

BINOD ACHARYA

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Health disparities; Social epidemiology; Spatial statistics; Statistical modeling	
EDUCATION	M.S., Biostatistics Drexel University	2019 Philadelphia, PA
	M.S., Entomology (Minor: Applied Statistics) Louisiana State University	2017 Baton Rouge, LA
	B.Sc., Agriculture (Major: Agricultural Economics) Tribhuvan University	2011 Kritipur, Nepal
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p>Data Scientist/Biostatistician, Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, Aug 2023 - Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide statistical and data science expertise for diverse clinical and public health research projects at the Vickie and Jack Farber Vision Research Center.• Collaborate with clinical investigators to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Refine research objectives and formulate hypotheses.– Design studies, develop algorithms, and perform statistical analyses– Generate report, prepare manuscripts, participate in grant applications• Support the Biostatistics Consulting Core by providing consultation on study design and statistical analyses for clinical researchers.• Current projects include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Estimating failure rates of corneal cross-linking in keratoconus patients.– Examining disparities in treatment initiation for neovascular AMD.– Investigating the relationship between sickle cell traits and glaucoma.– Understanding bilateral sequential blindness after glaucoma diagnosis.– Neural network models in predicting glaucoma progression using clinical and visual field data.– Exploring the relationship between discrimination in medical settings and visit adherence among patients with diabetes. <p>Data Analyst, Drexel University, Philadelphia Apr 2019 - July 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided statistical expertise for research projects applying advanced methods, including Bayesian inference, survival, multilevel and generalized linear models.• Contributed to the SALURBAL project, focusing on urban health disparities in Latin America using small-area estimation.• Conducted social-epidemiological research on eviction, informal settlements, homelessness, and residential segregation.• Researched pandemic-driven health and behavioral disruptions, such as telehealth utilization, spending on food and alcohol, and vaccine lottery effectiveness.• Analyzed and developed visualizations for the 2019 project Reducing Cancer and Improving Health Outcomes in Philadelphia Neighborhoods.	

Research Assistant, Drexel University Oct 2017 - Mar 2019
 Managed and cleaned datasets (surveys, censuses, vital statistics, spatial) and supported manuscripts involving multilevel and spatial analysis using SAS, R, and ArcGIS.

Research Assistant, Louisiana State University Jan 2015 - May 2017
 Designed and conducted a laboratory research to identify the genetic basis of Bt protein resistance in fall armyworm and provided assistance in field research.

Program Associate, World Wildlife Fund Inc, Nepal Jun 2014 - Dec 2014
 Provided technical support to community leaders to protect ecologically fragile hills of Nepal by improved agricultural and livestock management practices.

Technical Officer, National Tea & Coffee Development Board, Nepal Apr 2012 - Jun 2014
 Provided technical support to stakeholders for improved coffee farming

PUBLICATIONS

Valentino G, Auchincloss A, **Acharya B**, Tumas N, Carvalho M, López N, Kroker-Lobos MF, Ortigoza A, Nazzari, C. Prevalence of daily fruit and vegetable intake by socioeconomic characteristics, women's empowerment, and climate zone: An ecological study in Latin American cities. *J Nutr Sci*. (Forthcoming)

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Guimarães JMN, **Acharya B**, Moore K, López-Olmedo N, de Menezes MC, Stern D, de Lima Friche AA, Wang X, Delclòs-Alió X, Rodríguez DA, Sarmiento OL, de Oliveira Cardoso L. City-level travel time and individual dietary consumption in Latin American cities: results from the SALURBAL Study. *Int J Environ Res Public Health*. 2022;19(20):13443. [\[Link\]](#).

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WORK IN
PROGRESS

Bhatta D, Sizer MA, **Acharya B**, Banjara D. Assessment of mental and primary health outcomes in integrated care: a longitudinal study. (Under Review)

Reddy R, Shalaby WS, Sagar SJ, Kumar K, **Acharya B**, Zhang Q, et al. Long-term

visual field progression in patients with optic disc drusen with or without Glaucoma. (Under Review)

Lee KE, Lam L, Thuma T, **Acharya B**, Zhang Q, Adhan I, et al. Clinical characteristics and surgical procedures in Sturge-Weber Syndrome-Associated Glaucoma (SWS-G): an Academy IRIS® Registry analysis. (Under Review)

Momenaei B, **Acharya B**, Zhang Q, Hyman L, Haller J. Disparities in presentation and initiation of anti-VEGF therapy for neovascular age-related macular degeneration: An analysis of the Academy IRIS® Registry. (Manuscript in preparation)

Zhou S, Zhang M, Boal N, Carrasco J, Penne R, Rabinowitz M, Gunton KB, Sharpe J, **Acharya B**, et al. Outcomes of Thyroid Eye Disease in patients with moderate-to-severe extraocular muscle involvement: a 10-year institutional experience. (Manuscript in preparation)

Oliveira TL, Silva UM, **Acharya B**, Quick H, Moore K, Bilal U, et al. Life expectancy in small areas in six Brazilian state capitals, 2015-2019. (Manuscript in preparation)

REPORTS,
POSTERS,
ABSTRACTS

[Abstract] Acharya B, Momenaei B, Zhang Q, Hyman L, Haller J. Disparities in presentation and initiation of anti-VEGF therapy for neovascular age-related macular degeneration: An analysis of the Academy IRIS® Registry. Submitted for 2025 Annual Meeting of Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, May 2025.

[Abstract] Talebi R, Acharya B, Momenaei B, Hyman, L. Perceived discrimination in medical settings and adherence to diabetic retinopathy screening among patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus. Submitted for 2025 Annual Meeting of Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, May 2025.

[Abstract] Valentino G, Tumas N, Carvalho M, Acharya B, Nazzal, C. Social contextual factors and prevalence of daily fruit and vegetable intake in 137 Latin American cities. In 2024 World Public Health Nutrition Congress, June 2024.

[Abstract] Kolomeyer N, Tomaiuolo M, Zhang Q, Acharya B, Myers JS, Hyman, L. Unilateral, bilateral, and sequential blindness in glaucoma patients in the IRIS Registry. In 2024 Annual Meeting of American Glaucoma Society, Feb 2024.

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[Poster] Bennett DS, Subedi K, Acharya B, Heffler KF. Sensory profiles at 33 months as a function of early screen media exposure. In 2023 Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Meeting, March 2023.

[Poster] Acharya B, Moore K, Bilal U, Quick H, Diez Roux AV. Small area estimation of life expectancy in cities in Argentina and Brazil: methodological approach. In 2022 UHC Day poster session, Drexel University.

[Poster] Subedi K, Acharya B, Ghimire S. Factors associated with hospital readmission

among patients experiencing homelessness. In 2022 Annual meeting of Association for Clinical and Translational Statisticians.

[Abstract] Trotta A, Bilal U, Acharya B, Quick H, Moore K, Perner SM, et al. Inequity and life expectancy in Buenos Aires, Argentina 2015-2017: A small area estimation approach. In 17th International Conference on Urban Health, July 2021.

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[Poster] Acharya, B. Spatiotemporal analysis of overall health in the United States between 2010-2018 using Bayesian methods. In 2019 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo.

RESEARCH GRANT PARTICIPATION	National Institute of Health Clinical Trial Emulation in Ophthalmology: The Endophthalmitis Vitrectomy Study (Application Under Review) Hyman, L. and VanderBeek, B.L. (PIs), Acharya, B. (Co-PI)	
SERVICES	2024 - present	Research Instructor (Volunteer) Sidney Kimmel Medical College Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA
	2023 - present	Academic Editor, <i>PLoS ONE</i>
	2021 - present	Ad-hoc journal referee for <i>American Journal of Epidemiology</i> , <i>JAMA Pediatrics</i> , <i>Scientific Reports</i> , <i>Journal of Clinical Oncology</i> , <i>Social Science and Medicine</i> , <i>JAMA Network Open</i> , <i>Preventive Medicine</i> , <i>Frontiers in Public Health</i> , <i>Frontiers of Medicine</i> , <i>Economic Modeling</i> , <i>PLoS ONE</i> , <i>Applied Clinical Informatics</i> , <i>Digital Health</i> , <i>International Journal of Health Promotion and Education</i> , <i>Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine</i> , <i>American Journal of Ophthalmology</i> , <i>BMJ Open Ophthalmology</i> , etc.
AWARDS	2019	Delta Omega student poster award
	2017-2019	Dean's scholarship Dornsife School of Public Health, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
SKILLS	Computer Languages/Software:	R, SAS, ArcGIS, WinBUGS, RMarkdown, Quarto, Python, Stata, SPSS, SQL, JAGS, L ^A T _E X, Stan, Github
	Human Languages:	English, Nepali, Hindi
	Certification:	Data Scientist with R, Datacamp SAS Certified Clinical Trials Programmer SAS Certified Base Programmer for SAS 9