

STATISTICS COLLOQUIUM

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“The Five Most Consequential Ideas in
the History of Statistics”

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ABSTRACT

Five ideas are identified as the most consequential in the history of statistics. All had origins that predate the 20th century; all have enduring contemporary relevance; all are basic yet sufficiently subtle that they can puzzle and perplex some of the best minds even today. And, no, Bayes Theorem is not in the list.