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Research Interests Causal inference, nonparametric statistics, high-dimensional statistics

Education Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA

Ph.D. in Statistics 08/2020 - Present

Advisor: Prof. Edward H. Kennedy

**Carnegie Mellon University**Pittsburgh, PA
M.S. in Statistics

08/2020 - 05/2021

University of Science and Technology of China Hefei, Anhui

B.S. in Statistics 08/2016 – 06/2020

Honors and Awards Student Paper Award, Statistical Learning and Data Science Section, ASA 2024

ENAR Distinguished Student Paper Award (International Biometric Society ENAR Spring Meeting) 2023

Guo Moruo Scholarship (summa cum laude at USTC) 2019

National Scholarship of China (USTC) 2018

Publications Zeng, Z., Arbour, D., Feller, A., Addanki, R., Rossi, R., Sinha, R., and Kennedy,

E.H. (2024). Continuous Treatment Effects with Surrogate Outcomes. Interna-

tional Conference on Machine Learning, 2024.

Zeng, Z., Gu, Y., and Xu, G. (2023). A Tensor-EM Method for Large-Scale Latent

Class Analysis with Binary Responses. *Psychometrika*, 88(2), 580-612.

He, Y., Meng, B., Zeng, Z. and Xu, G. (2021). On the phase transition of Wilks'

phenomenon. *Biometrika*, 108(3), 741-748.

Preprints Zeng, Z., Balakrishnan, S., Han, Y. and Kennedy, E. H. (2024). Causal Inference

with High-dimensional Discrete Covariates. arXiv preprint arXiv:2405.00118. Un-

der review at Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series B.

Du, J. H., **Zeng, Z.**, Kennedy, E. H., Wasserman, L. and Roeder, K. (2024). Causal Inference for Genomic Data with Multiple Heterogeneous Outcomes. arXiv preprint arXiv:2404.09119. Reject and Resubmit at *Journal of American Statistical Associa-*

tion.

Bonvini, M., **Zeng, Z.**, Yu, M., Kennedy, E. H., and Keele, L. (2023). Flexibly Estimating and Interpreting Heterogeneous Treatment Effects of Laparoscopic Surgery for Cholecystitis Patients. arXiv preprint arXiv:2311.04359.

**Zeng, Z.**, Kennedy, E. H., Bodnar, L. M., and Naimi, A. I. (2023). Efficient generalization and transportation. arXiv preprint arXiv:2302.00092. Minor Revision at *Statistical Science*.

Levis, A. W., Bonvini, M., **Zeng, Z.**, Keele, L., and Kennedy, E. H. (2023). Covariate-assisted bounds on causal effects with instrumental variables. arXiv preprint arXiv:2301.12106. Reject and Resubmit at *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series B.* 

Working Papers

**Zeng, Z.**, Levis, A.W., Kennedy, E.H., and Keele, L. Nonparametric Estimation of Derivative of Dose-Response Curve: with Application to Estimating Local Instrumental Variable Curves.

**Zeng, Z.**, Arbour, D., Feller, A., Dasgupta, I., Sinha, A. Missing Response under Cluster Dependence.

Experience

#### Adobe Research

San Jose, CA

Research Intern

05/2024 - 08/2024

Mentors: David Arbour, Ishita Dasgupta, Atanu Sinha and Avi Feller (Berkeley)

Adobe Research

San Jose, CA

Research Intern

05/2023 - 08/2023

Mentors: David Arbour and Avi Feller (Berkeley)

Continuous treatment effects with surrogate outcomes.

# University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Ann Arbor, MI

Research Assistant

06/2019 - 09/2019

Mentor: Prof. Gongjun Xu

Large-scale latent class analysis and high-dimensional testing.

## Teaching

# Teaching assistant, Carnegie Mellon University

08/2020-05/2022

36-225 Introduction to Probability

36-401 Modern Regression

36-402 Advanced Methods for Data Analysis (×2)

## Teaching assistant, USTC

09/2019 - 05/2020

Single-variable Calculus Regression Analysis

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## International Conference on Computational & Methodological Statistics

(CMStatistics) Virtual

Continuous treatment effects with surrogate outcomes 12/2024

Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) Portland, OR

Causal inference with high-dimensional discrete covariates 08/2024

American Causal Inference Conference (ACIC) Seattle, WA

Causal inference with high-dimensional discrete covariates 05/2024

Causal Inference and Missing Data Group at Inria

Virtual

Efficient generalization and transportation 02/2024

American Causal Inference Conference (ACIC)

Austin, TX

Causal inference with high-dimensional discrete covariates 05/2023

**International Biometric Society ENAR Spring Meeting**Nashville, TN

Efficient generalization and transportation 03/2023

#### Academic Service

#### Reviewer

American Journal of Epidemiology (1)

Biometrika (3)

Electronic Journal of Statistics (5)

Journal of American Statistical Association (2)

Journal of Causal Inference (1)

*Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series B* (1)

## Organizer

CMU Causal Inference Reading Group (2024-)