Thank you for your interest in the Phil Stat Wars Forum (The website is phil-stat-wars.com).

I. Who might wish to participate in the forum?
Forum participants, at least while they are participating, should be committed to constructive dialogue (at least while participating in our forum) and be interested in trying out new ideas. You don’t have to have a statistical or a philosophical background; it suffices to be interested in obtaining one. You can be an entirely invisible observer, if you choose, but all participants need to have some shared background. They should read in advance:

1. the material for the session
2. the material from at least one of the 6 sessions of the Research Seminar Ph500, available on the seminar blog.

A general overview is given in a portion of the readings for the first meeting (May 21) consisting of the first 28 pages from Mayo’s Statistical Inference as Severe Testing: How to Get Beyond the Statistics Wars (CUP, 2018). The pages are here:

Excursion 1 Tour I:
Ideally, participants are interested in contributing to launching new directions in the broad, interdisciplinary field of Phil Stat* in ways that challenge the status quo. *A general discussion of Phil Stat is here.

Reading for the August 20 session with Daniël Lakens is:


II. If you wish to be added to our list for these monthly forums:
Please write to: Jean Miller at jemille6@vt.edu. Provide your full name, email, affiliation or address, a bio or CV, and a sentence or two explaining your interest.

I look forward to seeing you there!

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