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Education

Queensland University of Technology (QUT) <i>Biostatistics PhD</i> Title: High dimensional data for predicting inpatient falls. Supervisors: Dr Susanna Cramb, Prof Steven McPhail and Dr Ahmad Abdel-hafez	2020–Present
University of Newcastle <i>Medical Statistics MMedStat 6.88/7 GPA</i>	2019–2020
University of Queensland <i>Biomedical Science BSc and Honours (Neuroscience)</i> Title: The Role of Melatonin on Hippocampal Rhythmicity. Supervisors: Dr Oliver Rawashdeh and Dr Prasad Chunduri.	2015–2017

Employment

Senior Research Assistant <i>Centre for Data Science (QUT)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Spatial data analysis with R and ArcGIS to understand inequity in accessibility to acute and rehabilitation care for traumatic brain injury, presented as a shiny app.– Development of an R-package (DSSP) for fitting Bayesian spatial models with direct sampling.	Oct 2021–Present <i>Brisbane, Australia</i>
Senior Research Assistant <i>Australian Centre for Health Services Innovation (QUT)</i> Statistical analysis for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Health economics research for Department of Veteran affairs.– Risk factors associated with COVID-19 with the COVID Critical Research Group.– Clinical trial analysis and risk model implementation projects with Metro North Health Hospital and Health Service.	Nov 2020–Feb 2022 <i>Brisbane, Australia</i>
Research & Development Scientist <i>Ellume</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Immunoassay and algorithm development for SARS-CoV-2 Serology rapid diagnostic test.– Redesigned the algorithm development workflow which improved generalisability and drastically reduced the time required to optimise.– Algorithm developed was used for FDA application for serological diagnostic and was the best performing diagnostic test approved by FDA.	Mar 2020–Aug 2020 <i>Brisbane, Australia</i>
Healthcare Data Analyst <i>City Fertility</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Dashboard development using shiny and direct odbc for up-to-date analytics on KPIs.– Streamlining monthly reporting processes for marketing and services given using R.– Data acquisition, cleaning and statistical analysis for clinician-led research projects.– Clinical prediction model development for In-Vitro-Fertilisation treatment success.	Jun 2019–Mar 2020 <i>Brisbane, Australia</i>
Project Coordinator <i>UnitingCare Medical Imaging</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Occupational lung disease and radiology research.– Questionnaire development with Qualtrics.– Data analysis and visualisations.– Applying and reporting to funding body.	Mar 2018–Jun 2019 <i>Brisbane, Australia</i>
Research Assistant <i>Ellume</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Immunoassay development for influenza virus and Group A streptococcus rapid diagnostic test.– Worked in a team to rapidly iterate and develop medical devices.	Jan 2016–Mar 2018 <i>Brisbane, Australia</i>

Technical Skills

Proficient: R, Shiny, Data Analysis and Visualisation, Statistical Modelling, Functional Programming

Competent: Python, SQL, Machine Learning, Git, Object-Oriented Programming

Novice: Dask, PyTorch

Statistical Software Development

DSSP

CRAN June 2022

- An R package that allows users to fit Bayesian spatial models.
- Draws samples from the direct sampling spatial prior model which is 100-1000 times faster than a traditional MCMC scheme.

simMetric

CRAN Jan 2022

- An R package that provides several useful metrics (and their Monte Carlo standard errors) for the assessment of statistical methods in simulation studies.
- This allows for easy integration with other simulation study frameworks and the tidyverse-style workflow.

circacompare

CRAN Feb 2021

- An R package that allows users to analyse circadian datasets using nonlinear regression models.
- Documented with a vignette; also available as a shiny app and in python

Teaching

Queensland University of Technology

Brisbane, Australia

- MXN500: Statistical Data Analysis (Sessional Tutor) Semester 1, 2021
- SEB113: Quantitative Methods in Science (Sessional Tutor) Semester 2, 2021
- PUN108: Clinical Informatics for Intelligent Healthcare (Guest Lecturer) Semester 2, 2021

Published Papers

1. LVM de Assis, L Harder, José Thalles Lacerda, **R Parsons**, [5 authors], H Oster **bioRxiv (2022)**
Rewiring of liver diurnal transcriptome rhythms by triiodothyronine (T3) supplementation.
2. **R Parsons**, SM Cramb SM McPhail **BMJ Open (2021)**
Clinical prediction models for hospital falls: a scoping review protocol.
3. Bassi GL, [8 authors], **R Parsons**, [20 authors], Fraser JF **Crit Care Explor (2021)**
Risk Factors for 28-Day in-Hospital Mortality in Mechanically Ventilated Patients with COVID-19: An International Cohort Study.
4. GH Goh, PJ Mark, D Blache, D Binks, **R Parsons**, O Rawashdeh, SK Maloney **J Therm Biol (2021)**
Diet-altered body temperature rhythms are associated with altered rhythms of clock gene expression in peripheral tissues in vivo.
5. **R Parsons**, R Parsons, N Garner, H Oster, O Rawashdeh **Bioinformatics (2020)**
CircaCompare: a method to estimate and statistically support differences in mesor, amplitude and phase, between circadian rhythms
6. **R Parsons**, K Newbiggin, D Deller, R Edwards, R McBean **Respirology (2019)**
Stonemasons with silicosis: Preliminary findings and a warning message from Australia.
7. C Haran, R McBean, **R Parsons**, D Wong **J Med Imaging Radiat Oncol (2019)**
Five-year trends of bone scan and prostate-specific membrane antigen positron emission tomography utilization in prostate cancer: A retrospective review in a private centre.
8. **Wesley Dust Disease Research Centre.** **ACARP (2019)**
A Clinical, Radiological and Occupational Review of Coal Mine Dust Lung Disease in Queensland.
9. O Rawashdeh, **R Parsons**, E Maronde **Neural Plast (2018)**
Clocking in time to gate memory processes: The circadian clock is part of the ins and outs of memory.

Conferences

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| 1. Impact Makers (Brisbane, Australia) | Speaker (2021) |
| <i>Inpatient fall prediction models: a scoping review</i> | |
| 2. Pacific Society for Reproductive Medicine (Pattaya, Thailand) | Poster (2019) |
| <i>A machine learning approach to embryo selection in the context of In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF)</i> | |
| 3. Australasian Chronobiology Society (Brisbane, Australia) | Speaker (2018) |
| <i>A method to statistically validate observed differences between circadian rhythms.</i> | |
| 4. Imaging@Brisbane (Brisbane, Australia) | Poster (2018) |
| <i>Novel Application of T1 and T2 Mapping on MRI Imaging to Mediastinal Masses: Internal Differentiation of a Thymoma and Lymphoma</i> | |

Awards

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| 1. SuperHERO award winner for outstanding engagement/collaboration | (2021). |
| 2. AWS Activate Winner of the Queensland AI Hub Medical Datathon and \$25,000 AWS credit | (2020). |
| Solution: A deep learning approach to rapid assessment and triage of Chest-X-rays. | |
| 3. Digital Health CRC Industry Scholarship Recipient: \$45,000 p.a. for four years during PhD studies | (2020). |

Grants

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| 1. Emergency Medicine Foundation | \$37,667 (2022) |
| <i>(Associate Investigator) Applications of a novel neurosurgical service accessibility index to improve emergency care of people sustaining a road trauma-related traumatic brain injury in Queensland</i> | |
| 2. ACARP and DNRME | \$315,770 (2019) |
| <i>A Clinical, Radiological and Occupational Review of Coal Mine Dust Lung Disease in Queensland.</i> | |

Outreach and community involvement

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| – Statistics Society of Australia - QLD Branch Council member & student representative. | 2022–Present |
| – Peer facilitator for Peers & Pizza: a regular HDR mental health and wellbeing event. | 2020–Present |
| – Member of AusHSI HDR working group | 2020–Present |
| – Student representative on AusHSI management committee | 2020–2022 |