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Education

Postdoctoral research fellow, University of California, Berkeley Supervisor: Mark van der Laan	2016 - 2017
PhD. Biostatistics, University of Washington Advisors: Peter Gilbert and Marco Carone Dissertation: Data-Adaptive Estimation in Longitudinal Data Settings with Applications in Vaccine Efficacy Trials	2010 - 2015
MPH Biostatistics, University of Georgia	2008 - 2010
B.S. Statistics, University of Georgia	2006 - 2010

Peer-reviewed publications

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Funding

Principal Investigator

National Science Foundation

Division of Mathematical Sciences Statistics Program 8/2020 - 8/2023
Accurate and Interpretable Machine Learning for Prediction and Precision Medicine
Award amount: \$219,995; FTE: 10%

Co-investigator

National Institutes of Health

Emory/Georgia TB Research Advancement Center (TRAC) 7/2017 -
Award number: P30AI168386-01 (PI: Gandhi, Rengarajan); FTE: 10%

*Statistical approaches to improving functional connectivity estimates
with an application to autism* 4/2022 - 3/2027
Award number: R01MH129855 (PI: Risk); FTE: 10%

SDMC: HIV Vaccine Trials Network 7/2017 -
Award number: 5UM1AI068635 (PI: Gilbert); FTE: 25%

*Statistical Methods for Incorporating Machine Learning Tools in Inference and
Large-Scale Surveillance Using Electronic Medical Records Data* 7/2019 - 7/2024
Award number: 1R01HL137808 (PI: Carone); FTE: 20%

- Engaging African American and Latino MSM for HIV Testing and Prevention Services Through Technology* 9/2017 - 7/2022
Award number: 1U01PS005181 (PI: Sullivan); FTE \approx 5%
- The UNC/Emory Center for Innovative Technology (iTech) Across the Prevention and Care Continuum, iTech Analytic Core* 9/2017 - 7/2022
Award number: 1U19HD089881 (PI: Hightow-Weidman); Sub ID: 8777 (PI: Muessig); FTE \approx 10%
- A Clinical Pharmacology Study of a Novel Drug Regimen for Pre-XDR and XDR Tuberculosis* 10/2018 - 1/2019
Award number: 1R21AI122001 (PI: Kempker); FTE \approx 12.5%
- Sympatho-Inhibition with Mindfulness in Chronic Kidney Disease* 9/2019 - 8/2021
Award number: 1R61AT010457 (PI: Park); FTE: 5%

Government contract

- Center for Disease Control
Influenza Division: Epidemiology and Prevention Branch 1/2018 - 3/2020
IPA; FTE \approx 15%
- Foundation for Atlanta Veterans Research 7/2019 - 6/2020
MOU; FTE \approx 7.5%

Foundations

- Wellcome Trust Foundation
Effect of Rotavirus Vaccine on Antibiotic Prescribing and Antimicrobial Resistance 6/2020 - 6/2022
PI: Lopman; FTE \approx 10%
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Healthy Birth, Growth and Development Knowledge Initiative 7/2017 - 2/2018
Award number: OPP1147962 (PI: van der Laan); FTE: 34%
- PATH
MAL-095 Ancillary Amplicon Sequencing Study: Molecular Detection and Genotyping of Plasmodium falciparum Parasites in Young African Children after Immunization with RTS,S/AS01E Malaria Vaccine 7/2017 - 7/2021
PI: Wirth; FTE \approx 15%

Emory University

- Transplant rejection diagnosis and classification using machine learning on whole-slide imaging in pediatric and adult kidney transplant recipients* 10/2018 - 10/2019
PI: Hogan; FTE: 5%

Teaching

Formal courses

Emory University

- Causal Inference (BIOS761/EPI760) 2021
25 students;
- Data Science Toolkit (INFO 550) 2021
34 students; Evaluations (92.3% response): Course - 4.8/5, Instructor - 4.9/5
- Causal Inference (BIOS761/EPI760) 2021
30 students; Evaluations (83.3% response): Course - 4.8/5, Instructor - 4.9/5

Data Science Toolkit (INFO 550) 39 students; Evaluations (92.3% response): Course – 4.7/5, Instructor – 4.9/5	2020
Introduction to Statistical Inference (BIOS 511) 23 students; Evaluations (91.3% response): Course – 4.6/5, Instructor – 4.7/5	2020
Introduction to Statistical Inference (BIOS 511) 22 students; Evaluations (95.5% response): Course – 4.7/5, Instructor – 4.8/5	2019
Artificial Intelligence and the Ethical Dimensions of Data Science (Academic Learning Community)	2019
<u>University of California, Berkeley</u>	
Targeted Learning with Biomedical Big Data (PB HLTH 295)	2016

Short courses

Statistical Learning in Mediation Analysis <i>Summer Institute in Statistics for Clinical and Epidemiological Research</i> 34 participants	2021
Modern Statistical Learning Methods for Observational Biomedical Data <i>Summer Institute in Statistics for Clinical and Epidemiological Research</i> 39 participants	2021
Introduction to causal inference with machine learning <i>6th Seattle Symposium in Biostatistics</i> 182 participants	2020
Modern Statistical Learning Methods for Observational Biomedical Data <i>Summer Institute in Statistics for Clinical and Epidemiological Research</i> 42 participants	2020
Modern Methods for Observational Biomedical Data <i>International Conference on Health Policy Statistics</i> 52 participants	2020
Modern Statistical Learning Methods for Observational Biomedical Data <i>Summer Institute in Statistics for Clinical and Epidemiological Research</i> 27 participants	2019
Modern Statistical Learning Methods for Observational Biomedical Data <i>5th Annual Summer Institute for Statistics in Clinical Research</i> 29 participants	2018
Modern Statistical Learning Methods for Observational Data and Applications to Comparative Effectiveness Research <i>4th Annual Summer Institute for Statistics in Clinical Research</i> 50 participants	2017
Teaching Assistant, University of Washington	
Categorical Data Analysis (BIOS 536)	2013
Advanced Regression Methods I (BIOS 570)	2012

Students**PhD supervision**

Ziyue Wu	2019 – 2022
Sohail Nizam	2019 –
Lindsey Schader	2019 –
Yutong Jin	2019 –
Jialu Ran (co-advisor with Ying Guo)	2019 –

PhD committee

Chang Liu (EPI)	2022 -
Andrea Lane (BIOS)	2020 - 2022
Davit Baliashvili (EPI)	2020 - 2021
Kevin Maloney (EPI)	2019 - 2021
Jonathan Smith (EPI)	2018 - 2020

Masters capstone

Courtney Simmons – <i>The effect of hyperparameter tuning on the prediction of HIV-1 pseudovirus sensitivity to antibody neutralization</i>	2021
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Masters thesis

Haoyong Yu – <i>Bagging for the highly adaptive lasso</i>	2020
Zhenghao Hu – <i>Using deep learning methods to predict the VRC01 neutralization sensitivity by HIV-1 gp160 sequence features</i>	2020
Weishan Song – <i>Stability of Inference Derived from Machine Learning-based Doubly Robust Estimators of Treatment Effects</i>	2020
Qiao Deng – <i>Trends of authorship equity in global health research in infectious disease over the past two decades</i>	2020
Yuan Zhao – <i>Targeted Maximum Likelihood Estimation to Evaluate Effect of Novel Regimens on Multidrug Resistant Tuberculosis</i>	2019

Software

1. **Benkeser D**, Hejazi N, “`survtmle`: Targeted Minimum Loss-Based Estimation for Survival Analysis in R.” [CRAN](#)/[GitHub](#). doi: [10.5281/zenodo.835868](#).
 - implements methods of Benkeser, Gilbert, Carone (2017), *Stat. in Med.* and Benkeser, Carone, Gilbert (2019) *JASA*.
 - 19480 total downloads (as of 2022-06-20)
2. **Benkeser D**, “`drtmle`: Doubly-Robust Inference in R.” [CRAN](#)/[GitHub](#). doi: [10.5281/zenodo.844836](#).
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 - 12488 total downloads (as of 2022-06-20)
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 - 8241 total downloads (as of 2022-06-20)
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 - developed in support of methods proposed in Hejazi, et al (2020) *Biometrics*.

- 13574 total downloads (as of 2022-06-20)

Honors and Awards

Emory Department of Biostatistics: Michael J. Lynn Award in Collaborative Biostatistics	2021
Emory Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics Teaching Award (runner-up)	2019
NIAID Travel Scholarship Workshop Big Data and Infectious Diseases	2015
WNAR Distinguished Oral Presentation	2015
NCI Cancer Epidemiology Training Grant	2013 - 2015
NHLBI Cardiovascular Epidemiology Training Grant	2010 - 2012
University of Georgia College of Public Health Excellence in Biostatistics Award	2010

Professional Service

Editorial

Biometrics, Associate Editor	2021 -
Journal of Causal Inference, Associate Editor	2016 -
International Journal of Biostatistics, Associate Editor	2016 -

Peer Review

Biometrics, Annals of Applied Statistics, Statistical Methods in Medical Research, Statistics in Medicine, BMJ Open, PLOS One: Computational Biology, The R Journal, Journal of Palliative Medicine, Annals of Epidemiology, American Journal of Epidemiology, Biometrika, JRSS-C, Epidemiology, Journal of Applied Statistics, Journal of the American Statistical Association, JRSS-B, Global Epidemiology, Epidemiology, Clinical Trials, Nature Communications, Journal of the International AIDS Society, Biostatistics, Annals of Statistics, Journal of Infectious Disease

Grant review

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute	2022
Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute	2021
National Science Foundation Review Panel, Division of Mathematical Statistics	2021
National Science Foundation Review Panel, Special Panel Multimodal Sensor Systems	2020
Wellcome Trust, Postdoctoral Fellowship	2020
NIH: National Institute on Drug Abuse, Special Emphasis Panel	2020
National Science Foundation Review Panel, Division of Mathematical Statistics	2019
National Science Foundation Review Panel, Division of Mathematical Biology	2018

Conference organization

Invited session organizer, JSM	2021
Organizer, Program in Quantitative Genomics Conference, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health	2021

Presentations

- Online Causal Inference Seminar, Stanford University, May 2022.
 - “Discussion of: Estimands and estimation of COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness under the test-negative design: connections to causal inference”
- FDA, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, April 2022.
 - “Immune Correlates Analysis of the mRNA-1273 Vaccine Efficacy Trial”
- Vanderbilt University, Department of Biostatistics, March 2022.
 - “Immune Correlates Analysis of the mRNA-1273 Vaccine Efficacy Trial”
- Emory University, Department of Quantitative Theory and Methods, February 2022.
 - “Immune Correlates Analysis of the mRNA-1273 Vaccine Efficacy Trial”
- Georgia Clinical and Translational Science Alliance Research Forum, October 2021.
 - “Design and analysis considerations for a sequentially randomized HIV prevention trial in transgender adolescents”

- Journal Club for the International Biometrics Society (invited), October 2021.
“Improving Precision and Power in Randomized Trials for COVID-19 Treatments Using Covariate Adjustment, for Binary, Ordinal, or Time to Event Outcomes”
- ICSA 2021 (invited), September 2021.
“Inference for natural mediation effects under case-cohort sampling: identifying COVID-19 vaccine correlates of protection”
- JSM (invited), August 2021.
“Improving Precision and Power in Randomized Trials for COVID-19 Treatments Using Covariate Adjustment, for Binary, Ordinal, or Time to Event Outcomes”
- University of Washington Clinical Learning, Evidence and Research Center for Musculoskeletal Disorders (invited), July 2021.
“Causal inference and the role of machine learning”
- Society for Clinical Trials (invited), May 2021.
“Design and analysis of correlates data for COVID-19 vaccine trials”
- University of Florida, Center for Statistics and Quantitative Infectious Diseases, March 2021.
“COVID-19 vaccines: correlates and sieve analysis”
- ENAR (invited), March 2021.
“Improving Precision and Power in Randomized Trials for COVID-19 Treatments Using Covariate Adjustment, for Binary, Ordinal, or Time to Event Outcomes”
- Dana Farber Cancer Institute Zoominars for Data Science (invited), December 2020.
“COVID-19 Vaccine Trial Design”
- COPSS-NISS COVID-19 Data Science Webinar Series (invited), December 2020.
“The Statistics of COVID-19 Vaccine Trials”
- University of Washington, Department of Biostatistics, seminar (invited), October 2020.
“At warp speed: Statistics and COVID-19 vaccine development”
- CDC Statistical Advisory Group, seminar (invited), October 2020.
“Targeted machine learning for generating reliable, robust, real world evidence”
- Yale Biostatistics Seminar Series, seminar (invited), October 2020.
“At warp speed: Statistics and COVID-19 vaccine development”
- University of Louisville Dept. of Bioinformatics & Biostatistics, seminar (invited), October 2020.
“At warp speed: Statistics and COVID-19 vaccine development”
- JSM (contributed), August 2020.
“Design and analysis considerations for a sequentially randomized HIV prevention trial in transgender adolescents”
- Food and Drug Administration, webinar (invited), June 2020.
“Practical Issues in Targeted Learning”
- St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Data-Driven Precision Medicine and Translational Research in the Era of Big Data (invited), May 2020.
“Causal inference and the role of machine learning.”
- Clemson University School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences Seminar (invited), April 2020.
postponed due to COVID-19
- National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Roundtable on Subset Analysis in Clinical Studies (invited), March 2020.
“Machine learning and causal inference with applications in subgroup analysis.”
- Emory Center for AIDS Research Network Science Seminar, January 2020.
“SLAPNAP: An automated pipeline for prediction of neutralization sensitivity by HIV sequence features.”
- Computational and Mathematical Statistics (contributed), December 2019.
“Collaborative inference for causal effect estimation and general missing data problems.”
- Georgia Statistics Day, October 2019.
“Collaborative inference for causal effect estimation and general missing data problems.”
- University of Georgia, Department of Statistics (invited), September 2019.
“Collaborative inference for causal effect estimation and general missing data problems.”

JSM (contributed), July 2019.

“Targeted Machine Learning for Real World Evidence Analytics.”

WNAR (invited), June 2019.

“Design and analysis considerations for a sequentially randomized HIV prevention trial in transgender adolescents.”

Institute for Computational and Experimental Research in Mathematics, Providence RI, January 2019. TRIPODS: Models and Machine Learning for Causal Inference and Decision Making in Health Research (invited).

“Super efficient estimation of the average treatment effect.”

Georgia Statistics Day, October 2018.

“Nonparametric doubly-robust inference for the mean outcome under a longitudinal treatment decision rule.”

Centre de Recherches Mathematiques, Montreal Canada, June 2018. Workshop on causal inference for complex graphical structures workshop (invited).

“Inference on vaccine sieve effects using machine learning.”

Emory Center for AIDS Research Network Science Seminar, January 2019.

“Sieve analysis: Analyzing the role of pathogen genetics in vaccine efficacy”

International Conference on Health Policy Statistics (invited), January 2018.

“Estimation and inference for the causal effect of a treatment on a rare outcome using bounded statistical models.”

University of Florida Winter Workshop (poster), January 2018.

“Online super learning.”

Georgia Statistics Day, October 2017.

“The highly adaptive lasso and efficient estimation of causal effects.”

WNAR (invited), June 2017.

“The highly adaptive lasso estimator and efficient estimation of causal effects.”

University of Paris, Nanterre, Department of Mathematics (invited), May 2017.

“Vaccine sieve analysis.”

University of California, San Francisco, TAPS/Methods Core Seminar (invited), March 2017.

“Optimally combining outcomes to improve prediction.”

University of California, Berkeley, Evaluation and Assessment Research Center Seminar (talk), November 2016.

“Optimally combining outcomes to improve prediction.”

IEEE Conference on Data Science and Advanced Analytics (special session), October 2016.

“The highly adaptive lasso estimator.”

University of California, Berkeley Biostatistics Department Seminar (invited talk), August 2016.

“Targeted estimation of vaccine sieve effects in the RTS,S/AS01 preventive malaria vaccine efficacy trial.”

WNAR/IBC (invited talked), July 2016.

“Circumventing the curse of dimensionality in asymptotic efficient estimation.”

WNAR/IBC (invited talked), July 2016.

“Nonparametric doubly-robust inference for the average treatment effect.”

University of Washington, Biostatistics Department Seminar (invited talk), January 2016.

“Genetic diversity and protective efficacy of the RTS,S/AS01 malaria vaccine.”

NIAID Big Data Workshop (invited), November 2015.

“Applications of data-adaptive estimation in preventive vaccine efficacy trials.”

JSM (contributed), August 2015.

“Methods for increased power in vaccine efficacy trials”,

WNAR Student Paper Competition (talk), June 2015.

“Robust estimation of cumulative incidence in the setting of competing risks.”

Selected Press

- Mallapaty S, Ledford H, “COVID-vaccine results are on the way – and scientists’ concerns are growing.” *Nature News*. Sept 25, 2020. url: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-02706-6>. [\[link\]](#).
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University Service

Emory University, Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics

High performance computing committee	2017 -
PhD curriculum committee	2017 -
Tenure-track faculty search committee	2018 - 2019
Second year qualifying exam grader	2018 -
Department chair search committee	2019 - 2020
Department admissions committee	2021
Research-track faculty search	2022
Director of Data Science Initiatives	2022 -

Emory University, Department of Epidemiology

PhD curriculum committee	2019 - 2020
Second year qualifying exam grader	2021 -

Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health

Computation and Data Science Advisory Group	2019 -
Faculty Council	2019 -