

From the CSBIGS Editor

It is a pleasure to issue Volume 4 Number 1 of **CSBIGS (Case Studies in Business, Industry and Government Statistics)**. We hope that you will enjoy reading the cases in this issue and will get a chance to work with the datasets graciously shared by the authors. CSBIGS encourages the use of its cases for teaching, training or other purposes with proper acknowledgment.

The policy of the journal is indeed to provide readers with the data used in the cases, masked when necessary. Please consider contributing a case to CSBIGS; if you would like to write a case but have no data, please contact us as we might be able to provide a dataset. Instructions to authors are available on the CSBIGS web site at www.bentley.edu/csbigs.

You will have a chance to read in this issue an analysis of daily predictions of the 2008 United States presidential election, as well as a discussion of popular lottery strategies in the State of California.

One of the articles in this issue provides a practical introduction to dynamic data visualization, featuring movie clips to demonstrate some of the techniques, and another paper illustrates an important diagnostic step for ARMA modeling with the help of monthly data on three-month government United States Treasury bill rates. This issue of CSBIGS demonstrates how to use mixed effects models in the context of nested animal breeding data in Africa, and how to leverage a partial triadic analysis to analyze water quality in France. Enjoy!

We would like to express our gratitude to members of the Editorial Board for their hard work and commitment to CSBIGS, to all the authors, reviewers, and those who help format and post CSBIGS. Thanks are also in order to Bentley University for supporting the journal.

Last, but not least, should you wish to join the editorial team, please contact us and attach a résumé; your help is needed and will be very much appreciated.

Please do send us e-mails of colleagues whom we should add to the CSBIGS mailing list. The more we get the word out, the more CSBIGS is cited and the happier we all are!

Hoping to hear from you soon,

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