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Department of Mathematics and Statistics
The University of Melbourne, Melbourne
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Postdoctoral Training

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Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018–Present Senior Research Officer
Advanced Technology and Biology
Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research
2016–2018 Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Biostatistics
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

2010–2015 Research Assistant
 Bioinformatics Division
 Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Memberships

Member, Statistical Society of Australia
Member, Australian Bioinformatics And Computational Biology Society
Member, Australasian Genomic Technologies Association

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Served as *referee* for

Bioinformatics
Biostatistics
F1000Research
Genetic Epidemiology
Genome Biology
Heredity
Nature Methods
PLoS Computational Biology
PLoS Genetics

HONORS AND AWARDS

2019 Bioconductor Travel Award (To present at BioC in New York, USA)
2018 AGTA Travel Award (To present at the AGTA meeting in Adelaide, Australia)
2018 Bioconductor Travel Award (To present at BioC in Toronto, Canada)
2015 Bioconductor Travel Award (To present at BioC in Seattle, USA)
2015 Edith Moffat Travel Award (To interview for international for postdoctoral positions)
2013 Prize for best lightning talk at the Australian Epigenetics Conference
2013 Third prize for best lightning talk at the Young Statisticians Conference

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles (peer reviewed)

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PRACTICE ACTIVITIES

Software - Bioconductor Project

[bsseq](#) Analyze, Manage and Store Bisulfite Sequencing Data.

[CellBench](#) Construct Benchmarks for Single Cell Analysis Methods.

[DelayedMatrixStats](#) Functions that Apply to Rows and Columns of 'DelayedMatrix' Objects.

[GenomicTuples](#) Representation and Manipulation of Genomic Tuples.

[MatrixGenerics](#) S4 Generic Summary Statistic Functions that Operate on Matrix-Like Objects.

[minfi](#) Analyze Illumina Infinium DNA Methylation Arrays.

[tximeta](#) Transcript Quantification Import with Automatic Metadata.

Software - Other

[methtuple](#) A caller for DNA methylation events that co-occur on the same DNA fragment from high-throughput bisulfite sequencing data, such as whole-genome bisulfite-sequencing.