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**PERSONAL:** Born in Prato, Italy, on July 23, 1966. Dual Citizen: Italy & USA.

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Theory & Methods: Bayesian modeling, Graphical models, Nonparametric Bayes, State-space models, Statistical computing, Variable selection, Wavelets.

Applications: Bioinformatics, Large-scale Genomic data, Neuroscience & Neuroimaging, Engineering.

### EDUCATION

- 1996 Ph.D., Statistics, University of Florence, Italy. Thesis title: *On the Application of Wavelets in Statistics* (in Italian). Advisor: Prof. Antonio Moro.
- 1992 Laurea (B.S.), Mathematics, University of Florence, Italy.

### EXPERIENCE

- 2016- Noah Harding Professor of Statistics, Rice University, TX.
- 2007- Adjunct Professor, Department of Biostatistics, UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, TX.
- 2014-2019 Chair, Department of Statistics, Rice University, TX.
- Fall 2013 Associate Chair, Department of Statistics, Rice University, TX.
- 2007-2017 Director, Interinstitutional Graduate Program in Biostatistics, Rice University and UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, TX.
- 2014-2016 Honorary Chair Professor (by courtesy), Dept of Functional Genomics, Univ of Liverpool, UK.
- 2007-2016 Professor, Department of Statistics, Rice University, TX.
- Spring 07 Adjunct Professor, Department of Statistics, Rice University, TX.
- 2005-2007 Professor, Department of Statistics, Texas A&M University, TX.
- 2005-2007 Program Coordinator, Training Program in Bioinformatics, Texas A&M University.
- 2005-2007 Director, Biostatistics & Bioinformatics Facility Core, NIEHS Center for Environmental and Rural Health (CERH), Texas A&M University.
- 2003-2005 Associate Professor, Department of Statistics, Texas A&M University, TX.
- 1998-2003 Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics, Texas A&M University, TX.
- 1996-1998 Research Fellow, Institute of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Kent at Canterbury, UK.

### VISITING POSITIONS

- Spring 2014 Visiting Fellow, Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Cambridge, UK.
- Spring 2014 Department of Statistics, University of Perugia, Italy (Sabbatical leave).
- Fall 2006 Department of Statistics, Rice University, TX.

Fall 2004	NSF Visiting Fellow, Biostatistics Department, Columbia University, NY (Sabbatical leave).
Fall 2001	Department of Statistics, Stanford University, CA (Junior leave).
Fall 1995	Department of Statistical Science, Duke University, NC (visiting Ph.D. student).
Spring 1995	Department of Mechanical Engineering, Rice University, TX (visiting Ph.D. student).

## HONORS & AWARDS

- 2020 Zellner Medal, International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA).  
[for exceptional service over an extended period of time, with long-lasting impact].
- 2020 Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Adviser Award, School of Engineering, Rice University.
- 2018 Elected President of the International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA).
- 2016 Named Noah Harding Professor, Rice University.
- 2014 Honorary Chair Professorship (by courtesy), Dept of Functional Genomics, U. Liverpool, UK (2014-16).
- 2014 Elected Fellow, International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA).
- 2012 Elected Fellow, American Association the the Advancement of Science (AAAS).
- 2009 Elected Fellow, Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS).
- 2007 Elected Member, International Statistical Institute (ISI).
- 2006 Elected Fellow, American Statistical Association (ASA).
- 2001 CAREER award, National Science Foundation.
- 1997 Elected Member, Royal Statistical Society (RSS).
- 1992 Graduate School Fellowship for studies in Statistics, University of Florence (1992-1995).
- 1992 IBM Scholarship on "Statistical software evaluation".

## Special Lectures

- 2024 Foundational Lecturer, ISBA World Meeting, Venice, Italy (to be given).
- 2021 Distinguished Speaker, University of California at Irvine, CA.
- 2021 Data Science Christmas Lecture, Florence Center of Data Science, U. of Florence, Italy.
- 2019 Keynote Speaker, 6th Bayesian, Fiducial & Frequentist Conf, SAMSI/Duke University, Raleigh, NC.
- 2017 Keynote Speaker, SRCOS Summer Research Conference, Jekyll Island, GA.
- 2017 H.A. David Distinguished Lecture, Iowa State University, Ames, IA.
- 2016 Plenary Lecturer, 3rd Bayesian Young Statisticians Meeting, Florence, Italy.
- 2014 Microsoft Distinguished Speaker, University of Washington, Seattle.
- 2014 Keynote Speaker, 12th ISBA World Meeting, Cancun, MX.
- 2012 Plenary Lecturer, XII LatinAmerican Congress on Prob. & Mathematical Stat., Valparaiso, Chile.
- 2011 Keynote Speaker, Conference of Texas Statisticians, College Station, TX.
- 2010 Invited Lecturer, 9th Valencia International Meeting on Bayesian Statistics, Alicante, Spain.
- 2007 Plenary Lecturer, International Biometric Society, Pisa, Italy.
- 2006 Keynote Speaker, Workshop on Bayesian Inference in Complex Stochastic Systems, Warwick, UK.

## Papers & Thesis Awards

- 2019 *Epilepsia OPEN* Clinical Article Award, Editors' choice.  
[Given to the best original clinical article published during the preceding year.]
- 2018 Lindley Prize (honorable mention), International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA).  
[for innovative research presented at an ISBA World Meeting and published in *Bayesian Analysis*.]
- 2003 Mitchell Prize, International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA).

- [to an outstanding paper that describes how a Bayesian analysis has solved an important applied problem.]
- 2003 *JASA-Applications and Case Studies* Editor's Invited Paper.  
[to a paper selected for presentation at the Joint Statistical Meetings, and published with discussion.]
- 1997 S.I.S. (Italian Statistical Society) award for *Best Doctoral Thesis in Statistics*.  
[Given to the best original PhD Thesis completed during the preceding year.]

## EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2020-2023 Co-Editor, *Journal of the American Statistical Association - Theory & Methods*, an official journal of the American Statistical Association (ASA).
- 2016-2018 Co-Editor, *Stat*, an electronic scientific journal published by Wiley-Blackwell on behalf of the International Statistical Institute (ISI).
- 2013-2015 Editor-in-Chief, *Bayesian Analysis*, an electronic journal of the International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA).
- Associate Editor:
- Journal of the American Statistical Association - T&M* (2011-2012; 2017-2019)
  - Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series B* (2010-2012)
  - Journal of the American Statistical Association - A&CS* (2006-2009)
  - Technometrics* (2004-2007)
  - Chemometrics and Intelligent Laboratory Systems* (2001-2006)
- Deputy Editor, *Bayesian Analysis* (2005-2009)

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- *Chair, Department of Statistics, Rice University*

I completed a 5-year term as Department chair at Rice University during 2014-2019. In that role, I was involved in the Data Science initiative at Rice, particularly in the creation of a DS Minor degree program and in facilitating the creation, and supporting the activities, of the Data to Knowledge (D2K) Lab. I established the Thompson Memorial fund, that supports the James R. Thompson Distinguished Lecture Series and the James R. Thompson Student Award. I worked successfully on two tenure cases and on retention cases. I hired two Assistant Professors. I oversaw a complete revamp of the PhD graduate program, including a revision of the curriculum, qualifying-exams and degree requirements, and the procedures for the annual review of PhD students. I established student travel funds for graduates and UG students. I addressed issues of grade inflation in UG courses and restructured personnel and responsibilities in the admin staff office. I oversaw a complete revamp of the departmental website. I established the departmental Graduate Student Committee, the UG Student Advisory Board, the Faculty Awards and Special Lectures Committee and the External Departmental Advisory Board.

- *President, International Society for Bayesian Analysis*

As the 2018 Elected President of the International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA), I oversaw the regular activities of the Society; I signed an MOU between ISBA and ISI (International Statistical Institute), to increase cooperation between the two societies; I established a cooperation between ISBA and IMS/CUP (Institute of Mathematical Statistics and Cambridge University Press), for new volumes in the IMS Monographs series and IMS Textbooks series; I organized and conducted Board meetings during the 2018 ISBA World Meeting. Furthermore, I had the challenging task of addressing issues of sexual harassment that affected the Society and worked as a member of the Task Team SafeISBA, establishing a Code of Conduct and related Procedures.

- *Director, Interinstitutional Graduate Program in Biostatistics with UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center*

At Rice, I was co-Director (with Gary Rosner) and then Director and PI of a collaborative training program with the MD Anderson, during the period 2007-2017. The program aims at training graduate students in biostatistics with a specific focus on cancer research and it is funded by NIH/NCI via a T32 training grant. As Director/PI, I was responsible for the overall coordination of the program, including mentoring students, coordinating the curriculum across institutions, trainee recruitment, and arranging for summer internship projects. I also secured the 2013 renewal of the NIH/NCI training grant.

- *Editorial Leadership*

As **Co-Editor** of the *Journal of the American Statistical Association - Theory & Methods* (2020-2023), the premier journal of the ASA, I worked at revamping the editorial board, to reflect emerging areas and to bring in a fresh cohort of associate editors; I also engaged in extensive discussions with members of the ASA reproducibility team to introduce a reproducibility review process that requires authors to provide relevant code and data upon submission of invited revised manuscripts.

As **Editor-in-Chief** of *Bayesian Analysis* (2013-2016), the flagship journal of ISBA, I facilitated the re-organization and the update of the editorial process, to conform with modern professional standards. I fostered fast review processes and improved coordination and communication among Editors, AEs and referees. I prompted the adoption of production and editing by an expert scientific editing company, for a more efficient handling of the manuscripts post-acceptance, including the management of the journal website.

#### ADVISORY COMMITTEES (INTERNATIONAL)

- *Member, International Scientific Advisory Committee, ReDS (Rethinking Data Science), Center of Excellence, Dept of Statistics, Computer Science and Applications, University of Florence, Italy (2023-2027).*

Funded by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research. The Advisory Board provides feedback on activities and research plans of the center, on a yearly basis.

- *Member, International Scientific Advisory Committee, Center of Excellence BIGINSIGHT, University of Oslo, Norway (2016-2023).*

Funded by the Research Council of Norway. The Scientific Committee advises on activities and research plans, produces written assessments of progress and supports efforts towards the renewal of funding.

- *Member, International Scientific Advisory Committee, Canadian Statistical Sciences Institute (CANSSI, 2019-2021).*

The Scientific Advisory Committee of CANSSI adjudicates competitions for Collaborative Research Team projects and major workshops and conferences, and makes funding recommendations to the Board. The committee, chaired by the Director of CANSSI, consists of prominent statistical scientists, normally from outside Canada.

- *Member, Scientific Advisory Committee, MRC Biostatistics, Institute of Public Health, Cambridge, UK (2016).*

The purpose of the Committee was to offer advice on strategic directions to the Director and Programme Leaders of the Biostatistics Unit (BSU) at a mid-point in their preparation for the 2018 quinquennial review of the Unit.

- *Foreign member, National Scientific Qualification Committee, Ministry of Education, Italy (2012-2014).*

In the Italian academic system, faculty positions are advertised as national competitions and managed by the individual institutions. Since 2010, participants in competitions for Associate and Full professor levels

are required to possess the “National Scientific Qualification”. This qualification is granted in each academic sector by a National Committee appointed by the Italian Ministry of Education. I served as foreign member of the National Committee for the Statistics sector for the years 2012-2014. The Committee performed a non-comparative assessment of the scientific qualifications of candidates to the roles of Associate/Full professor, and evaluated 350 total candidates in 2012-2013 and 54 total candidates in 2013-2014. All procedures, from the application phase to the publication of the results, were managed electronically. Results and documents were made available through a dedicated platform.

#### **Other International Service**

- Promoter, Agreement of Cultural & Scientific Cooperation between Rice University and the University of Florence, Italy (MOU signed on 10/15/2021).
- Rice coordinator, Student Exchange Program in Statistics and Data Science between Rice University and the University of Florence, Italy (2021-2026).
- Member, Faculty Search Committee, Dept of Mathematics, University of Oslo, Norway (2019).
- Member, Faculty Search Committee, Institute of Basic Medical Sciences, University of Oslo, Norway (2015).

#### **ADVISORY COMMITTEES (NATIONAL)**

- Chair, External Review Comt, Dept of Statistics, University of California at Santa Cruz, CA (2023).
- Member, Steering Comt, NLM-funded Training Program, Gulf Coast Consortia, TX (2016-2023).
- Chair, External Review Comt, Dept of Statistical Science, Duke University, NC (2019).
- Member, Executive Comt, NIDA-funded Training Program, MD Anderson Cancer Center, TX (2010-2017).

**GRANTS FUNDED**

NIH/NICHD R21 HD109725. *Bilingual Exposure Following Preterm Birth: Toddler Language Outcomes and Cumulative Risk Factors*. Role: subcontract-PI (PI: Kelly Vaughn). Period: 04/01/2023-03/31/2025.

NSF/DMS 2113602 *Collaborative Research: Covariate-driven Approaches to Network Estimation*. Role: co-PI. Period: 08/15/2021-07/31/2024.

NIH/NIMH R01 MH124115. *Computational and Electrochemical Substrates of Social Decision-Making in Humans*. Role: subcontract-PI (PI: Read Montague). Period: 08/01/2020-05/31/2025.

NSF/DMS 1811568. *Collaborative Research: Bayesian Network Estimation across Multiple Sample Groups and Data Types*. Role: co-PI. Period: 08/15/2018-08/14/2021.

NSF/SES 1659925. *Collaborative Research: Bayesian Approaches for Inference on Brain Connectivity*. Role: co-PI. Period: 07/01/2017-06/30/2021 (1-year no-cost extension).

Institute of Biosciences and Bioengineering Hamill Innovation Awards, Rice University. *Characterizing Divergent Brain Connectivity Networks Following Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury*. Role: co-PI (with Dana DeMaster). Period: 01/01/2019-12/31/2019.

Shell International Exploration & Production Inc., Sponsored Research Award. *Bayesian State-Space Models for Sensors and Drilling Data*. Role: Sole PI. Period: 01/01/2018-12/31/2019.

Social Sciences Research Institute's Collaborative Research Grant Award, Rice University. *Individual Differences in the Neural Code for Reading*. Role: co-PI (with Simon Fischer-Baum). Period: 07/01/2016-06/30/2017.

NIH/NIGMS R01 GM104972 (joint NSF/NIGMS Mathematical Biology Program). *Nonparametric Bayesian Approaches to Modeling Protein Structure*. Role: subcontract-PI (PI: David Dahl). Period: 05/01/2012-04/30/2017.

NIH/NHLBI P01 HL082798. *Genetic & Physiological Basis of Salt-Induced Hypertension*. Role: subcontract-PI (PI: Allen Cowley). Period: 07/01/2011-06/30/2016.

Comput & Integrat Biomed Res Center Seed Grant, Baylor College of Medicine. *Connectome Based Integration of fMRI and DTI to Define Epileptogenic Zones*. Role: Co-PI (with Z. Haneef and H. Levin). Period: 07/01/2014-06/30/2015.

Comput & Integrat Biomed Res Center Seed Grant, Baylor College of Medicine. *Patterns of Network Connectivity in Temporal Lobe Epilepsy*. Role: Co-PI (with Z. Haneef and H. Levin). Period: 07/01/2013-06/30/2014.

NSF/DMS 1007871. *Bayesian Methods for Variable Selection in Generalized/Nonlinear Models*. Role: Sole PI. Period: 07/01/2010-06/30/2014 (one-year no-cost extension).

Collaborative Research Fund, Virginia and L.E. Simmons Family Foundation. *Novel Approach for Biomarker Discovery in Neurodegeneration: Comparative Genomics, Transcriptomics and Metabolomics*. Role: Co-PI (with M. Maletic-Savatic and J. Botas). Period: 01/01/2011-12/31/2011

NIH/NIGMS R01 GM081631. *Side Chain Driven Refinement of Protein Structure*. Role: subcontract-PI (PI: Jerry Tsai). Period: 08/01/2007-07/31/2011.

NIH/NHGRI R01 HG003319. *Bayesian Methods for Genomics with Variable Selection*. Role: Sole PI. Period: 04/01/2005-03/31/2011 (one-year supplement).

NSF/DMS 0605001. *Wavelet-Based Statistical Modeling and Applications*. Role: Sole PI. Period: 09/01/2006-08/31/2010 (1-year no-cost extension).

NIH/NIEHS Center for Environmental and Rural Health (Director: Philip Mirkes). Role: Director, Biostatistics & Bioinformatics Facility Core. Period: 07/01/2005-06/30/2007.

NSF/DMS CAREER. *Some Applications of Wavelets in Statistics*. Role: Sole PI. Period: 01/01/2001-12/31/2005.

NIH/NCI R01 CA107304. *Adaptive Methodology for Functional Biomedical Data*. Role: Co-I (year 1, 07/01/2004-06/30/2005; PI: Jeff Morris).

Telecommunications and Informatics Task Force at TAMU. *HAIL: High Availability network Infrastructure Laboratory*. Role: Co-PI. Period: 07/01/2003-06/30/2005.

Texas Higher Education Advanced Technology. *Network Architectures Based on Partial State*. Role: Co-I. (PI: A.L.N. Reddy). Period: 07/01/2002-06/30/2003.

Texas Higher Education Advanced Research Grant. *Multivariate Wavelet Component Selection in Near-Infrared Calibration Problems*. Role: PI. Period: 07/01/2000-06/30/2001.

## Training Grants

NSF/DMS 1547433. *RTG: Cross-Training in Statistics and Computer Science at Rice University*. Role: Lead PI (co-PI: Luay Nakhleh). Period: 08/01/2016-07/31/2020 (1-year no-cost extension).

NIH/NCI T32 CA096520. *Training Program in Biostatistics for Cancer Research*. Role: Director/PI (2010-2019); Co-Director/co-PI (2007-2009, with G. Rosner). Period: 09/01/2007- 08/31/2019.

NIH/NCI R25 CA090301. *Training Program in Bioinformatics* (Director: Raymond J. Carroll). Role: Co-I., Program Coordinator and Mentor of postdoctoral trainees. Period: 07/01/2005-06/30/2008.

## Travel Awards

Texas/United Kingdom Collaborative Research Initiative (2004).

National co-founded research, MIUR, Italy (2003-2004).

NSF International Travel grant (2003).

National co-founded research, MURST, Italy (1999-2002).

Texas Transportation Institute, Texas A&M University, support for research (2001).

International Research Travel Assistant Grant, Texas A&M University (1999).

Overseas Conference Grant, The British Academy, UK (1998).

Conference Grant, The Royal Society, UK (1997).

Fondi ex quaranta%, Italy (1996).

## GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

### Ph.D Students and Current Employment (when known):

1. MINGRUI (SCOTT) LIANG (Ph.D. 2023). *Data Scientist* at Wells Fargo, NC.
2. ZIJIAN ZENG (Ph.D. 2023). *Data Scientist* at PROS, Houston TX.  
**Winner**, James R. Thompson Graduate Student Award, Rice University.
3. CHUNSHAN LIU (Ph.D. 2022). *Data Scientist* at Lutron, Austin, TX.
4. EMILY WANG (Ph.D. 2022). *Data Scientist Operations*, CommonSpirit Health, USA.  
**Winner**, ISBA Savage Award for Best Ph.D. Thesis in Applied Methodology.
5. NATHAN OSBORNE (Ph.D. 2021). *Senior Data Scientist* at Intuit, San Diego, CA.
6. YINSEN MIAO (Ph.D. 2019). *Senior Data Scientist*, Fidelity Investment, USA.  
**Winner**, Inaugural James R. Thompson Graduate Student Award, Rice University.
7. ELIN SHADDOX (Ph.D. 2019). *Biostatistician II*, Foundation Medicine, USA.
8. JEONG HWAN (ERIC) KOOK (Ph.D. 2019). *Senior Scientist*, Merck & Co., USA.
9. RYAN WARNICK (Ph.D. 2018). *Data Scientist*, Microsoft Security Research, USA.
10. SHARON CHIANG (Ph.D. 2016; M.D. 2018). Neurology Resident, U. of California at San Francisco, CA.
11. QIWEI LI (Ph.D. 2016). *Assistant Professor*, Department of Mathematical Sciences, UT Dallas, TX.
12. DUNCAN WADSWORTH (Ph.D. 2016). *Senior Data Scientist*, Apple, Seattle, WA.
13. LINLIN ZHANG (Ph.D. 2015). *Data Scientist*, ExxonMobil, Houston, TX.  
**Honorable mention**, ISBA Savage Award for Best Ph.D. Thesis in Applied Methodology.
14. ALBERTO CASSESE (Ph.D. 2013). *Assistant Professor*, University of Florence, Italy.
15. CHRISTINE PETERSON (Ph.D. 2013). *Associate Prof*, Dept of Biostats, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, TX.  
**Winner**, ISBA Savage Award for Best Ph.D. Thesis in Applied Methodology.
16. FRANCESCO STINGO (Ph.D. 2010). *Associate Professor*, Department of Statistics, University of Florence, Italy.  
**Winner**, Italian Statistical Society prize for Best Doctoral Thesis in Statistics.
17. COLLEEN KENNEY (Ph.D. 2010). Deceased.
18. TERRANCE SAVITSKY (Ph.D. 2010). *Senior Res. Statistician*, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington D.C.
19. BEIBEI GUO (Ph.D. 2010). *Associate Professor*, Department of Statistics, Louisiana State U., LA.
20. JAESIK JEONG (Ph.D. 2008). *Associate Professor*, Dept. of Statistics, Chonnam National University, Korea.
21. SANG HAN LEE (Ph.D. 2007). *Research Assistant Professor*, NYU School of Medicine, NY.
22. SINA E KIM (Ph.D. 2006). *Director*, Bristol Myers Squibb, New Jersey, NJ.  
**Winner**, E. Parzen Fellowship Award, Texas A&M University.
23. DEUKWOO KWON (Ph.D. 2005). *Associate Professor*, Clinical & Transl. Sciences, UT Health, Houston, TX.
24. KYUNGDUK KO (Ph.D. 2004). *Associate Professor*, Department of Mathematics, Boise State University, ID.
25. CHUN GUN PARK (Ph.D. 2003). *Associate Professor*, Kyonggi University, Republic of Korea.
26. NAIJUN SHA (Ph.D. 2002). *Associate Professor*, Dept of Mathematical Sciences, UT El Paso, TX.
27. FRANCESCO GABBANINI (Ph.D. 2002). *Tech Leader*, Eli Lilly, Italy.



28. LEONARDO FABBRONI (Ph.D. 2001).

**Winner**, Italian Statistical Society prize for Best Doctoral Thesis in Statistics.

#### **Postdoctoral Fellows and Current Employment:**

1. BENIAMINO HADJ-AMAR (2020-current).
2. DUSTIN PLUTA (2020-2023). *Assistant Professor*, Dept. of Biostats & Data Science, Augusta University, GA.
3. CHENG-HAN YU (2018-2020). *Assistant Professor*, Dept of Math & Stat Sciences, Marquette University, WI.
4. MATTHEW KOSLOVSKY (2018-2020). *Assistant Professor*, Dept of Statistics, Colorado State University, CO.
5. ALBERTO CASSESE (2013-2015). *Assistant Professor*, Department of Statistics, University of Florence, Italy.
6. KASSANDRA FRONCZYK (2011-2014). *Applied Statistician*, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, CA.
7. FRANCESCO STINGO (2010-2011). *Professor*, Department of Statistics, University of Florence, Italy.
8. ALEJANDRO VILLAGRAN (2008-2010). *Senior Data Scientist*, The Boeing Company, Seattle, WA.
9. ANN CHEN (2006-2008). *Director*, Biostatistics, Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah, UT.
10. QIANXING (QUINCY) MO (2005-2006). *Associate Member*, Dept. Biostats, Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, FL.
11. MICHAEL SWARTZ (2004-2006). *Professor*, Biostatistics Dept., UT School of Public Health, Houston, TX.
12. MAHLET G. TADESSE (2002-2004). *Professor*, Dept. Mathematics, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.

#### **Other Fellows/Students I have worked with:**

1. KYLA GIBNEY (PhD 2022).  
Served as PhD Committee member, GSBS, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.
2. RICKY FLORES. *Physician*, Baylor College of Medicine, TX.  
Served as mentor for his CPRIT Training Fellowship in Computational Cancer Biology (2011-2013).
3. YUTAKA YOSHIDA (M.S. 2015). Visiting student, Hokkaido University, Japan.
4. MISHA KOSHELEV (Ph.D. 2011, M.D. 2012).  
Served as mentor on his 2-year pre-doc NLM Training Fellowship in Biomedical Informatics and Comp Biology.
5. KRISTIN LENNOX (Ph.D. 2010). At Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, CA.

#### **Undergraduate Students at Rice University:**

YONGXIANG ZHAO (B.S. 2024; REU summer program); ETHAN KROP, JOANNA WANG and AMEY MALEY (B.S. 2023; Capstone Design project mentor); YIHAN "LYNN" NIU (B.S. 2023); LISA LIN (B.S. 2023); EMMA DUNN and DILEKA GUNAWARDANA (B.S. 2022; Capstone Design project mentor); XIN TAN (B.A. 2021); NOAH FRANKLIN (B.A. 2021); ADESOLA (DESSY) AKINFENWA (B.A. 2019); AMI SHETH (B.A. 2019).

## PUBLICATIONS

(H-index 46 on Google Scholar, ca. 7893 total citations, as of 12/20/2023)

### Books

1. Chiang, S., Rao, V.R. and Vannucci, M. (2024). *Statistical Methods in Epilepsy*. Edited Volume. Chapman & Hall/CRC. Forthcoming.

This edited book provides a comprehensive introduction to statistical methods employed in epilepsy research. Topics include a primer on version control and coding, preprocessing of imaging and electrophysiological data, hypothesis testing, generalized linear models, survival analysis, spatial statistics, network analysis, time-series analysis, spectral analysis, unsupervised and supervised learning, natural language processing, prospective trial design, pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic modeling, and randomized clinical trials. The handbook targets clinicians, graduate students, medical students, and researchers who seek to conduct quantitative epilepsy research.

2. Tadesse, M.G. and Vannucci, M. (2021). *Handbook of Bayesian Variable Selection*. Edited Volume. Chapman & Hall/CRC.

This edited book provides a comprehensive review of theoretical, methodological and computational aspects of Bayesian methods for variable selection. The topics covered include spike-and-slab priors, continuous shrinkage priors, Bayes factors, Bayesian model averaging, partitioning methods, as well as variable selection in decision trees and edge selection in graphical models. The handbook targets graduate students and established researchers who seek to understand the latest developments in the field.

3. Frigessi, A., Buhlmann, P., Glad, I., Langaas, M., Richardson, S. and Vannucci, M. (2016). *Statistical Analysis for High-Dimensional Data - The Abel Symposium 2014*. Edited Volume. Springer Verlag.
4. Do, K.-A., Qin, Z. and Vannucci, M. (2013). *Advances in Statistical Bioinformatics: Models and Integrative Inference for High-Throughput Data*. Edited Volume. Cambridge University Press.
5. Do, K.-A., Mueller, P. and Vannucci, M. (2006). *Bayesian Inference for Gene Expression and Proteomics*. Edited Volume. Cambridge University Press.

### Theory and Methods

1. SONG, Z., SHEN, W., VANNUCCI, M., BALDIZON, A., CINCIRIPINI, P.M., VERSACE, F. and GUINDANI, M. (2023+). Clustering Computer Mouse Tracking Data with Informed Hierarchical Shrinkage Partition Priors. *Biometrics*, invited revision.
2. HADJ-AMAR, B., JEWSON, J. and VANNUCCI, M. (2023+). Bayesian Sparse Vector Autoregressive Switching Models with Application to Human Gesture Phase Segmentation. *Annals of Applied Statistics*, revised.
3. LI, M., LIU, Z., YU, C.-H. and VANNUCCI, M. (2024). Semiparametric Bayesian inference for local extrema of functions in the presence of noise. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, .
4. LIANG, M., KOSLOVSKY, M.D., HÉBERT, E., BUSINELLE, M. and VANNUCCI, M. (2024) Functional Concurrent Regression Mixture Models Using Spiked Ewens-Pitman Attraction Priors. *Bayesian Analysis*, accepted.
5. YU, C.H., LI, M. and VANNUCCI, M. (2024). Semiparametric Latent ANOVA Model for Event-Related Potentials. *Data Science in Science*, in press.
6. ZENG, Z., LI, M. and VANNUCCI, M. (2024). Bayesian Image-on-Scalar Regression with a Spatial Global-Local Spike-and-Slab Prior. *Bayesian Analysis*, in press. [**Winner, ASA/MHSS Section - Student Paper competition**]; [**Runner-up, SMI - Statistical Methods in Imaging - Student Paper competition**].

7. WANG, E.T., CHIANG, S., HANEEF, Z., RAO, V.R., MOSS, R. and VANNUCCI, M. (2023). Bayesian Non-Homogeneous Hidden Markov Model with Variable Selection for Investigating Drivers of Seizure Risk Cycling. *Annals of Applied Statistics*, **17(1)**, 333–356. [**Winner, ENAR Distinguished Student Paper Awards competition**].
8. YU, C.-H., LI, M., NOE, C., FISCHER-BAUM, S. and VANNUCCI, M. (2023). Bayesian Inference for Stationary Points in Gaussian Process Regression Models for Event-Related Potentials Analysis. *Biometrics*, **79(2)**, 629–641.
9. FU, J., KOSLOVSKY, M.D. and VANNUCCI, M. (2023). A Bayesian Joint Model for Mediation Effect Selection in Compositional Microbiome Data. *Statistics in Medicine*, **42(17)**, 2999–3015.
10. LIANG, M., KOSLOVSKY, M.D., HÉBERT, E., BUSINELLE, M., KENDZOR, D. and VANNUCCI, M. (2023). Bayesian Continuous-Time Hidden Markov Models with Covariate Selection for Intensive Longitudinal Data with Measurement Error. *Psychological Methods*, **28(4)**, 880–894.
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- Codes for some of my work on epilepsy research, with Sharon Chiang and Robert Moss, can be found at the dedicated GitHub page <https://github.com/seizurerisk>
- Some of the software packages developed for genomics and neuroimaging applications are featured at the website <http://marina.blogs.rice.edu/software/>. Among others:
  - User-friendly MATLAB GUIs for fMRI data analysis:
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    - \* **MicroBVS**: Dirichlet-Multinomial Regression Models for Variable Selection and Phenotypic Prediction (WADSWORTH *et al.*, 2017; *BMC Bioinformatics*; KOSLOVSKY *et al.*, 2020 *BMC Bioinformatics*; KOSLOVSKY *et al.*, 2020 *Annals of Applied Stats*).
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- R packages available at CRAN:
  - **iBATCGH**: Integrative Bayesian Analysis of Transcriptomic and CGH data.
  - **SCRSELECT**: Bayesian variable selection for a semi-competingrisks model with multiple components.
  - **KScons**: Protein structure prediction.
- Open source **iClusterBayes** function included in the Bioconductor **iClusterPlus** package available at <https://www.bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/iClusterPlus.html>
- JAVA package **cortorgles** for protein structure prediction at <http://dahl.byu.edu/software/cortorgles/>
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Joint Statistical Meetings, Minneapolis, MN.  
Workshop on Data Fusion in Genomics, Imperial College, London, UK.  
Center for Statistical Sciences, Brown University, RI.  
Center for Epidemiology and Biostatistics, University of Texas at San Antonio, TX.

2006 Department of Statistics, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.

CNR - Consiglio Nazionale Ricerche - IMATI, Milano, Italy.  
MOLPAGE Program in Statistical Analysis of Genetic and Gene Expression Data, Pavia, Italy.  
Workshop on Bayesian Inference in Complex Stochastic Systems, University of Warwick, UK (**Keynote**).  
8th Valencia International Meeting on Bayesian Statistics, Benidorm, Alicante, Spain.  
Graybill Conference, Colorado State University, CO.  
ANNET - ADHD Neuroscience Network - workshop, NYU Child Study Center, NY.  
Joint Statistical Meetings, Seattle, WA.  
Department of Statistics, Rice University, Houston TX.  
Department of Biostatistics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC.  
Department of Statistics, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC.

2007 Department of Statistics, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL.

Department of Statistics, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.  
ENAR Spring Meetings, Atlanta, GA.  
NERC International Opportunity Workshop on Fish Toxicogenomics, University of Aveiro, Portugal.  
International Biometric Society - Italian Region, Pisa, Italy (**Plenary**).  
Department of Mathematics, Imperial College, London, UK.  
Department of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.  
Workshop on Bioinformatics, Genetics and Stochastic Computation: Bridging the Gap. BIRS, Banff, Canada.  
6th International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics, Zurich, Switzerland.

2008 Workshop on Bayesian Model Selection and Objective Methods, University of Florida, FL.

9th Brazilian Bayesian Meeting, San Paulo, Brazil.  
Department of Statistical Methods, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.  
Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.  
Statistical Sciences Group, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM.

International Society for Bayesian Analysis, 9th World Meeting, Hamilton Island, Australia.  
Department of Decision Sciences, Bocconi University, Milano, Italy.  
Department of Statistics, Carnegie Mellon University, PA.

2009 TMC Proteomics Meeting, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX.  
Department of Statistics, University of Florence, Italy.  
Department of Statistics, University of Perugia, Italy.  
JSM Joint Statistical Meetings, Washington, D.C.  
Department of Statistics, Columbia University, NY.

2010 Department of Mathematical Sciences, University of Texas at El Paso, TX.  
Department of Statistics, University of Missouri-Columbia, MO.  
Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Emory University, Atlanta, GA.  
ENAR Spring Meetings, New Orleans, LA.  
Workshop on Frontier of Statistical Decision Making and Bayesian Analysis, San Antonio, TX.  
Workshop on Functional Data Analysis, Utah State University, Logan, UT.  
Conference on Nonparametrics Statistics and Statistical Learning, Columbus, OH.  
Ninth Valencia International Meeting on Bayesian Statistics, Benidorm, Alicante, Spain (**Invited Lecturer**).  
JSM Joint Statistical Meeting, Vancouver, Canada.  
The Eighth ICSA International Conference, Guangzhou University, China.  
Department of Mechanical and Automation Engineering, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, HK.  
Department of Applied Mathematics, Shanghai Normal University, Shanghai, China.  
Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade, Shanghai, China.  
Department of Statistics, Fudan University, Shanghai, China.

2011 Department of Biostatistics, UT School of Public Health, Houston, TX.  
ENAR Spring Meetings, Miami, FL.  
Conference of Texas Statisticians, College Station, TX (**Keynote**).  
Joint Statistical Meetings, Miami Beach, FL.  
Learning in the Context of Very High Dimensional Data, Schloss Dagstuhl, Germany.  
Department of Physiology, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI.  
Department of Statistics, Rice University, Houston, TX.  
Department of Biostatistics, Harvard University, Boston, MA.  
Department of Biostatistics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.  
Workshop on Current Challenges in Statistical Learning, BIRS, Banff, Canada.

2012 XII Latin American Congress of Probability and Mathematical Statistics, Vina del Mar, Chile (**Plenary**).  
ENAR Spring Meetings, Washington, D.C.  
Division of Mathematical Sciences, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.  
Department of Statistics and Applied Probability, National University of Singapore, Singapore.  
Joint Statistical Meetings, San Diego, CA.  
8th Conference of Italian Researchers in the World, Houston, TX.  
Department of Statistics, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.  
Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Boston University, MA.  
Department of Economics and Business, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain.  
Barcelona BioMed Conference on Bayesian Statistics for Medical & Bioinformatics Research, Barcelona, Spain.

- 2013 ENAR Spring Meetings, Orlando, FL.  
 IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging, San Francisco, CA.  
 Workshop on High-Dimensional Inference with Applications, University of Kent at Canterbury, UK.  
 School of Biological Sciences, University of Liverpool, UK.  
 Conference on Statistical Science in Society, CANSSI, University of Waterloo, Canada.  
 Division of Biostatistics, UT Health Science Center, School of Public Health, Houston, TX.  
 6th International Conference of the ERCIM Working Group, London, UK.
- 2014 Medical Research Council, Biostatistics Unit, Cambridge, UK.  
 Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Science, Cambridge, UK.  
 60th Biometric Conference of the German Region of the International Biometric Society, Bremen, Germany.  
 ENAR Spring Meetings, Baltimore, MD.  
 Center for Computational and Integrative Biomedical Research, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX.  
 Twelfth World Meeting of ISBA, Cancun, MX (**Keynote**).  
 35th Annual Conference of the International Society for Clinical Biostatistics, Vienna, Austria.  
 RSS/East Kent local group seminar series, University of Kent at Canterbury, UK.  
 Department of Statistical Science, Duke University, NC.  
 Department of Statistics, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (**Microsoft Distinguished Speaker**).  
 SAMSI workshop on Beyond Bioinformatics: Statistical and Mathematical Challenges, Raleigh-Durham, NC.
- 2015 Department of Epidemiology, University of Texas School of Public Health, Houston, TX.  
 Department of Mathematics, University of Houston, TX.  
 ICSA/Graybill Conference, Fort Collins, CO.  
 Joint Statistical Meetings, Seattle, WA.  
 59TH Annual Fall Technical Conference of the American Society for Quality, Houston, TX.
- 2016 Department of Psychology, Rice University, Houston, TX.  
 Department of Statistics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.  
 Workshop on Mathematical and Statistical Challenges in Neuroimaging Data Analysis, BIRS, Banff, Canada.  
 Thirteen World Meeting of ISBA, Sardinia, Italy.  
 Third Bayesian Young Statisticians Meeting, Florence, Italy (**Plenary**).  
 Workshop on Novel Statistical Methods in Neuroscience, Magdeburg, Germany.  
 Department of Mathematics, Washington University in St. Louis, MO.  
 Department of Statistics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.  
 Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.  
 XXVIIIth International Biometric Conference, Victoria, British Columbia.  
 6th Annual NeuroEngineering Symposium, Rice University, Houston, TX.
- 2017 Department of Statistics, Iowa State University, Ames, IA (**H.A. David Distinguished Lecture**).  
 Center for Computational and Integrative Biomedical Research, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX.  
 Summer Research Conference, Southern Regional Council on Statistics, Jekyll Island, GA (**Keynote**).  
 Joint Statistical Meetings, Baltimore, MD.  
 Department of Biostatistics, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.  
 Department of Comput. Biology and Bioinformatics, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.  
 Biostatistics in the Modern Computing Era, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI.  
 O'Bayes Meeting, University of Texas at Austin, TX (discussant).

- 2018 Department of Statistics, University of California, Irvine, CA.  
 Department of Applied Mathematics & Statistics, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA.  
 IISA International Conference on Statistics, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.  
 Joint Statistical Meetings, Vancouver, BC.  
 Department of Statistics, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.  
 Department of Statistics, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.
- 2019 Division of Biostatistics, University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL.  
 44th Spring Lectures Series, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR.  
 6th Bayesian, Fiducial, and Frequentist Conference, SAMSI/Duke University, Raleigh, NC (**Keynote**).  
 7th Workshop on Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.  
 ASA Statistics in Imaging Section, Annual Meeting, UC Irvine, CA.  
 12th International Biometric Society - Italian Region conference, Naples, Italy.  
 40th Annual Conference, International Society for Clinical Biostatistics, Leuven, Belgium.  
 Joint Statistical Meetings, Denver, CO.  
 Center for Computational and Integrative Biomedical Research, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX.  
 Department of Statistics, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.  
 Department of Statistics, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.  
 Symposium on "Bioinformatics: Research & Application", Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.  
 Department of Biostatistics, Yale University, New Haven, CT.  
 iBRIGHT conference on Integrative Biostatistics Research, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.  
 Department of Biostatistics & Data Science, UT Health Science Center, School of Public Health, Houston, TX.  
 Department of Statistical Science, Duke University, NC.
- 2020 Department of Statistics, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD.  
 Joint Statistical Meetings, Philadelphia, PA (virtual event).  
 Department of Biostatistics, McGill University, CANADA (virtual).  
 ASA/Statistics in Imaging Workshop on "Recent Advances in Statistical Analysis of Imaging Data" (virtual).  
Cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic:  
 Conference on Statistical Learning & Data Science/Nonparametric Statistics, Irvine, CA.  
Postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic:  
 50th Scientific Meeting of the Italian Statistical Society, Pisa, Italy.  
 10th Bernoulli-IMS World Congress in Probability and Statistics, Seoul, South Korea.
- 2021 ISBA-BNP webinar series on Bayesian Nonparametrics (virtual).  
 The Oden Institute of Computational Engineering & Sciences, University of Texas at Austin, TX (virtual).  
 Department of Biostatistics, Brown University, School of Public Health, RI (virtual).  
 CANSSI-NISS Conference on Health Data Science (virtual).  
 ASA/Statistics in Imaging Conference, Annual Meeting (virtual).  
 Joint Statistical Meetings (virtual event).  
 Department of Statistics & Data Science, University of Texas at Austin, TX (virtual).  
 Department of Statistics, UC Irvine, CA (**Distinguished speaker**).  
 Florence Center for Data Science, University of Florence, Italy (**Data Science Christmas Lecture**).  
 14th International Conference of the ERCIM Working Group, London, UK (hybrid event).
- 2022 Department of Statistical Science, Southern Methodist University, TX (virtual).  
 Department of Public Health Sciences, Penn State College of Medicine, PA (virtual).

ENAR Spring Meetings, Houston, TX.

ASA Statistics in Imaging Section, Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN (hybrid event).

ISBA World Meeting, Montreal, Canada.

Joint Statistical Meetings, Washington, D.C.

Workshop on NeuroDataScience, University of California at Irvine, CA.

Department of Biostatistics, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (virtual).

IMS International Conference on Statistics and Data Science (ICSDS), Florence, Italy.

2023 PennSIVE Seminar Series, University of Pennsylvania, PA (virtual).

Department of Biostatistics, Emory University, GA (virtual).

BIRS workshop on Statistical Challenges for Complex Brain Signals and Images, Oaxaca, MX (hybrid event).

The 36th New England Statistics Symposium, Boston, MA.

Frontiers of Statistics Symposium, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering & Medicine, Washington D.C.

Department of Biostatistics, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE****Rice University:**

STAT 425	<i>Introduction to Bayesian Statistics</i>
STAT 411/616	<i>Advanced Statistical Methods</i>
STAT 440/BIOE 440	<i>Statistics for Bioengineering</i>
STAT 422/622 & 525	<i>Bayesian Data Analysis</i>
STAT 522	<i>Advanced Bayesian Statistics</i>
STAT 549	<i>Functional Data and Wavelets</i>
STAT 499/699	<i>Topics in Bayesian Statistics</i>
STAT 496/696	<i>RTG Cross-training in Statistics &amp; Computer Science</i>
STAT 600	<i>Graduate Seminar in Statistics</i>
Guest Lecturer	Special topic class on “Wiener’s contributions”, Fall 2013
Invited Lecturer	Mini-course on “wavelets”, Fall 2009.

**Texas A&M University:**

STAT 689	<i>Special Topics: Wavelet-Based Statistical Modeling and Applications</i>
STAT 608	<i>Least Squares and Regression Analysis</i>
STAT 408	<i>Introduction to Linear Models</i>
STAT 212	<i>Principles of Statistics II</i>
STAT 651	<i>Statistics in Research I</i>

**University of Kent at Canterbury:**

Analysis of Variance (co-taught)  
 Statistics for Insurance (co-taught)

**Short-Courses and Workshops:**

*Wavelets and Statistical Applications*  
 Continuing Education course, JSM 2007 (with Brani Vidakovic)  
 Department of Economics, Central Bank of Venezuela, Caracas, 2008

*Bayesian Methods for High-Dimensional Data*

Ph.D. Program in Statistics, University of Florence, Italy (Summer programs, 2005-2008)  
 Ph.D. Program in Statistics, University of Rome, Italy (Summer program, 2009)  
 PASI: Cutting-edge Topics in Theoretical Statistics & Applications (CIMAT, Mexico, April 27-29, 2010)  
 ABS13 - 2013 Applied Bayesian Statistics School (Lake Como, Italy, June 17-21, 2013)

*Bayesian Variable Selection: Historical Perspective & Recent Developments*

Ph.D. Program in Statistics, University of Florence, Italy (December 15, 2021)

*Bayesian Thinking and Analysis*

START@Rice, Statistical Training and Research Techniques, Rice University, School of Social Sciences  
 (Oct 2022; Oct 2023)



**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES****Lifetime Memberships:**

American Statistical Association (ASA)  
 International Society for Bayesian Analysis (ISBA)  
 Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society (full member elected)

**Service to Professional Societies:**

ISBA	Zellner Medal Committee (member, 2022) President-Elect (2017), President (2018), Past-President (2019) Task Force for SafeISBA (member, 2018) - [established a Code of Conduct, Procedures and related Policies] Committee on Fellows (member, 2017-2020) Editorial Search Committee (Chair, 2015) Mitchell Prize Committee (member, 2005-2007 & 2012-2013) Lindley Prize Committee (Chair, 2012) Prize Committee (Founding member, 2007-2010; Elected Chair, 2008-2009) Savage Fund Trust Committee (member, 2006-2007) Associate Editor, Annotated Bibliography section, ISBA Bulletin (2005-2007) Savage Awards Committee (member, 2005-2006) Elected Member of the Board of Directors (2003-2005)
ASA	Inaugural David R. Cox Foundations of Statistics Award Committee (member, 2022-2025) Section on Statistics in Imaging (Chair-Elect, 2023; Chair, 2024; Past-Chair, 2025) Section on Bayesian Statistical Science (Chair-Elect, 2019; Chair, 2020; Past-Chair, 2021) Section on Bayesian Statistical Science (Program Chair-Elect, 2011; Program Chair, 2012) JASA Editor Search Committee member (A&CS, 2015; T&M, 2016) Committee on Federally Funded Research (member, 2013-2015) Noether Awards Committee member (2008-2012) Section on Nonparametric Statistics (Treasurer/Secretary, 2005-2007) Chapter Representative of the Southeast Texas Chapter (2002-2005)
IMS	Committee on Fellows (member, 2017-2020) Travel Awards Committee (member, 2004-2008; Chair, 2007-2008) New Researchers Meeting (Committee member, 2000-2003)

**National Service:**

NSF	Team Leader, NSF Workshop: Statistics at a Crossroads (2018) - [contributed to executive summary "Statistics at a Crossroad: Who Is for the Challenge?"] Panelist: - Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) - Data Mining & Bioinformatics - Statistics and Probability (DMS) - Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (MSPRF)
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- NIH            Study Section and ad-hoc Reviewer:
- NIBIB, BRAIN Initiative, Special Emphasis Panel (01/2019)
  - BDMA (Full member, 2012-2018; Ad-hoc panelist: 03/2005, 10/2005, 10/2010, 06/2011)
  - ARRA Challenge Stage I reviewer (06/2009)
  - NLM Special Emphasis Panel on Informatics Training Grants (05/2006)
  - MBRS Minority Programs (03/2006)
  - Special Emphasis Panel on Software Development (06/2005)
- NSA            Outside Reviewer for the AMS (American Mathematical Society) Panel (01/2007)

### Conferences/Workshops/Panels/Invited Sessions:

Organizing/Scientific Program Committee member:

- IMS International Conference on Statistics and Data Science (ICSIDS)*, Florence, Italy (2022)
- Recent Advances in Statistical Analysis of Imaging Data*, ASA/Statistics and Imaging workshop (2020, virtual)
- Challenges in Functional Connectivity Modeling and Analysis*, SAMSI Workshop, Raleigh, NC (2016)
- Abel Symposium on Statistical Analysis of High Dimensional Data*, Lofoten, Norway (2014)
- 7th Annual Conference on Bayesian Biostatistics & Bioinformatics*, Houston, TX (2014)
- IEEE World Congress on Computational Intelligence*, Hong Kong (2008)
- CAMDA07*, Valencia, Spain (2007)
- 10th ACM-SIGKDD Int Conf on Knowledge Discov. & Data Min.*, Seattle, WA (2004)

Invited Session Organizer:

- Advances in Bayesian Methods for Neuroscience Studies*, Joint Statistical Meetings (2024)
- Bayesian Causal Inference for Health-related Applications and Policy Intervention*, ISBA World Meetings (2024)
- Bayesian Analysis invited discussion paper*, ISBA World Meetings (2014; 2016)
- Highlights from Bayesian Analysis*, Joint statistical Meetings (2014; 2015; 2016)
- Bayesian Models for Neuroimaging Data*, Joint statistical Meetings (2015)
- Data Integration in the Omics Sciences*, International Biometric Conference, Florence, Italy (2014)
- Symposium on Biostatistical Methods for the Analysis of Genomic Data*, 8th Conference of Italian Researchers in the World, Houston, TX (2012)
- Bayesian Bioinformatics*, Joint Statistical Meetings (2007)
- Integrating Multiple Sources of Genomic Data*, Joint Statistical Meetings (2005)
- Bayesian Methods in Genomics*, ENAR Spring Regional Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA (2004)
- Statistical Modeling with Wavelets*, ISBA World Meeting, Viña del Mar, Chile (2004)

Panels and Roundtables:

- Panelist, *Professional development workshop*, j-ISBA (2023, virtual).
- Panelist, *The role of postdocs in Statistics*, ASA Women in Stats & Data Science conference (2020, virtual)
- Panelist, ENAR Junior Biostatisticians in Health Research Workshop (2017; 2019).
- Organizer and Chair, Panel on *Finding a Research Topic*, ASA Women in Stats & Data Science conference, Charlotte, NC (2016)
- Panelist, IMS New Researchers Meeting (2012)
- Chair, Roundtable Luncheon on *Bayesian Variable Selection*, JSM, San Francisco, CA (2003).

### Rice University Service

#### University:

- Faculty Senate, elected member (2021-2025)
- Dean's Review Committee, School of Humanities (2021-2022)

University Committee for Research member (2019-2021)  
Data Science Curriculum Committee member (2016-2019)  
- [established a Data Science Minor at Rice University]  
Neuroscience/Neuro-X Program, Steering Committee member (2016-2018)  
- [established a Neuroscience Major at Rice University]  
Cognitive Sciences Program, Steering Committee member (2016-2018)  
SACSCOS Accreditation, lead role for statistics (2013-2016)  
- [for degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states]  
Search Committee member, Ken Kennedy Institute Faculty Director (2018-2019)  
Search Committee member, Associate Vice Provost for Institutional Research (2015-2016)  
Search Committee member, Dean of Engineering (2010-2011)  
Keck Center for Interdisciplinary Bioscience Training of the Gulf Coast Consortia:  
- Executive Committee member, NLM Training Program in Biomedical Informatics (2016-2023)  
- Faculty mentor (2009-2023)  
Graduate Council Committee member (2011-2013)  
Collaborative Advances in Biomedical Computing Seed Grants, reviewer (2011)  
Century Scholars Program, faculty mentor to undergraduate students (2008-2009)  
NSF ADVANCE Program, faculty mentor to junior faculty (2007-2010)

**Collegiate:**

$(T + R)^2$  Award Selection Committee member (2015-2016)  
Promotion and Tenure Committee member (2007-2009)

**Departmental:**

Department Chair (2014-2019)  
Director, Interinstitutional Graduate Program in Biostatistics (2007-2017)  
Ph.D. Graduate Advisor (2019-2020, 2021-2023)  
Graduate Curriculum Committee (member 2014-2015, 2018-2019; chair 2017-2018, 2020-2021)  
Graduate PhD Admission Committee (member 2007-2011; 2020-2021; chair 2022-2024)  
Faculty Search Committee member (2008-2009, 2012-2013, 2022-2023, 2023-2024)  
Awards & Special Lectures (chair 2019-2020)  
Southern Regional Council of Statistics (SRCOS) representative (2015)  
Department Advancement Committee member (Spring 2014)  
NSF VIGRE PFUG coordinator:  
- “Bayesian Integrative Bioinformatics” (Spring 2012)  
- “Imaging” (2007-2008)  
External member, Methods Search Committee, Department of Political Science (2008-2009)

**Texas A&M University Service**

**University:**

NIEHS Center for Environmental and Rural Health, Biostatistics & Bioinformatics Facility Core:  
- Leading role in the creation of the Core and first Director (2005-2007)  
- Chair of Search Committee (2005)  
Bioinformatics Facility Writing Group member (2005)

**Collegiate:**

Department Head Search Advisory Committee member (2004-2005)  
College of Science Diversity Committee member (2003-2005)

**Departmental:**

Promotion and Tenure Committee member (2006-2007)  
Methods Qualifying Exam Committee member (2005-2007)  
Parametric Inference Cumulative Exam Committee member (2003-2005)  
Faculty Recruiting Committee member (2002-2004, 2005-2006)  
Organizer of the Hartley Memorial Lectures (2001, 2005)  
Colloquium Chair (2000-2001)

**Reviewer (1996- ):** *Annals of Applied Statistics, Annals of the Institute of Statistical Mathematics, Annals of Operations Research, Applied Statistics, Bayesian Analysis, Bioinformatics, Biometrics, Biostatistics, Biometrika, BMC Bioinformatics, BMC Cancer, Briefings in Bioinformatics, Communications in Statistics, Computational Statistics, Computational Statistics and Data Analysis, IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, IEEE Transactions on Image Processing, Journal of the American Statistical Association, Journal of Business & Economic Statistics, Journal of Chemical Information and Computer Sciences, Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of Financial Econometrics, Journal of Intelligent and Fuzzy Systems, Journal of the Italian Statistical Society, Journal of Nonparametric Statistics, Journal of Probabilistic Engineering Mechanics, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series B, Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation, Journal of Statistical Planning & Inference, Journal of VLSI Signal Processing, Nature Communications, NeuroImage, Nucleic Acids Research, Sankhya, Scientific Reports, Signal Processing, Springer Verlag Book Proposals, Statistics and Probability Letters, Statistics in Medicine, Statistical Methods and Applications, Statistical Science, Technometrics.*