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Warm Regards,

Stephen Camilli, FSA President





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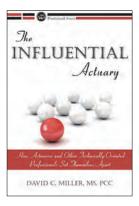
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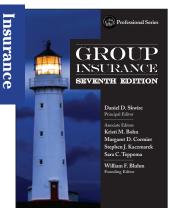
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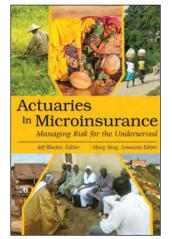
Kristi M. Bohn, Margaret D. Cormier,

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Since its original publication in 1992, *Group Insurance* has become the resource of choice for experts as well as beginners. It is an essential tool for anyone who wishes to practice in the group benefits field.

This text is a comprehensive treatment of all aspects of group insurance in the United States and Canada. It addresses life and health insurance as well as government programs and more specialized forms of insurance. Emphasis is placed on the actuarial aspects of this important field of insurance including pricing, regulation, underwriting, financial reporting, and modeling.

The seventh edition of *Group Insurance* contains a number of important changes and enhancements. Every chapter in the book has been revised and updated to reflect the latest developments in the group insurance market. There are also new chapters on Group Insurance Reserves and Estimating Pharmacy Claim Costs, along with a greatly expanded treatment of the impact of the Affordable Care Act in the United States. Finally, improved organization should provide a logical guide to the detailed content of this text.



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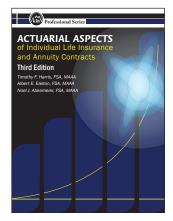
Microinsurance, insurance designed for underserved populations, is a growing market with an increasing need for actuarial knowledge, interest and expertise. *Actuaries in Microinsurance* aims to help develop the actuarial capacity in the MI market, improve the relevance and sustainability of products, and ultimately assist individuals, families, and communities escape poverty. This groundbreaking book intersperses technical chapters and short anecdotes. The personal anecdotes give first-hand account of what it is like to work in developing regions while the technical chapters cover a wide variety of topics directly relevant to actuaries interested in this field.

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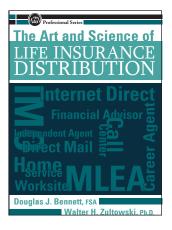
Chapter topics include an overview of microinsurance (MI), how to find MI opportunities, data sources, regulation, credit life, health MI, homeowners MI, crop insurance, and microtakaful. Countries discussed include: Mexico, South Africa, Brazil, India, Fiji, Benin, Vietnam, Malaysia and more.

"One of the constraints inhibiting the expansion of better insurance services for more low-income households is sufficient technical expertise. The contributors to this valuable publication represent the burgeoning nucleus of this expert cadre, and hopefully their thoughts and experiences will inspire many more actuaries around the world to apply their technical skills to achieve development objectives."

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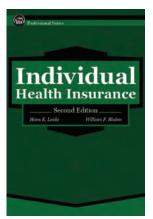


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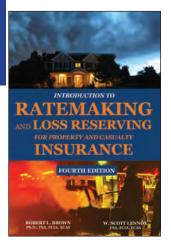
Hans K. Leida & William F. Bluhm

This text is listed in the Course of Reading for SOA Fellowship study in the Group & Health Track.

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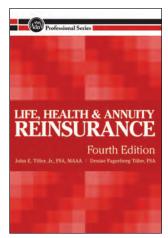
This text provides a basic foundation of knowledge concerning two fundamental building blocks of property/casualty actuarial work: ratemaking and loss reserving. Although the material is of property/casualty origins, the methods presented have potential application in other insurance areas including health insurance and risk management. The text contains a **number of worked examples and end-of-chapter exercises**.

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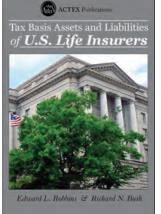
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This text is listed in the Course of Reading for SOA Fellowship study in the Individual Life & Annuity Track.

*Life, Health & Annuity Reinsurance* addresses the many issues and considerations involved in reinsurance for life, health and annuity companies. Although written by actuaries, it may be read by anyone interested in the topic and does not require an actuarial background.

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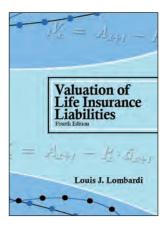
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Edward L. Robbins & Richard N. Bush

This innovative textbook, a sequel to *US Tax Reserves for Life Insurers* published in 2005, provides authoritative guidance and mathematical approaches to calculating both actuarial tax basis liabilities (reserves and related items) and assets (primarily invested assets and deferred taxes).

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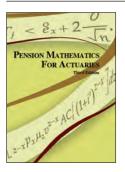
This text is listed in the Course of Reading for the EA-1 Examination. It has also been adopted as the required text for introductory actuarial science courses at a number of colleges and universities.

This is an introductory treatment of compound interest and basic aspects of life contingencies. It is the perfect book for colleges and universities that are supportive of actuarial education, but do not have formal actuarial science programs. The theory is illustrated by worked examples and reinforced through numerous exercises.

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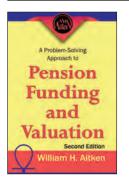
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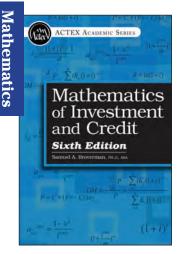
This work differs from other texts on pension mathematics by presenting the topic through a very large number of worked examples, rather than in a conceptual, formula-oriented approach.

This text contains **169 worked examples**, discussion questions intended to stimulate further understanding of the subject, and numerical end-of-chapter exercises. Most of the examples and exercises are taken from examinations of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

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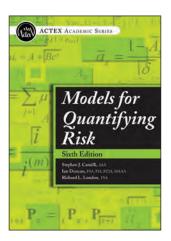


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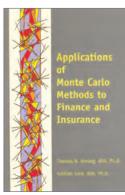
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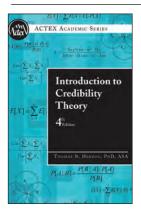
Stephen J. Camilli, FSA Ian Duncan, FSA, FIA, FCIA, MAAA Richard L. London, FSA An Official Reference for **EA-1** and addresses all the Learning Objectives for **SOA Exam MLC** 

There are several areas of expanded content in the Sixth Edition, due to the revised format of SOA Exam MLC. The additional written-answer examples will better prepare students for this question format. Additional treatment of multi-state models, Thiele's Equation, profit testing, and Universal Life Insurance has been added. This book is specifically focused on the North American market and actuarial profession. The notation and terminology fully conform to that being used on Exam MLC, thus offering a seamless transition from textbook study to exam day.

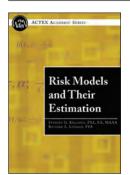
The textbook presents a variety of stochastic models for the actuary to use in undertaking the analysis of risk. It is designed to be appropriate for use in a two or three semester university course in basic actuarial science. Specifically written with SOA Exam MLC in mind, models are evaluated in a generic form with life contingencies included as one of many applications of the science. Students will find this book to be a valuable reference due to its easy-to-understand explanations and end-of-chapter exercises.



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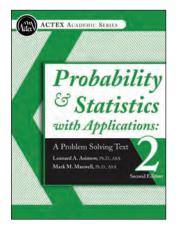
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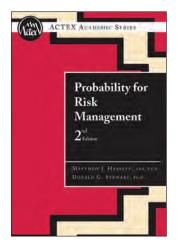
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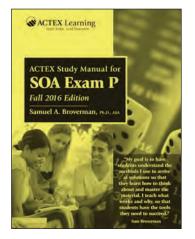
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Formerly financial reporting actuary for Guardian Life Insurance Company. Served on the SOA's Education and Examination Committee for 11 years. Taught exam preparation courses for the Actuarial Society of Greater New York (ASNY) for 15 years and for CAMAR for 6 years. Currently is an adjunct professor at Columbia University and teaches exam preparation courses at St. Johns University.

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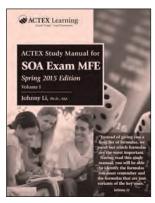
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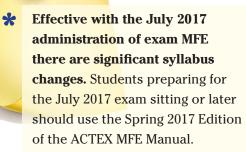
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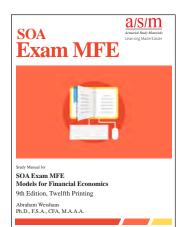


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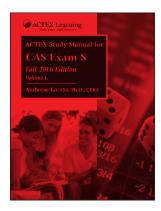
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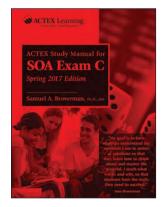
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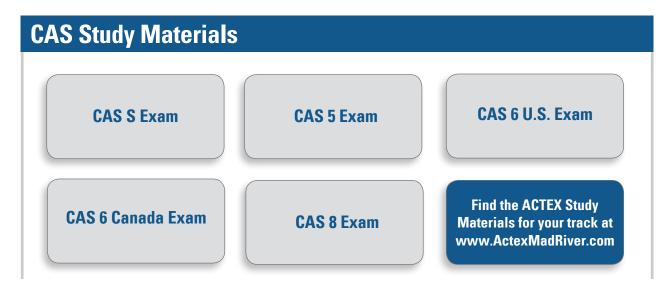
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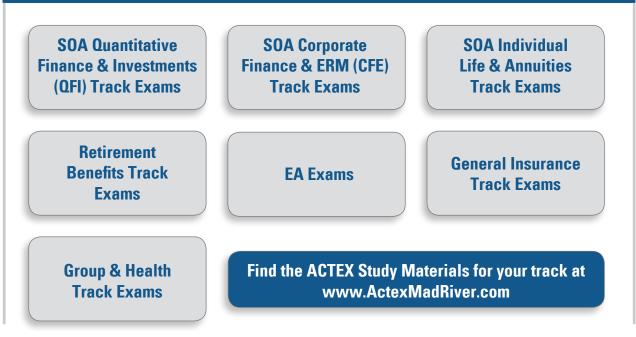
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