# Preface to the Third Edition

This third edition updates the second edition of this book, reflecting new features available in Stata version 12. Since version 10, Stata has added several new graphical features, including a command for creating contour plots, options that give you greater control over the display of text, and the ability to create graphs from the results of the `margins` command. Additional sections have been added to this third edition that illustrate these new features.

A new section has been added that illustrates the use of the `twoway contour` command; see Twoway : Contour (141). You can see Options : Text Display (388) for information about how to specify symbols, subscripts, and superscripts, as well as how to display text in bold or italics; this section also describes how you can display text using different fonts. A new section has also been added that describes how you can customize graphs created using the `marginsplot` command; see Appendix : Marginsplot (444).

This third edition also includes minor updates here and there to bring the text up to date for use with Stata version 12.

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