

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

2019 – present	<b>Ph.D. Student</b> , Statistical Science, Duke University, Durham, NC Research Assistant with Professor Rebecca Steorts
2017 – 2019	<b>M.Sc.</b> , Statistics Université du Québec à Montréal, Montréal, Qc, Canada
2014 – 2017	<b>B.Sc.</b> , Mathematics Université du Québec à Montréal, Montréal, Qc, Canada

### HONORS AND AWARDS

2019	Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Alexander-Graham-Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship Fond de Recherche du Québec - Nature et Technologies (FRQNT) Doctoral Award
2017	NSERC Master Scholarship Award FRQNT's Master Award NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award
2016	NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award

### PUBLICATIONS

1. Binette, O. (2019). A Note on Reverse Pinsker Inequalities. *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory* 65 (7). pp.4094-4096.
2. Binette, O. & Guilloffe, S. (2019). Bayesian Nonparametrics for Directional Statistics. *arXiv ePrints*. arxiv:1807.00305.

### Canadian Student Mathematics Journal

3. Binette, O. (2018). Topology and Machine Learning. Notes from the Margin 13. pp. 5-6.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Invited talks

1. *MLBytes Speaker Series (Duke University)*: Classification and Topology. North Carolina (United States). November 15, 2018.
2. *Texas A&M University Nonparametrics Group*: On Bayesian Nonparametric Estimation of Discontinuous Densities. Texas (United States). November 1, 2018.
3. *Université du Québec à Montréal*: A Circular Analogue to the Bernstein Polynomial Densities, Bayesian Nonparametrics and Large Support Asymptotics. Montréal (Canada). October 4, 2018.
4. *Sherbrooke University*: A Circular Analogue to the Bernstein Polynomial Densities. Sherbrooke (Canada). March 29, 2018.

### Contributed posters

1. Binette, O. & Luo, L. An Analysis of Gibbs Posterior Concentration in Terms of the Separation  $\alpha$ -Entropy. Objective Bayes Conference. Warwick (United Kingdom). June 28, 2019.
2. Binette, O. & Guillotte, S. BNP density estimation on compact metric spaces with a view towards circular statistics. 12th Conference on Bayesian Nonparametrics. Oxford (United Kingdom). June 24, 2019.
3. Binette, O. & Coache, A. The Significance of the Adjusted R Squared. (Bio)Statistics Research Day. Montréal (Canada). September 21, 2018.
4. Binette, O. Classification and Topology, or Consequences of Sobolev Consistency. Canadian Statistics Student Conference. Montréal (Canada). June 2, 2018. (Best poster award.)
5. Binette, O. & Guillotte, S. Semiparametric density modelling for directional statistics. 11th Conference on Bayesian Nonparametrics. Paris (France). June 26, 2017.

### Contributed talks

1. *Graduate Student Seminar - Université du Québec à Montréal (UQÀM)*: Computing the Hausdorff Alpha-Entropy. Montréal (Canada). July 24, 2018.
2. *Statistics Society of Canada Annual Meeting*: A Circular Analogue to the Bernstein Polynomial Densities. Montréal (Canada). June 4, 2018.
3. *Mathematical Sciences Institute's Student Conference*: Topologie et apprentissage machine. Sherbrooke (Canada). May 25, 2018.
4. *Probability and Statistics Student Seminar - UQÀM*: Information, vraisemblance et divergence. Montréal (Canada). May 17, 2018.

5. *Graduate Student Seminar - UQÀM: Probabilités en dimension infinie.* Montréal (Canada). December 4, 2017.
6. *Mathematical Congress of the Americas: Bayesian Learning.* Montréal (Canada). July 28, 2017.
7. *Probability and Statistics Student Seminar - UQÀM: Notions d'approximation constructive.* Montréal (Canada). May 25, 2017.

## RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1. Instructional Teaching Assistant at Université du Québec à Montréal (2017-2019):  
*Animation of weekly problem-solving sessions for Statistics I, Probability II, Analysis I & II, Analysis and Algebra for the Actuarial Sciences, Complex Analysis.*
2. NSERC Research Internship (Summer 2017)
3. NSERC Research Internship (Summer 2016)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Peer review activities:** *Science Advances.*

### Conferences, workshops and other service

- Co-organizer of the first Statistics Student Summit in Montréal (2019).
- UQÀM Graduate Mathematics Program Board (2018-2019).
- Co-organizer of UQÀM's Graduate Student Seminar (2018-2019).
- Member of the Statistical Society of Canada's Student and Recent Graduate Committee (2019).
- Developed a student scholarship application guide for UQÀM's statistics research group (appeared on [statqam.uqam.ca](http://statqam.uqam.ca), 2019).
- Co-produced a mathematical activity for children at the Montréal Science Center (summer 2018).
- Organizer of UQÀM's Probability and Statistics Summer Seminar (2017 & 2018).

## COMPUTING SKILLS

**Programming Languages:** Experienced in R, familiarity with Python, Javascript, and past experience with Java and C/C++ (see [olivierbinette.ca/gallery](http://olivierbinette.ca/gallery) and [github.com/OlivierBinette](https://github.com/OlivierBinette) for some examples).