were by others at George Mason

1 was by a Said coauthor

That is 33/156, or 21%, which may be just fine, or it may be high.

6 were by Scott, and 4 more from a student, coauthor or Rice colleague.

That seems more reasonable, but this still totals 25-30% of papers by people closely connected with the editors.

That may or may not be fine.

Of more concern, Rezazad(2011) in WIREs:CS was written by a student of Wegman's.(*) His PhD was one of those that contained plagiarism and thanked Wegman and Said for help. It was on network optimization, supposedly creating novel algorithms. The WIREs:CS article was just a minor edit of a section of his dissertation, never cited. Somehow, a supposedly-novel part of a (non-peer-reviewed) dissertation got published almost unchanged via editors close to him, in a review journal.

I had some reservations about its usefulness in the real world, as did some other computer scientists who looked at it. (Having worked at Bell Labs for 10 years and then 17 years in Silicon Valley computer companies, I have some networking background.)

David Lilja of the University of Minnesota was the senior author of a credible WIREs:CS article on statistics of computer performance. He is a serious expert, and I've given invited lectures on this topic at Stanford, Princeton, Cambridge and other schools, so I'm familiar with it as well. I

know Lilja's article is good, and I think many others are likely good.

Lilja's article seemed to get very minimal review, leading one to wonder if it done just by Yasmin Said, quite unqualified on the particular topic.

Authors of good articles may well not be happy with all this.

Even if most articles are OK, it is very difficult to trust the journal's quality, especially as it covers a vast range of topics beyond the expertise of the Editors and the Advisory Board, all statisticians. WIREs:CS has seemed to want to subsume large parts of computer science and operations research, but with articles of uncertain quality.

The retracted CSDA paper was reviewed only by Wegman's CSDA E-I-C Stanley Azen, an old friend of Wegman's with no experience in the paper's topic.

He accepted it in a week and thus published something not only plagiarized but technically bad enough to be panned by experts.

Similar, but worse behavior seems present in WIREs:CS. It seems a weird mixture of credible articles by experts, combined with any easy way for Wegman and associates to publish "peer-reviewed" articles without much real peer review.

PRINT REFERENCE

'John Wiley & Sons intends to capture this content in a comprehensive print reference work, the Wiley Encyclopedia of Computational Statistics.'

http://media.wiley.com/assets/3002/50/WIREs_comp_stats_guide_for_authors12.10.pdf

Without a comprehensive review by independent experts, I think Wiley should have serious concerns about that.

CURRENT STATUS

About 2 weeks ago, I emailed similar notes to Peter Wiley, Sean Pidgeon and the non-management Board.

Last week, another person emailed or sent letters to the Board and also copied Gary Rinck.

Sincerely,

John Mashey, PhD (Computer Science), past VP & Chief Scientist, Silicon Graphics.
Portola Valley, CA

(*) If they are of use, I have a spreadsheet that lists the WIREs:CS articles and identifies relationships. I also have the comparison of Rezazad(2011) and his dissertation.

Quigley, Stephen - Hoboken

From: John R. Mashey [mash@heymash.com]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2011 1:27 AM
To: Quigley, Stephen - Hoboken
Cc: Bailey, Janet - Hoboken; jlr@psu.edu; jhf@stanford.edu
Subject: RE: Email of 03/28/2011; further issues regarding Wegman, Said, WIRES:CS
Attachments: chron.wegman.xlsx; Wiley.WIRES.xlsx; wegman.resume2a.pdf

Dear Mr. Quigley:

I am afraid further problems have appeared; beyond the plagiarism reported to Wiley ^{03/28/10}, detailed in: <http://deepclimate.org/2011/03/26/wegman-and-said-2011-dubious-scholarship-in-full-colour/>
I sympathize with the awkwardness of all this and I apologize for any errors, as this was assembled in some haste.

OVERVIEW

1) Problem: Dr Yasmin Said's affiliations on WIRES:CS masthead are either false or obsolete.

2) Problem: Further plagiarism has been found in WIRES:CS Vol 1, Issue 1, Said and Wegman, "Roadmap for optimization."

Much of it seems cut-and-paste from Wikipedia articles.

3) There are also some disquieting concerns, which may or may not rise to actual problems.

Wiley may want to check the review processes at WIRES:CS and clarify how this really works, as there seems to be confusion.

About 28% of the papers are authored by the Editors themselves or people with obvious close ties.

The scope of WIRES:CS seems a bit broad for good review coverage, even understanding the interdisciplinary approach.

1) PROBLEM: DR YASMIN SAID'S AFFILIATIONS ARE EITHER FALSE OR OBSOLETE

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/%28ISSN%291939-0068/homepage/EditorialBoard.html>

<http://www.wiley.com/bw/editors.asp?ref=1939-5108&site=1> both show:

"Yasmin H. Said, Professor, Oklahoma State University,
Ruth L. Kirschstein National Fellow, George Mason University"

a) Said has ***never*** been an employee of OSU and certainly not a Professor. She was offered an Assistant Professor job in March 2009, for Fall 2009. She later requested a lighter teaching load, granted by OSU. Then, around August, she asked to defer her arrival by a semester, which was not agreed, so she resigned that position

For a few months, both she and OSU did think she would be starting there in the Fall.

For background, see Appendix A.6.5, "Odd loose ends at Wiley Interscience" p.83 of:

<http://deepclimate.files.wordpress.com/2010/09/strange-scholarship-v1-02.pdf>

If confirmation is needed from OSU, I can provide relevant contacts.

b) She was a Kirschstein Fellow, but as best as I can tell, has not been so since Sept 2008, before the first issue of WIRES:CS.

<http://grants.nih.gov/training/outcomes.htm#DataStatistics>

<http://report.nih.gov/FileLink.aspx?rid=634> FY 2008 – lists Said, and that would cover through September 2008.

<http://report.nih.gov/FileLink.aspx?rid=635> FY 2009 – does not list Said

c) Most of her biography provided through Wiley is obsolete, wrong, or exaggerated, discussed later.

2) **PROBLEM: FURTHER PLAGIARISM:** WIRES:CS Vol 1, Issue 1, Said and Wegman, "Roadmap for optimization" (SW2009)

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/wics.16/abstract>

Part of this article seemed to have come from Wikipedia, but more has been found since:

<http://deepclimate.org/2011/03/26/wegman-and-said-2011-dubious-scholarship-in-full-colour/#comment-8486>

I think a thorough comparison document will be prepared by an associate in next week or two, but a few hours' efforts sufficed to find Wikipedia pages, circa mid-2009, all of which have text with striking similarities, although SW2009 occasionally has extra errors.

http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Karush%E2%80%93Kuhn%E2%80%93Tucker_conditions&oldid=303189545

http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Linear_programming&oldid=302228577

http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Simplex_algorithm&oldid=269565766

http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Karmarkar%27s_algorithm&oldid=292855439

http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Simulated_annealing&oldid=301539847

For example, here is a cut-and-paste with minimal trivial edits, a plagiarism style seen often involving Said:

Said and Wegman: p.9 Simulated annealing (zero citations)

"Simulated annealing is a probabilistic metaheuristic global optimization algorithm for locating a good approximation to the global minimum of a given function in a large search space. For many problems, simulated annealing may be more effective than exhaustive enumeration provided that the goal is to find an acceptably good solution in a fixed amount of time, rather than the best possible solution."

http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Simulated_annealing&oldid=301539847 (July 2009)

" **Simulated annealing (SA)** is a generic probabilistic metaheuristic for the global optimization problem of applied mathematics, namely locating a good approximation to the global minimum of a given function in a large search space. ... For certain problems, simulated annealing may be more effective than exhaustive enumeration — provided that the goal is merely to find an acceptably good solution in a fixed amount of time, rather than the best possible solution."

One might ask if **anyone** actually reviewed this paper, as it has problems beyond plagiarism. The approach seems to take uncited Wikipedia pages, copy a few of the references found in Wikipedia, but often detached as "further reading" or equivalent.

Attachment 1 is a draft summary chart of alleged plagiarism issues 1996-2011 covering Wegman and students. I make no claim that this is anything like complete, as various seemingly-related articles are not easily obtained.

I have ever found any evidence of plagiarism by Dr. Scott, although he has certainly been aware of earlier plagiarism issues. See p.7 (03/24/10 Rice letter to Bradley):

http://www.desmogblog.com/sites/beta.desmogblog.com/files/strange%20inquiries%20v2%200_0.pdf

3) CONCERNS: PROCESSES AT WIRES:CS AND SEEMING CONFUSION OVER NATURE OF REVIEW; BREADTH

Attachment 2 is a spreadsheet identifying all 156 WIRES:CS articles and their authors, as backup for further comments, with summary data at bottom of spreadsheet.

NO CRITICISM WHATSOEVER OF WIRES:CS AUTHORS IS IMPLIED HERE. Most articles seem written by people with relevant published records. Unlike the conclusions of Said, Wegman, et al (2008) in CS&DA, I do not think association is guilt, but some WIRES:CS patterns raise disquieting concerns.

a) KEY ROLE OF YASMIN SAID, VERY JUNIOR COMPARED TO OTHER WIRES EDITORS, AND WITH DUBIOUS CREDENTIALS

http://media.wiley.com/assets/2205/94/WIREs_comp_stats_author_guide.pdf has Said as the contact and Managing Editor.

Unlike the other WIRES editors, who are clearly senior people, she is a Research Assistant Professor:

<http://peoplefinder.gmu.edu/index.php?search=yasmin+said&group=faculty&x=0&y=0>

As noted in Attachment 1, Dr Said appears to have a long history of plagiarism, starting with her PhD dissertation.

I cannot find a current C.V. The best I have is the following Wiley file, and it is possible that some past claims simply have not been updated. Nevertheless, it has many strange claims.

http://media.wiley.com/assets/3002/50/WIREs_comp_stats_guide_for_authors12.10.pdf of which p.6 says, with my annotations:

“Dr. Yasmin H. Said is a Visiting Fellow(1) at the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences at the University of Cambridge in England

and is a National Research Fellow(2) from the National Institutes of Health. She earned her A.B. in pure mathematics, her M.S. in computer science and information systems, and Ph.D. in computational statistics. She does alcohol modeling, agent-based simulation modeling, social network analysis, text, image, and data mining, and major public policy work trying to minimize negative acute outcomes, including HIV/AIDS, related to alcohol consumption. Dr. Said is also the Statistical Methodology Director of the Innovative Medical Institute, LLC(3), and Co-Director(4) of the Center for Computational Data Sciences in the College of Science at George Mason University. She is the editor of *Computing Science and Statistics*(5), is an associate editor of the journal, *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*(6), serves on the board of the Washington Statistical Society(7), and serves on the American Statistical Association Presidential Task Force on Science Policy. Dr. Said is an elected member of the International Statistical Institute, an elected member of the Research Society on Alcoholism, and an elected member of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society. She is currently writing a book, *Controversies in Global Warming*(9) and another, *Statisticians of the Twentieth Century*. She has published a book, *Intervention to Prevention: A Policy Tool for Alcohol Studies*. With colleagues she has developed testimonies on global warming for the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and to the House Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.(10) She has also taught probability and statistics at The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.(11)”

(1) She and Dr Wegman were at Cambridge during part of 2008.

(2) Kirschstein Fellowship described above. As best as I can tell, that ended Fall 2008.

(3) Innovative Medical Institute: little or no trace of this, whatever it is/was.

(4) <http://cos.gmu.edu/> lists no such center. It does have <http://cos.gmu.edu/departments/computational-and-data-sciences> → <http://cgs.gmu.edu/> Oddly, Said isn't listed in <http://cgs.gmu.edu/content/faculty>.

(5) That sounds like a journal, but is actually the proceedings of the Interface Symposia, organized by Interface, which has long been run by Wegman, <http://www.interfacesymposia.org/>, and for some of its history see:

<http://deepclimate.files.wordpress.com/2010/09/strange-scholarship-v1-02.pdf> p.79.

(6) She is no longer is an Associate Editor at CS&DA, and was not in December 2010.

(7) <http://washstat.org/wssinfo.html> She was a non-voting member, on the Social Arrangements Committee.

(8) <http://www.amstat.org/committees/commdetails.cfm?txtComm=ABTBODO>

I don't think this still exists, and the term “Presidential” is curious.

(9) This is claimed by Amazon to be a 288-page book published by Wiley in 2007, but only by Wegman.

http://www.amazon.com/Controversy-Global-Warming-Study-Statistics/dp/0470147849/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1303676024&sr=8-1

Some of us have tried to order this book. Oddly, at the same time different booksellers claimed it was not yet printed or available within 2-3 days. Perhaps some is still working on it. I would be curious if someone at Wiley can confirm the existence or non-existence of this book, noting that if it actually exists, and if it includes much of the Wegman Report, there will likely be copyright actions.

(10) This was the Wegman Report, of which 35/91 pages have obvious plagiarism, among many other problems, including a key statistical claim based on a 1% cherry-pick of desired results.

<http://deepclimate.files.wordpress.com/2010/09/strange-scholarship-v1-02.pdf>

(11) Yes, this was true, for 2005-2006 school year. Then she returned to GMU.

b) SEEMINGLY HIGH FRACTION OF AUTHORS CLOSE TO THE EDITORS

Many of the WIRES:CS authors are clearly distinguished, with relevant publications, from my perusal of many C.V.s - they seem quite appropriate authors for review articles. I certainly expect editors to ask people they know for invited papers or book chapters, and Wegman and Scott have been prolific authors, so would have many coauthors and that is fine.

Still, it is disquieting that 28% of the papers (43/156) are authored by the editors, their past students, coauthors and university colleagues, 21% (33/143) by those of Wegman or Said. Of this group, again, many are distinguished, quite reasonable choices, but some other author-topic combinations are not obvious. Some other people are starting to go back and review more of the articles and I will pass along anything of interest.

This level of associate involvement may be perfectly acceptable, especially if strong review processes are followed. Alternative explanations might be less positive.

c) INVITED OR REVIEWED?

From outside, it is very difficult to tell whether WIRES:CS has invited papers, peer-reviewed papers or editor-reviewed papers. Authors use different terminology in their C.V.s. Perhaps different papers are treated differently or perhaps people are just confused. If papers really are refereed, it is somewhat disconcerting to find only "Published Online" dates, rather than Received/Revised/Accepted dates, whose existence helps calibrate the processes.

The Mason Gazette, May 24, 2010, <http://gazette.gmu.edu/articles/16986> writes:

"According to Wegman, who directs Mason's Center for Computational Data Sciences, WIRES Computational Statistics is published six times per year. Contributions are by invitation and are refereed."

It is hard to believe that "Roadmap to Optimization" was refereed or even seriously reviewed.

Of the 225 author-paper combinations, I found 75 that were listed in people's C.V.s:

3 invited

45 ambiguous, such as "journal papers" or just "papers" or "publications"

27 Reviewed or refereed

Of Dr Scott's 6 articles, 5 have appeared in his C.V., and they are all labeled "refereed." As far as I can tell, he is writing on subjects he knows, and these seem likely to be solid articles, but it seems fair to ask about the refereeing process, since that process failed badly with 2 articles by Wegman and Said.

His C.V. is <http://www.stat.rice.edu/~scottdw/cv.pdf>

Wegman's last available C.V. (Attachment 3) is from February 2010, but the file disappeared in August 2010, along with some other important files. Wegman lists "Roadmap for Optimization" under "Papers" (#197), not under his "Invited Papers".

Almost every paper in WIRES:CS may actually be fine, but as a reader of various journals, it is important to understand the quality control and review processes actually in place. When I read review articles, I would like to know that they are well-balanced reviews and not recent research contributions (that might apply to a few.)

If they are claimed to be refereed, it would be nice to be confident about that.

d) SCOPE OF WIRES:CS SEEMS OVERLY BROAD, WHICH MAY STRETCH REVIEW COVERAGE

I have long been fond of interdisciplinary approaches, but I have some concern when I read the topics included in:

<http://wires.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WiresJournal/wisId-WICS.htm>

Has Computational Statistics expanded to include the wide range of topics included there?

It appears to have taken over big parts of computer science. Maybe that is appropriate, but it raises a question whether or not the Editors-in-Chief and Editorial Board ***clearly*** cover all this with computing expertise equivalent to their obvious statistical expertise.

It might be helpful if the Editorial Advisory Board listed key areas of expertise, as is often done in other WIREs journals and elsewhere.

Maybe it makes sense for a statistics journal to cover data mining (for which another WIREs exists), data visualization, data structures, databases, modeling & simulation, artificial intelligence, optimization and computer science models ... but it raises concerns about the consistency of review. Most articles may be just fine, but it is really hard to be sure, especially given the problems around Dr. Said.

Example: I return to the Wegman & Said optimization article.

I was surprised to see "Roadmap to Optimization" in a computational statistics journal, whose lead author has no obvious strong publication record in the topic. I thought the article was of poor quality, written for no obvious audience, mixing detailed (if standard) math with shallow summaries lacking any sense of context.

Has computational statistics now also subsumed a large part of Operations Research?

If optimization should be discussed, I'd hope for something better than a shallow glued-together mix of mostly Wikipedia articles, with little context on real-world usage and importance.

CONCLUSION

I think WIREs generally seems a good idea, and most articles seem plausible, even in WIREs:CS.

I hope Wiley can deal with the clear problems and at least consider the concerns.

Interdisciplinary areas are nontrivial to get right, but the quality of implementation really depends on the editors, and in this case, I'm afraid Wiley's trust has been badly abused.