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RESEARCH INTERESTS	I am interested in causal inference, semiparametric and nonparametric statistics, and machine learning methods. I am passionate about applying advanced methods in statistics and machine learning to answer meaningful questions in biomedical research. My recent research has focused on the estimation of heterogeneous treatment effects in clinical trials or observational studies and identification of individualized treatment rules.	
EDUCATION	Stanford University • Postdoctoral fellow in Biomedical Informatics Advisor: Nigam Shah	Stanford, California, USA 08/2020 – present
	University of Utah • Ph.D. in Population Health Sciences (Emphasis in Biostatistics) Thesis advisor: Jincheng Shen and Tom Greene Thesis paper I title: Estimating the optimal individualized treatment rule from a cost-effectiveness perspective. Thesis paper II title: An Efficient Approach for Optimizing the Cost-effective Individualized Treatment Rule Using Conditional Random Forest. • M.Sc. Statistics Thesis advisors: Nan Hu	Salt Lake City, Utah, USA 08/2016 – 08/2020 2014 - 2016
	Liaoning Medical University • B.Sc. Nursing	Liaoning, China 2008 - 2012
AWARDS	Joint Statistical Meeting, Student Paper Award Health Policy Statistics Section, Virtual Conference American Statistical Association, Student Travel Award Biopharmaceutical Section Regulatory-Industry Statistics Workshop Program, Washington D.C., USA. Student of the Year , Master of Statistics, University of Utah Phi Kappa Phi Inductee , Division of Public Health, University of Utah Student of the Year , Liaoning Medical University	2021 2019 2017 2017 2011
BOOK CHAPTER	1. Xu, Y., Ignatiadis, N., Sverdrup E., Fleming S., Wager, S., and Shah, N. (2022). Handbook of Matching and Weighting Adjustments for Causal Inference. Chapter: Treatment Heterogeneity with Survival Outcomes. Chapman & Hall/CRC Press (forthcoming).	
JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS	2. Xu, Y., Greene, T.H., Bress, A.P., Sauer, B.C., Bellows, B.K., Zhang, Y., Weintraub, W.S., Moran, A.E. and Shen, J. (2022). Estimating the optimal individualized treatment rule from a cost-effectiveness perspective. Biometrics, 78(1), pp.337-351. 3. Xu, Y., Greene, T.H., Bress, A.P., Bellows, B.K., Zhang, Y., Zhang, Z., Kolm, P., Weintraub, W.S., Moran, A.S. and Shen, J. (2022). An Efficient Approach for Optimizing the Cost-effective Individualized Treatment Rule Using Conditional Random Forest. Statistical Methods in Medical Research (forthcoming). 4. Pfohl, S.R., Zhang, H., Xu, Y., Foryciarz, A., Ghassemi, M. and Shah, N.H. (2022). A comparison of approaches to improve worst-case predictive model performance over patient subpopulations. Scientific reports, 12(1), pp.1-13.	

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6. Corbett, K.L., Presson, A.P., Zhang, C., Xu, Y., Bratton, S.L. and Dixon, R.R. (2021). **Does Non-Neurologic Multiorgan Dysfunction After Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest among Children Admitted in Coma Predict Outcome 1 Year Later?** *Journal of Pediatric Intensive Care*, 10(03), pp.188-196.
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9. Lucas*, J., Myers, J., Keihani, S., Moses, R., Xu, Y., Morris, B., Majercik, S., Hewitt, T., Burks, F., Schwartz, I. and Elliott, S. (2019). **MP04-03 Treatment Complications Associated with Extraperitoneal Bladder Injuries: Results from the Multi-Institutional AAST Study of Bladder Trauma.** *The Journal of Urology*, 201(Supplement 4), pp.e30-e31.
10. Kazmers, N.H., Stephens, A.R., Presson, A.P., Xu, Y., Feller, R.J. and Tyser, A.R. (2019). **Comparison of direct surgical costs for proximal row carpectomy and four-corner arthrodesis.** *Journal of Wrist Surgery*, 8(01), pp.066-071.
11. Bailey, T., Maak, T.G., Stephens, A., Adeyemi, T., Xu, Y. and Presson, A. (2018). **The Association of Traction Time, Force and Postoperative Nerve Block on the Development and Duration of Neuropathy Following Hip Arthroscopy.** *Arthroscopy*, 34(12), p.e18.
12. Kazmers, N.H., Presson, A.P., Xu, Y., Howenstein, A. and Tyser, A.R. (2018). **Cost implications of varying the surgical technique, surgical setting, and anesthesia type for carpal tunnel release surgery.** *The Journal of hand surgery*, 43(11), pp.971-977.
13. Kazmers, N.H., Stephens, A., Presson, A.P., Xu, Y., Feller, R.J. and Tyser, A. (2018). **Comparison of Direct Surgical Costs for Proximal Row Carpectomy and 4-Corner Arthrodesis: Level 3 Evidence.** *Journal of Hand Surgery*, 43(9), p.S52.
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15. Kwok, A.C., Edwards, K., Donato, D.P., Tatro, E., Xu, Y., Presson, A.P. and Agarwal, J.P. (2018). **Operative time and flap failure in unilateral and bilateral free flap breast reconstruction.** *Journal of Reconstructive Microsurgery*, 34(06), pp.428-435.
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46(1), p.220.

21. Awad, A.W., Karsy, M., Sanai, N., Spetzler, R., Zhang, Y., Xu, Y. and Mahan, M.A. (2017). **Impact of removed tumor volume and location on patient outcome in glioblastoma.** Journal of neuro-oncology, 135(1), pp.161-171.
22. Matsen, C.B., Fagerlin, A., Xu, Y., Presson, A. and Kaphingst, K.A. (2017). **An Intervention Aimed at Improving Decision Role Concordance in Newly Diagnosed Breast Cancer Patients.** In JOURNAL OF WOMENS HEALTH (Vol. 26, No. 9, pp. 1032-1033).
23. Elkeeb, D., Xu, Y., Presson, A., Petersen, M. and Secrest, A. (2017). **Nonmodifiable patient characteristics as predictors of patient satisfaction in dermatology.** In JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY (Vol. 76, No. 6, pp. AB181-AB181).
24. Keihani, S., Xu, Y., Presson, A.P., Smith, B.P., Reilly, P.M., Luo-Owen, X., Mukherjee, K., Morris, B.J., Majercik, S., Thomsen, P.B. and Erickson, B.A. (2017). **MP79-01 Nephrectomy after High-grade Renal Trauma: Results from the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST) Genitourinary Trauma Study.** The Journal of Urology, 197(4S), pp.e1072-e1073.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

25. Xu, Y. and Yadlowsky, S. (2022). **Calibration Error for Heterogeneous Treatment Effects.** In International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (pp. 9280-9303) (AISTAT 2022)
26. Pfohl, S.R., Xu, Y., Foryciarz, A., Ignatiadis, N., Genkins, J. and Shah, N.H. (2022). **Net benefit, calibration, threshold selection, and training objectives for algorithmic fairness in healthcare.** Accepted by the ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (ACM FAccT 2022).

PREPRINTS

27. Xu, Y., Bechler K., Callahan A., and Shah, N. (2022). **Evaluating the Treatment Effect Heterogeneity of Dabigatran in Efficacy and Safety Outcomes.** Working paper. Submitted to The Journal of the American Medical Association.

SOFTWARE

R packages:

- [survlearners](#): Metalearners for estimating heterogeneous treatment effects for survival outcomes.
 - [Treatment heterogeneity with survival outcomes](#): An introduction to five state-of-art metalearners (S-, T, M-, X-, and R-learners)
 - [Metalearners selection](#): A summary of the main considerations and suggestions for choosing metalearners, based on the results from our benchmarking study
 - [A case study with metalearners](#): An illustration of applying metalearners to two large randomized controlled trials (SPRINT and ACCORD)
- [CEAOptimalITR](#): Estimating the optimal individualized treatment rule (ITR) from a cost-effectiveness perspective.
- [CEAOptimalITREfficient](#): An improved version of CEAOptimalITR, and it provides more accurate estimates of the optimal cost-effective ITR with less variability.
- [ECETH](#): Calibration Error for Heterogeneous Treatment Effects.

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

Center for Biomedical Informatics Research (BMIR)	2020 – Present
Stanford University, California, USA	
Postdoctoral fellow, funded by the NHLBI R01 grant 'applying statistical learning tools to personalize cardiovascular treatment'.	
Department of Population Health Sciences (PHS)	2018 – 2020
University of Utah, Utah, USA	
Graduate assistant, funded by the R01 grant 'Optimize-SPRINT study'.	
Value and Epidemiology Research Using Causal Inference and Data	2017 - 2020
Veteran Affairs, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA	
Research assistant in the group of Dr. Brian Sauer	
Study Design and Biostatistics Center (SDBC)	2016 - 2019
University of Utah, Utah, USA	
Research assistant in the group of Prof. Tom Green.	
Department of Family and Preventive Medicine (FPMD)	2014 - 2016

University of Utah, Utah, USA
 Research assistant in the group of Prof. Joseph Stanford.

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Metalearners for Heterogeneous Treatment Effects on Survival Outcomes in Experiments.
 May 2022
 American Causal Inference Conference
 University of California, Berkeley

Calibration Error for Heterogeneous Treatment Effects. March 2022
 International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)
 Virtual Conference

A Conditional Random Forest Approach to Estimating the Most Cost-effective Individualized Treatment Rule. August 2021
 Journal of Statistical Meetings, Health Policy Statistics Section
 Virtual Conference

Estimating the Optimal Individualized Treatment Rule from A Cost-Effectiveness Perspective. September 2019
 American Statistical Association, Biopharmaceutical Section Regulatory-Industry Statistics Workshop Program
 Washington D.C.

Random-Forest Based Personalized Treatment Rule Optimization from A Cost-Effectiveness Perspective with An Application to the SPRINT Study. September 2019
 The 3rd Annual Translational Hypertension Symposium and Early-Stage Investigator Workshop
 University of Utah

Was the Effect of Intensive Blood Pressure Intervention on CVD Risk Heterogeneous in the SPRINT Study? September 2018
 The 2nd Annual Translational Hypertension Symposium and Early-Stage Investigator Workshop
 Salt Lake City, Utah

Optimal Study Design for Diagnostic Accuracy Studies: Differential Verification versus Partial Verification. September 2017
 Association for Clinical and Translational Science
 Washington D.C.

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant (TA) at University of Utah

Math 5010: Introduction to Probability	Fall 2016
Math 5080: Statistics Inference I.	Fall 2017
Math 5090: Statistics Inference II.	Fall 2018

PEER REVIEW

Journals
 Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety
 npj Digital Medicine

Conferences
 AISTATS 2022