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I am a current PhD student in the School of Mathematical Sciences at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) under the supervision of Distinguished Professor Kerrie Mengersen, Dr Susanna Cramb, Professor Peter Baade and Dr Jessica Cameron. My PhD work is funded by the internationally-awarded Australian Cancer Atlas, where my role is to develop Bayesian methodology to generate small area level cancer risk factor estimates.

## Research interests

R, tidyverse, Stan Spatio/hierarchical modelling Bayesian inference Spatial variation in cancer outcomes Visualisations/mapping

# Education and qualifications\_

#### **Bachelor of Music with Distinction**

Brisbane, Australia

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (QUT)

2015-2017

- Minor in statistics (4 units)
- GPA: 6.5
- Dean's Award for Excellence (all 6 semesters)

**Master of Biostatistics** Virtual

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND (UQ)

2018-2020

- · Provided by the Biostatistics Colloboration of Australia • GPA 7.0
- Dean's Commendation for Academic Excellence (2018 & 2019)
- Thesis complete at Cancer Council Queensland

#### **Doctor of Philosophy, Statistics**

Brisbane, Australia

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (QUT)

• PhD funded by the internationally-awarded Australian Cancer Atlas

2021 (ongoing)

#### **Graduate Statistician (Gstat) Accreditation**

STATISTICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

2021 (ongoing)

# Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Marking (casual) Virtual

University of Queensland (UQ)

July 2021 - October 2022

- Course title: Categorical Data & Generalised Linear Models (STAT7608)
- Course title: Regression Modelling 2 (STAT7619)
- Course title: Applied Reggresssion Analyses (PUBH7631)

**Tutor (casual)** Brisbane, Australia

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (QUT)

September - November 2021

• Course title: Quantitative Skills for Health Scientists (LQB286)

Research assistant (part-time)

Brisbane, Australia

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (QUT)

STANCONNECT 2022: STAN THROUGH SPACE AND TIME

October 2021 - March 2022

• Project: Modifiable areal unit problem (MAUP) in disease mapping

• Co-investigators: Dr Susanna Cramb, Ass. Prof. Helen Thompson

**Organiser and host** 

Virtual July - November 2022

https://discourse.mc-stan.org/t/stanconnect-2022-through-space-and-time/29143/3

Internship (full-time) Virtual

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA (DOHWA)

- · Project: Bayesian modelling
- Supervisors: Dr Susanna Cramb, Dr Alex Xiao
- · Recommended spatio-temporal models for a wide range of health data
- Provided lengthy and detailed reports giving the details of spatio-temporal models
- Created detailed and large R code scrips to run a variety of models
- · Created training materials for 3-days of intensive Bayesian spatio-temporal course

#### Co-chair of Bayesian Research & Applications (BRAG) group

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (QUT)

· Organiser of fortnightly internal talks on Bayesian research

Instructor/presentor of Bayesian training

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA (DOHWA)

· Three days of intensive training on Bayesian spatial temporal analysis

Research assistant (part-time)

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA (DOHWA)

· Consulting on bayesian modelling

Brisbane, Australia

August - November 2022

June 2022 (ongoing)

Perth, Australia November 2022

November 2021

May 2022

June 2022

June 2022

September 2022

November 2022

November 2022

Virtual

November 2022 (ongoing)

# Selected research presentations

**Short talk** Moreton Island, Australia

ACEMS FINAL RETREAT

• Title: Modelling cancer risk factors in Australia

**Contributed talk** Virtual

SMALL AREA ESTIMATION, SURVEYS AND DATA SCIENCE

• Title: Searching for stability: Introducing a method of small area estimation for proportions using severely sparse data

**Short talk** QUT, Brisbane, Australia

OANZIAM CONFERENCE June 2022

• Title: Searching for stability in Bayesian small area estimation of proportions

**Poster presentation** Montreal, Canada

THE BAYESIAN YOUNG STATISTICIANS MEETING

· Title: Introducing a Bayesian two-stage logistic-normal model for small area estimation of proportions

**Poster presentation** Montreal, Canada

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF BAYESIAN ANALYSIS (ISBA) WORLD MEETING

· Title: Introducing a Bayesian two-stage logistic-normal model for small area estimation of proportions

**Poster presentation** QUT, Brisbane, Australia

CENTRE FOR DATA SCIENCE SHOWCASE • Title: Searching for stability in Bayesian small area estimation of proportions

Short talk Virtual

SECOND EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER CANCER EPIDEMIOLOGY CONFERENCE

• Title: Risk factors and the Australian Cancer Atlas: the trepidation of instability and sparsity in small area estimation

**Short talk** Virtual

· Title: Risk factors and the Australian Cancer Atlas: the trepidation of instability and sparsity in small area estimation

Invited talk Virtual

EPIDEMIOLOGY IN GOVERNMENT (EIG) SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) MEETING

December 2022

• Title: Mapping Cancer: The Australian Cancer Atlas

## Awards\_

SPARSE Symposium

#### **Star Graduate**

MASTERS OF BIOSTATISTICS December 2022

#### **Honourable Mention for Best Student Presentation**

OANZIAM CONFERENCE June 2022

#### **Best Oral Presentation Award**

SECOND EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER CANCER EPIDEMIOLOGY CONFERENCE

November 2022

# **Professional memberships**

Statistical Society of Australia (SSA) International Society of Bayesian Analysis (ISBA) Centre for Data Science (CDS) Health Equity Research with Outcomes (HERO)

## Software\_

R, Stata, Python MS Office Suite, Latex, Endnote, Mendeley Git Bash Stan, WinBUGS, JAGS

### Referees \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Doctor Jessica Cameron**

Cancer Council Queensland

RESEARCH FELLOW-SPATIAL MODELLING, DESCRIPTIVE EPIDEMIOLOGY

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#### **Professor Peter Baade**

Cancer Council Queensland

SENIOR MANAGER, DESCRIPTIVE EPIDEMIOLOGY

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#### **Doctor Michael Waller**

University of Queensland

BCA Program Coordinator, Senior Lecturer

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