

# Stephen A. Lauer Curriculum Vitae <sup>1</sup>

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## Education

- 2014-18 **PhD** Biostatistics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Expected defense date: Summer 2018  
Thesis title: *Methods for making policy-relevant forecasts of infectious disease incidence*  
Thesis advisor: [Nicholas G. Reich](#)
- 2012-14 **MS** Biostatistics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 2005-09 **BS** Business – Operations Management, University of Maryland, College Park

## Awards

- 2015 First place, Award for Outstanding Research Articles in Biosurveillance, International Society of Disease Surveillance
- 2014-16 Dean's PhD Fellowship, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 2013 Second place, Poster at the 16th Annual Research Day, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 2008-09 Academic Honors, University of Maryland, College Park

## Publications

**Lauer SA**, Sakrejda K, Ray EL, Keegan LT, Bi Q, Suangtho P, Hinjoy S, Iamsirithaworn S, Suthachana S, Cummings DAT, Lessler J, Reich NG. *Prospective forecasts of annual dengue hemorrhagic fever incidence in Thailand, 2010-2014*, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, *in press*.

Ray EL, Sakrejda K, **Lauer SA**, Johansson MA, Reich NG. *Infectious disease prediction with kernel conditional density estimation*, Statistics in Medicine, 2017. [ [html](#); [preprint](#) ]

Reich NG, **Lauer SA**, Sakrejda K, Iamsirithaworn S, Hinjoy S, Suangtho P, Suthachana S, Clapham H, Salje H, Cummings DAT, Lessler J. *Challenges in real-time prediction of infectious disease: a case study of dengue in Thailand*, PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases, 2016, 10(6): e0004761. [ [html](#); [pdf](#) ]

Reich NG, Lessler J, Sakrejda K, **Lauer SA**, Iamsirithaworn S, Cummings DAT. *Case studies in evaluating time series prediction models using the relative mean absolute error*, American Statistician, 2016, 70(3):285-292. [ [html](#); [pdf](#) ]

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**Lauer SA**, Kleinman KP, Reich NG. *The Effect of Cluster Size Variability on Statistical Power in Cluster Randomized Trials*, PLoS ONE, 2015, 10(4): e0119074 [ [html](#) ; [pdf](#) ]

## Book Chapters

**Lauer SA**, Brown AC, Reich NG. *Infectious Disease Forecasting for Public Health*, submitted.

## Web Apps & Software

Ramos ER, Ramakrishnan A, Kiridly, and **Lauer SA**. *SEIGMA: Educational Status Shiny App*, Web App, 2015. <https://seigma.shinyapps.io/education/>.

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Ramos ER, Ramakrishnan A, Kiridly, and **Lauer SA**. *SEIGMA: Household Income Shiny App*, Web App, 2015. <https://seigma.shinyapps.io/income/>.

Ramos ER, Ramakrishnan A, Kiridly, OBrien SE, and **Lauer SA**. *SEIGMA: Suicide Shiny App*, Web App, 2015. <https://seigma.shinyapps.io/suicide/>.

**Lauer SA**, Reich NG. *The ALERT Algorithm*, Web App, 2014. <http://iddynamics.jhsph.edu/apps/shiny/ALERT/>.

Reich NG, **Lauer SA**. *ALERT—The Above Local Elevated Respiratory Illness Threshold (ALERT) algorithm (v0.1)*, R Package, 2014. <https://github.com/nickreich/ALERT>.

## Abstracts

**Lauer SA**, Balzer LB, Ray EL, Iamsirithaworn S, Lessler J, Reich NG. *Building on forecasting models to assess the impact of an intervention*, *Epidemics* 6, Nov. 28-Dec. 1, 2017.

**Lauer SA**, Reich NG, Ray EL, Sakrejda K, Lessler J, Keegan LT, Bi Q, Cummings DAT, Iamsirithaworn S, Suangtho P, Hinjoy S, Suthachana S, Laosiritaworn Y. *Prospective forecasts of annual dengue hemorrhagic fever incidence in Thailand, 2010-2014*, Oral Presentation, MIDAS Network Meeting, May 21-25, 2017.

**Lauer SA**, Sakrejda K, Ray EL, Clapham H, Suangtho P, Hinjoy S, Iamsirithaworn S, Suthachana S, Cummings DAT, Lessler J, Reich NG. *Early season incidence, susceptibility, and weather predicts annual dengue hemorrhagic fever incidence in Thailand*, American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene 65th Annual Meeting, Nov. 13-17, 2016.

**Lauer SA**, Sakrejda K, Ray EL, Clapham H, Suangtho P, Hinjoy S, Iamsirithaworn S, Suthachana S, Cummings DAT, Lessler J, Reich NG. *Early season weather and incidence predicts annual dengue hemorrhagic fever incidence in Thailand*, *Epidemics* 5, Dec. 1-4, 2015.

**Lauer SA**, Sakrejda K, Clapham H, Salje H, Suangtho P, Hinjoy S, Iamsirithaworn S, Suthachana S, Cummings DAT, Lessler J, Reich NG. *Real-time prediction of dengue fever in Thailand*, Oral Presentation, American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene 64th Annual Meeting, Oct. 25-29, 2015.

Reich NG, Sakrejda K, **Lauer SA**, Cummings DAT, Suangtho P, Hinjoy S, Iamsirithaworn S, Suthachana S, Clapham H, Salje H, Lessler J. *Real-time forecasting of the 2014 dengue fever season in Thailand*, American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene 63th Annual Meeting, Nov. 2-6, 2014.

**Lauer SA**, Kleinman KP, Reich NG. *Variable group sizes in cluster randomized trials reduces power*, Eastern North American Region of the International Biometric Society 2014 Spring Meeting, Mar. 16-19, 2014.

**Lauer SA**, Kleinman KP, Reich NG. *Cluster randomized trials and statistical power*, Oral Presentation, 141st American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition, Nov. 2-6, 2013.

## Grants Scored

NIH F31 Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (Resubmission), *Designing statistical models to predict dengue fever outbreaks in real time*, Score: 27, Payline: 22, August 2015.

NIH F31 Individual Predoctoral Fellowship, *Designing statistical models to predict dengue fever outbreaks in real time*, Score: 31, Payline: 22, April 2015.

**Professional  
Activities &  
Service**

- Fall 2015-  
Spring 2016 Graduate Student Senator, University of Massachusetts, Amherst: elected by peers within the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology to represent them in the Graduate Student Senate.
- Fall 2014-  
Spring 2015 Member, Biostatistics Faculty Search Committee, University of Massachusetts, Amherst: chosen by the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology to be the doctoral representative on a committee for hiring a tenure-track biostatistics faculty.
- Spring 2014-  
Spring 2016 Co-founder & Treasurer, Graduate Researchers in Data (GRiD): elected in consecutive years to be the Treasurer of a Graduate Student Organization which had weekly meetings on novel topics in data science. Additionally, we hosted one weekend-long hackathon each year (HackEbola and HackPVTA), both of which drew over 50 graduate students.

**Editorial  
Activities**

Reviewer PLOS ONE & PLOS NTDs

**Mentorship  
& Teaching**

MS Thesis Committee Kristina Yamkovoy (Fall 2017-*present*)

Lecturer Introduction to Statistical Computing in R (PUBHLTH 497R), undergraduate-level seminar (1 credit). Designed and taught a programming class to complement an introductory statistics course for public health students. Fall 2016 & 2017.