

# Nikolai G. Vetr

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**Education** **Postdoc**, Montgomery Lab, Stanford University *Current*  
Pathology + Genetics + Biomedical Data Science

**PhD**, University of California, Davis *2020*  
Dissertation: *Exploring and Extending Multivariate Brownian Diffusion Models of Phenotypic Evolution for Bayesian Phylogenetic Inference*  
Anthropology + Population Biology + Data Science & Informatics

**BA**, Vanderbilt University *2013*  
Earth & Environmental Sciences + Ecology, Evolution & Organismal Biology  
Departmental Honors, *summa cum laude*

**Recent Work** **Vetr, N.**, Gay, N., and Montgomery, S. 2023. *The impact of exercise on gene regulation in association with complex trait genetics*. Conditionally accepted to Nature Communications.

Abell, N., **Vetr, N.\***, Montgomery, S., et al. 2023. *A Survey of High Depth Allele-Specific Expression Across Normal Tissues and Ovarian Cancers*. In Prep.

**MoTrPAC Study Group**<sup>†</sup>. 2023. *Temporal dynamics of the multi-omic response to endurance exercise training across tissues*. Accepted to Nature.

\*dual first authorship, <sup>†</sup> Author Group: 2 (of 8)

**Leadership** **Founder**, Applied Bayesian Statistics Research Cluster *2019 - 2020*  
**President**, Board of Directors, *Wild Animal Initiative* *2020-Present*  
**President**, Board of Directors, *Rethink Priorities* *2023-Present*

**Languages** **Programming:** R, Stan, BASH, Python, C++, CSS, HTML, JS  
**Natural:** Russian, English, Spanish

**Teaching** **Associate Instructor**, University of California, Davis *2015 - 2020*  
Human Evolution + Primate Evolution + Human Evolutionary Biology  
**Carpentries Instructor**, Data & Software Carpentries *2019*  
**Course Coordinator**, Workshop in Applied Phylogenetics *2019*

**Selected Grants & Awards** NIH T15 *2021*  
Excellence in Data Science Community Training and Outreach *2019, 2020*  
Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award Nominee *2016, 2019, 2020*  
1st Place Picnic Day Exhibit Award in “Secrets of Nature” Category *2017*  
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship *2015*

**Service** **Journal Review:** *Evolution* (2017), *Science Communications* (2018), *Cell Reports* (2021), *Human Genetics and Genomics Advances* (2022)  
**Grant Review:** *WAI Grants* (2021, 2022, 2023)

**Skills & Interests**

– Generalized Linear Models	– Causal Inference
– Multiomic Data Integration	– Computer Vision
– Time Series Modeling	– Artificial Neural Networks
– Bayesian Methods	– Data Visualization
– Monte Carlo Methods	– Science Communication