Ian Waudby-Smith

Education

2018 - present PhD, Biostatistics, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

2013 - 2018 BMath, Joint Honours in Pure Mathematics & Statistics (Co-op), University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON.

Fall 2017 **Mathematical Sciences (study abroad)**, *Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)*, Trondheim, Norway.

Experience

May 2016 - **Research Assistant (Part-time)**, *University of Waterloo Health Data Science* present *Lab*, Waterloo, ON.

Supervisors: Dr. Joel Dubin & Dr. Joon Lee, Health Data Science Lab

- Performed sentiment analysis on millions of electronic medical records.
- Used logistic regression and survival models for inference/prediction.
- Wrote a paper summarizing methods and results (submitted).

Apr - Aug 2017 Research Assistant (Full-time), University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON.

Supervisor: Dr. Pengfei Li, Department of Statistics & Actuarial Science

- Wrote an R package to perform robust statistical tests (on CRAN).
- Used parallel computing to reduce simulation time by more than 95%.
- Proved (asymptotic) relationships between statistical tests of interest.
- Jan Apr 2016 Student Analyst Strategic Analytics, Cancer Care Ontario, Toronto, ON. Supervisor: Dr. Zhihui (Amy) Liu, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto
 - o Developed a model in R to predict prevalence of chronic kidney disease in Ontario.
 - Performed Monte Carlo simulation.
 - Wrote algorithms to quantify similarity between cancer treatments.

Apr - Aug 2015 **R&D Developer**, *DST Systems (c/o IFDS)*, Toronto, ON.

- Developed a MapReduce program to perform fuzzy string comparison.
- Wrote an XML to CSV converter for use with Hadoop's Distributed File System.
- o Built a distributed application on the Ethereum blockchain network.
- Designed and built a Ruby on Rails application for a technology conference.

Sept - Dec **Developer**, *PureFacts Financial Solutions*, Toronto, ON.

2014 • Implemented an error handling pattern for fail-safe API calls.

- Created a tool similar to 'git stash' for subversion.
- Developed a web application for employee time-tracking.
- Jan Apr 2014 **Software Developer**, *Leonardo Worldwide Corporation*, Toronto, ON.
 - Managed and delegated support tasks to a team of developers.
 - Wrote scripts to optimize retrieval and storage of images and videos.
 - o Created a video encoding scheme for multiple file formats and resolutions.

Presentations & Projects

Sept 2017 R package on CRAN, rbtt, Waterloo, ON.

Developed and currently maintain an R package to perform robust inference on non-negative, zero-inflated data. Created with Dr. Pengfei Li at the University of Waterloo.

- Jun 2016 44th Annual Meeting, Statistical Society of Canada, St. Catherines, ON. Multi-state models for chronic kidney disease prevalence projections in Ontario (poster presentation).
- Jun 2016 4th Student Conference, Statistical Society of Canada, St. Catherines, ON. Multi-state models for chronic kidney disease prevalence projections in Ontario (oral presentation).
- Apr 2016 Research Day 2016, Cancer Care Ontario, Toronto, ON. Sequence analysis of patient-care pathways: A study of colorectal cancer in Ontario (poster presentation).
- Sept 2015 Annual hackathon at the University of Waterloo, HackTheNorth, Waterloo,
 - Visualized the sentiment of tweets referring to Canadian political parties.
 - Retrieved tweets using the python library, tweepy.
- Feb 2015 Annual hackathon at McMaster University, *DeltaHacks*, Hamilton, ON.
 - Made Wikipedia accessible via SMS using Twilio and the Wikipedia API.

Computational Skills

languages

Programming R, Python, Java, C++, Scheme, JavaScript

Technologies SQL, Linux, git, Hadoop, LATEX

Awards

- 2018 2019 UW Top Scholar Recruitment Award, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
- 2017 2018 David Johnston International Experience Award, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON.
- 2016 2017 NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award, The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada.
- 2016 2017 President's Research Award (1), University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON.
- 2016 2017 President's Research Award (2), University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON.
- 2013 2014 University of Waterloo President's Scholarship of Distinction, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON.
- 2012 2013 **Top Ontario Scholar**, *Peel District School Board*, Region of Peel, ON.