

EDUCATION

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

**PhD in Biostatistics** In Progress  
• Gertrude M. Cox Scholarship from the American Statistics Association (Honorable Mention, JSM 2024)  
• Some coursework and research carried over from the ScM may allow me to graduate earlier; cGPA: 4.0/4.0

**Certificate in Health Finance and Management** December 2025 (expected)

**ScM in Biostatistics** May 2024  
• ScM Student Rep; Curriculum Committee; Public Health School Re-accreditation Student Rep; cGPA: 3.94/4.0

MCGILL UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

**BSc in Joint Honors Computer Science, Biology, Minor in Mathematics** October 2022  
• Dean’s Honor List; Dean’s Multidisciplinary Research List; First Class Honors; cGPA: 3.97/4.0  
• Select awards: Wing Hing Chan Scholarship in Science, NSERC USRA, Tomlinson Engagement Award for Mentoring

SUMMARY \*FOR A COMPREHENSIVE CV, PLEASE VISIT ANG-ZHAO.GITHUB.IO/ANGZHAO.GITHUB.IO/

5 years research experience	5 peer-reviewed articles*	3 years teaching experience*
5 leadership positions*	11 talks and posters*	9 awards and honors*

EXPERIENCE

**Emerald Advisors, LLC | Life Sciences Research Analyst Intern** May 2024 - Aug. 2024  
• Assisted senior analysts in covering 20+ biotech/therapeutics companies at a long-only firm managing ~\$5B of AUM.  
• Evaluated scientific literature, clinical trial data, and business filings as part of the due diligence process for new ideas.  
• Contributed to the BUY decision on LBTH; stock went up 50+% and made a positive 8bps impact to the portfolio.  
• Conducted due diligence for the IPO of TEM, including constructing comps tables and reviewing SEC-1 filings.

**Johns Hopkins University | Research Assistant for Dr. Ciprian Crainiceanu** Sep. 2022 - Present  
• Helped develop inference procedures for functional cox models that consider the inherent correlation of timeseries data.  
• Demonstrated that wearable device metrics improve the performance of traditional survival models by up to 10%.  
• Produced robust R pipelines for analyzing high-dimensional data on a cluster computer ( $N = 500,000, p > 1000$ ).  
• This work resulted in 3 peer-reviewed papers and 1 papers under revision.

**Johns Hopkins University | Research Assistant for Dr. Brian Caffo** Jul. 2023 - Present  
• Comprehensively compared stochastic timeseries models to encode and decode the complex dynamics of fMRI data.  
• Leveraged the Pytorch, Tensorflow, and Keras libraries in Python to tune and test RNNs, transformers, and AR models.  
• Proposed that the potency of transformers suggest a form of neural context that challenges standard fMRI assumptions.  
• This work resulted in 1 peer-reviewed review article in *Annual Reviews of Statistics* and 1 paper under revision.

**McGill University | Research Assistant for Dr. Jackie Vogel** Jan. 2020 - Aug. 2022  
• Developed shape analysis pipelines in Java and Python to identify droplet-like behaviours in proteins from video data.  
• Leveraged ML for artifact removal and signal processing; weighted-mean/Gaussian approaches for subpixel positioning.  
• Contributed to single-cell analysis software for super-resolution image data that lead to 8+ talks, posters, and abstracts.

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND COURSEWORK

**Languages:** Python, R, Java, C, Bash, SAS  
**Software:** PyTorch/Tensorflow, Git/GitHub, LM Studio, dashboarding, image processing, Factset, yfinance  
**Cloud/Databases:** AWS, cluster computing, SQL, REDCap, large Biobank/EHR data processing  
**Theory:** Deep learning, regression, survival analysis, time-series/functional data analysis  
**Highlighted Coursework**  
Graduate: 4 terms each of Probability and Statistics, Machine Learning, Survival Analysis, Multi-Level Modelling, Causal Inference, Statistical Computing, Data Science  
Undergraduate: Object- Oriented Programming, Algorithms and Data Structures, Artificial Intelligence, Discrete Mathematics, Real Analysis, Multivariate Calculus, Linear Algebra, ODEs

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- Lindquist M A, Smith B B, Kannan A, **Zhao A**, Caffo B (2025). Measuring the Functioning Human Brain. *Annual Review of Statistics and its Application*,. <https://doi.org/10.1146/annuarev-statistics-040522-100329>
- Zhao A**, Cui E, Leroux A, Lindquist M, Crainiceanu C (2023). Evaluating the prediction performance of objective physical activity measures for incident Parkinson’s disease in the UK Biobank. *Journal of Neurology*, 270(12), 5913–5923. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00415-023-11939-0>
- Zhao A**, Lindquist M, Caffo B. Comparing stochastic model performance with applications to fMRI data (*submitted to NeurIPS*).