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Ellen P. McCann
George Mason University

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Holly Johnson
University of Ottawa

“A textbook like this is exactly what we need. Our class focuses on the application of statistics concepts/procedures using SPSS.”

Dazhi Yang
Boise State University

“For me, the most impressive aspect of the text is the accompanying features. In particular, the online tutorials are great. They are potentially useful inside and outside of the classroom. I believe that if students simply know that they have a website to go to for assistance, much of the apprehension that goes along with learning a new data analysis program will be eradicated.”

Matthew Costello
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“This textbook is comprehensive in helping students grasp the importance of understanding how to conduct the appropriate statistical tests with different variables (continuous or categorical), levels of measurement, and nature of data (normal vs. skewed) using SPSS. Each chapter has numerous practice questions for students to hone their practice skills using SPSS. The audio visual links are added bonus to this book as students can return to the recorded information on conducting certain statistical analyses.”

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