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Research interests

My research focuses on the ecological, evolutionary, and behavioral drivers of respiratory virus infections, with aims to improve infectious disease surveillance and better understand and predict recurring and emerging outbreaks. I apply statistical and computational approaches to diverse data sets (surveillance, genomic sequences, serology, and mobility) to characterize respiratory virus transmission patterns and epidemiology, with a particular focus on influenza and SARS-CoV-2. I also produce operational forecasts and scenario projections of respiratory virus outbreaks.

Education

2018 PhD in Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas

Advisor: Lauren Ancel Meyers

2009 B.Sc. in Ecology, B.Sc. in Biology, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

Summa cum laude with Highest Honors

Professional experience

2021 – Research Scientist 3, University of Washington

Seattle Flu Alliance, Brotman Baty Institute for Precision Medicine

Guest Researcher, Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health

Division of International Epidemiology and Population Studies

Supervisor: Cécile Viboud

2018 – 2021 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health

Division of International Epidemiology and Population Studies

Supervisor: Cécile Viboud

2010 – 2011 Postbaccalaureate IRTA Fellow, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National

Institutes of Health

Adeno-Associated Virus Biology Section, Molecular Physiology and Therapeutics Branch

Supervisor: John Chiorini

2009 Research Assistant, Odum School of Ecology, University of Georgia

Supervisor: Andrew Park

Fellowships and awards

2011 - 2012

2023	Director's Individual Merit Award, For excellence in scientific research in epidemiological modeling with a focus on influenza antigenic evolution and the role of human mobility in COVID-19 disease dynamics, Fogarty International Center, NIH
2020, 2021	Director's Group Merit Award, For outstanding modeling work to support the COVID-19 pandemic response domestically and internationally, Fogarty International Center, NIH
2020	Young Scientist Award, European Scientific Working group on Influenza (ESWI) Conference
2019	Director's Individual Merit Award, For outstanding efforts to forecast weekly influenza-like illness activity in 27 US military facilities in collaboration with DoD, Fogarty International Center, NIH
2017, 2018	Graduate School Summer Semester Continuing Fellowship, UT-Austin
2017	Network Modeling for Epidemics Course Fellowship, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
2017	Graduate Student Professional Development Award, College of Natural Sciences, UT-Austin
2014, 2015	Summer Institute in Statistics and Modeling in Infectious Diseases (SISMID) Scholarship and Travel Award, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
2012 – 2017	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation

Department of Integrative Biology Graduate Recruitment Fellowship, UT-Austin

2011 Meaningful Modeling of Epidemiological Data (MMED) Clinic Scholarship and Travel Award, African

Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Cape Town, South Africa

2010, 2011 Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases (EEID) Conference Workshop Scholarship and Travel

Award, Cornell University (2010) and University of California, Santa Barbara (2011)

2010 – 2011 Postbaccalaureate IRTA Fellowship, National Institutes of Health

2008 Elected, Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society

2007 Honors International Scholarship, UGA Honors Program

2005 – 2009 National Merit Scholarship, UGA

2005 – 2009 Georgia HOPE Scholarship (full tuition)

Preprints (†denotes co-first authorship)

- Srinivas Duddu, A.†, Elgamal, I.†, Camacho-Mateu, J.†, Holubowska, O.†, Rella, S.A.†, Bents, S.J., Viboud, C., Hansen, C.L., Pullano, G., **A.C. Perofsky**. Modeling the effects of COVID-19 mobility disruptions on RSV transmission in Seattle, Washington. medRxiv, 2024.09.13.24313667. Preprint (Complexity 72h report)
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- Tran-Kiem, C., Paredes, M. I., **Perofsky, A. C.**, . . . Viboud, C., & Bedford, T. Fine-scale spatial and social patterns of SARS-CoV-2 transmission from identical pathogen sequences. *medRxiv*, 2024.05.24.24307811. Preprint (In revision)

Publications

- Mathis, S. M.†, Webber, A. E.†, León, T. M., . . . , **Perofsky, A. C.**, . . . Biggerstaff, M., & Borchering, R. K. Evaluation of FluSight influenza forecasting in the 2021-22 and 2022-23 seasons with a new target laboratory-confirmed influenza hospitalizations. *Nature Communications*, 15, 6289. DOI
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- Paredes, M. I., **Perofsky, A. C.**, Frisbie, L., . . . Müller, N. F., & Bedford, T. Local-scale phylodynamics reveal differential community impact of SARS-CoV-2 in a metropolitan US county. *PLOS Pathogens*, 20(3), e1012117. DOI
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- Perofsky, A. C., Tempia, S., Bingham, J., Maslo, C., Toubkin, M., Laubscher, A., Walaza, S., Pulliam, J. R. C., Viboud, C., & Cohen, C. Direct and Indirect Effects of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic on Private Healthcare Utilization in South Africa, March 2020-September 2021. *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, 75(1), e1000-e1010. DOI
- Hansen, C., **Perofsky, A. C.**, Burstein, R., Famulare, M., . . . Englund, J. A., Shendure, J., Bedford, T., Chu, H. Y., Starita, L. M., & Viboud, C. Trends in Risk Factors and Symptoms Associated With SARS-CoV-2 and Rhinovirus Test Positivity in King County, Washington, June 2020 to July 2022. *JAMA Network Open*, 5(12), e2245861. DOI
- Perofsky, A. C., Meyers, L. A., Abondano, L. A., Di Fiore, A., & Lewis, R. J. Social groups constrain the spatiotemporal dynamics of wild sifaka gut microbiomes. *Molecular Ecology*, 30(24), 6759-6775. DOI
- McBride, D. S.†, **Perofsky, A. C.**†, Nolting, J. M., Nelson, M. I., & Bowman, A. S. Tracing the Source of Influenza A Virus Zoonoses in Interconnected Circuits of Swine Exhibitions. *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, 224(3), 458-468. DOI
- Perofsky, A. C., & Nelson, M. I. Seasonal influenza: The challenges of vaccine strain selection. *Elife*, 9, e62955. DOI
- Viboud, C., Gostic, K., Nelson, M. I., Price, G. E., **Perofsky, A.**, Sun, K., Sequeira Trovao, N., Cowling, B. J., Epstein, S. L., & Spiro, D. J. Beyond clinical trials: Evolutionary and epidemiological considerations for development of a universal influenza vaccine. *PLOS Pathogens*, 16(9), e1008583. DOI
- Nelson, M. I., **Perofsky, A.**, McBride, D. S., Rambo-Martin, B. L., Wilson, M. M., Barnes, J. R., van Bakel, H., Khan, Z., Dutta, J., Nolting, J. M., & Bowman, A. S. A Heterogeneous Swine Show Circuit Drives Zoonotic Transmission of Influenza A Viruses in the United States. *Journal of Virology*, 94(24). DOI

- Perofsky, A. C., Lewis, R. J., & Meyers, L. A. Terrestriality and bacterial transfer: a comparative study of gut microbiomes in sympatric Malagasy mammals. *The ISME Journal*, 13(1), 50-63. DOI
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- Berry, B. S.†, Magori, K.†, **Perofsky, A. C.**, Stallknecht, D. E., & Park, A. W. Wetland cover dynamics drive hemorrhagic disease patterns in white-tailed deer in the United States. *Journal of Wildlife Diseases*, 49(3), 501-509. DOI

Conference presentations

Talks

- NetSci International Conference on Network Science, Québec City, Canada. *Impacts of human mobility on the citywide transmission dynamics of respiratory viruses in pre- and post-COVID-19 pandemic years.*
- Epidemics⁹ International Conference on Infectious Disease Dynamics, Bologna, Italy. *Are changes in population mobility predictive of respiratory virus transmission? Insights from high resolution mobile phone data in the preand post-COVID-19 pandemic periods in Seattle, Washington.*
- EpiMob Satellite ("Epidemic control: from mobility data to public health"), NetSci International Conference on Network Science, Vienna, Austria. Are changes in population mobility predictive of respiratory virus transmission?

 Insights from high resolution mobile phone data in the pre- and post-COVID-19 pandemic periods in Seattle,

 Washington. * Invited keynote speaker
- Options XI for the Control of Influenza, Belfast, Northern Ireland. *Impact of antigenic drift on influenza A/H3N2* vaccine effectiveness in the United States.
- NIH/FDA COVID-19 Research Workshop (Virtual) *The impact of COVID-19 restrictions and mobility behavior on respiratory pathogen transmission in Seattle, Washington.*
- NIH Modeling of Infectious Disease Agent Study (MIDAS) Annual Meeting, Bethesda, MD *The impact of social distancing on respiratory pathogen transmission in Seattle, Washington.*
- NIH Modeling of Infectious Disease Agent Study (MIDAS) Annual Meeting (Virtual) *Impact of antigenic drift on influenza A/H3N2 vaccine effectiveness in the United States.*
- NIH NIAID Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance (CEIRS) Annual Meeting (Virtual)

 Impact of antigenic drift on influenza A/H₃N₂ vaccine effectiveness in the United States.
- NIH/FDA COVID-19 Research Workshop (Virtual) *Utilizing Respiratory Syndromic Surveillance Data to Monitor COVID-19 Activity in South Africa.*
- 2019 Epidemics⁷ International Conference on Infectious Disease Dynamics, Charleston, SC *Impact of influenza* antigenic evolution on disease dynamics in the United States.
- 2019 Options X for the Control of Influenza, Singapore Impact of influenza antigenic evolution on disease dynamics in the United States.
- American Association of Physical Anthropologists (AAPA) Conference, Austin, TX Gut microbiome diversity across sympatric mammal populations of Madagascar reflects diet, substrate use, and host phylogeny.
- 2016 NSF BEACON Annual Congress, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI *Social network structure shapes gut microbial communities in wild Verreaux's sifaka.*

Posters

- 2020 European Scientific Working group on Influenza (ESWI) Conference (Virtual) *Impact of influenza antigenic evolution on disease dynamics in the United States.*
- Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases (EEID) Conference, Princeton, NJ *Impact of influenza antigenic evolution on disease dynamics in the United States.*
- Society of Molecular Biology and Evolution (SMBE) Conference, Austin, TX Hierarchical social networks shape gut microbial composition in wild Verreaux's sifaka.
- 2017 Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases (EEID) Conference, Isla Vista, CA *Hierarchical social networks* shape gut microbial composition in wild Verreaux's sifaka.
- 2015 Epidemics⁵ International Conference on Infectious Disease Dynamics, Clearwater Beach, FL *Social network* structure shapes gut microbial communities in wild Verreaux's sifaka.

Seminar presentations

Invited talks

- Yale School of Public Health Modeling Seminar Series, New Haven, CT (upcoming, Nov 2024)
- Network Science Institute, Northeastern University, Boston, MA Impacts of human mobility on the citywide transmission dynamics of respiratory viruses in pre- and post-COVID-19 pandemic years.
- US CDC Technical Outreach and Assistance to States (TOAST) Office Hours (Virtual) *Are changes in population mobility predictive of respiratory virus transmission? Insights from high resolution mobile phone data in the preand post-COVID-19 pandemic periods in Seattle, Washington.*
- Pierre Louis Institute of Epidemiology and Public Health, French National Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM), Paris, France Are changes in population mobility predictive of respiratory virus transmission?

 Insights from high resolution mobile phone data in the pre- and post-COVID-19 pandemic periods in Seattle, Washington.
- Infectious Disease Modeling Working Group, World Health Organization (Virtual) Antigenic drift and subtype interference shape A/H₃N₂ epidemic dynamics in the United States.
- 2023 California Department of Public Health COVID-19 Modeling Team Open House (Virtual) A time series approach for short-term forecasts and long-term scenario projections of influenza hospitalizations.
- NIH NIAID Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research and Response (CEIRR) Computational Modeling Core (Virtual) Antigenic drift and subtype interference shape A/H₃N₂ epidemic dynamics in the United States.
- Infectious Disease Forecasting Call, organized by US CDC and NIH MIDAS (Virtual) *Impact of influenza* antigenic evolution on A/H₃N₂ epidemics and vaccine effectiveness in the United States.
- 2023 Center for the Ecology of Infectious Diseases, University of Georgia (Virtual) *The impact of physical distancing on respiratory pathogen transmission in Seattle, Washington.*
- Influenza Research Group, National Animal Disease Center, US Department of Agriculture. (Virtual) *Impact of influenza antiqenic evolution on A/H3N2 vaccine effectiveness in the United States.*
- Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. *Drivers of gut microbial composition and transmission within and among wild lemur populations.*
- 2016 Kirindy Mitea National Park headquarters, Belo Sur Mer, Madagascar. *Bacteria transmission dynamics among wildlife in Kirindy Mitea National Park.*
- 2012 Kirindy Mitea National Park headquarters, Morondava, Madagascar. *Infectious disease transmission in a wild lemur population.*

Internal seminars

- Respiratory Virus Interest Group, National Institutes of Health (Virtual) *The impact of influenza antigenic drift on A/H3N2 vaccine effectiveness in the United States.*
- Influenza Interest Group, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. *Impact of influenza antigenic evolution on disease dynamics in the United States.*
- NSF BEACON weekly seminar, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX. Gut microbiome diversity across sympatric mammal populations of Madagascar reflects diet, substrate use, and host phylogeny.
- NSF BEACON weekly seminar, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX. Social networks shape the gut microbial communities of wild Verreaux's sifaka.
- Department of Integrative Biology, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX. Social networks shape the gut microbial communities of wild Verreaux's sifaka.

Operational involvement in the COVID-19 pandemic response and disease predictions

- 2023 Dashboard of SARS-CoV-2 variant forecasts for Washington and other US states, Seattle Flu Alliance (In collaboration with Nextstrain team)
- 2022 Contributor to US CDC FluSight Forecasting Collaboration. Submitted weekly short-term forecasts of influenza hospitalizations during the 2022-23 and 2023-24 seasons.
- 2022 Contributor to US Influenza Scenario Modeling Hub. Submitted long-term scenario projections of influenza hospitalizations during the 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25 seasons.
- 2020 2022 Developed the analysis, drafted the first report, and provided technical support to South Africa's National Institute for Communicable Diseases for their COVID-19 Private Consultations Excess

Respiratory Encounters Report. Reports tracked excess respiratory encounters at hospitals, emergency departments, and primary care providers across age groups and provinces.

Contributor to the US Department of Defense Forecasting Collaboration. Submitted weekly short-2019 - 2022

term forecasts of influenza-like illness and COVID-like illness cases on US military bases during the 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22 seasons.

Professional activities

Co-organizer, EpiMob Satellite (Epidemic control: from mobility data to public health), NetSci June 2024 International Conference on Network Science, Québec City, Canada Feb 2023 Working group on the use of human mobility data in infectious disease modeling, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD Abstract reviewer, NIH MIDAS Annual Meeting 2022, 2023 2022 -Coordinate and lead monthly Data Analysis meetings for Seattle Flu Alliance research groups Sep 2022 Invited panelist, Reflections on COVID-19, NIH MIDAS Annual Meeting, Bethesda, MD Poster Judge, NIH Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium, Bethesda, MD Feb 2020 Member, NIH Modeling of Infectious Disease Agent Study (MIDAS) 2020 -Essay editor, Science Policy for All (policy blog with contributors from the Washington, DC area) 2019 - 2021 Invited Panelist, NSF BEACON Public Engagement Workshop, Austin, TX Feb 2017

Ad-hoc peer review: American Journal of Epidemiology, American Journal of Primatology, Animal Behaviour, BMJ Global Health, Ecology and Evolution, Epidemics, The ISME Journal, Molecular Ecology, Nature Communications, Nature Physics, PLOS Computational Biology, PNAS Nexus

Research support

Fall 2016, 2017

2018	Research Exchange Grant, NSF Infectious Disease Evolution Across Scales Research Coordination Network, <i>How does influenza evolution impact the epidemiology of annual epidemics?</i> \$2800
2015	DBI-0939454, NSF BEACON Center for the Study of Evolution in Action, Factors that influence gut microbiota diversity and intestinal bacteria transmission dynamics in wild lemurs \$16,000 Co-PI, with PIs Lauren Ancel Meyers and Rebecca Lewis
2015	Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior Dissertation Improvement Grant, UT-Austin \$8000
2012	Small Research Grant, American Society of Primatologists \$2000
2012	Small Research Grant, International Primatological Society \$1500
2011	Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior Startup Grant, UT-Austin \$2000
2008	NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Internship, NSF Coweeta Long Term Ecological Research Program, Otto, NC

Teaching and mentoring experience		
June 2024	Tutor, Complexity 72h: Interdisciplinary workshop for young researchers in complex systems, Carlos III University of Madrid, Spain. Led and mentored a team of 5 graduate students in carrying out a research project within 3 days (i.e., 72h). Project title: "Impacts of COVID-19 restrictions on mobility networks and the spread of endemic respiratory viruses"	
Spring 2020	Completed 9-week NIH pedagogy course <i>Scientists Teaching Science</i> on best practices for teaching and learning in STEM subjects at the undergraduate level.	
Sep 2019	Co-Instructor, Fogarty International Center-DIVERGE Training Workshop on RSV Genomics and Evolution, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD.	
Dec 2018	Co-Instructor, Fogarty International Center-NICD Training Workshop on Infectious Disease Dynamics and Evolution, National Institutes of Communicable Diseases, Johannesburg, South Africa.	
Summer 2016	Master's student mentoring, Department of Animal Biology, University of Antananarivo. Trained Safidy Rasolonjatovo in field research techniques, data collection, and specimen preservation. Guided an independent project on sifaka scent marking behavior at Ankoatsifaka Research Station in Kirindy Mitea National Park, Madagascar.	

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Scientific Inquiry Across Disciplines, UT-Austin, Austin, TX.

Nov 2015 Guest Lecture, Biological Networks and Social Network Analysis, Introduction to Biological Statistics

Course, Center for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, UT-Austin, Austin, TX.

Guest Lecture, Introduction to Networks, Introduction to Biological Statistics Course, Center for Nov 2014

Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, UT-Austin, Austin, TX.

Spring 2013 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Social Networks and Infectious Diseases, UT-Austin, Austin, TX.

Summer 2012 Master's student mentoring, Department of Animal Biology, University of Antananarivo. Trained

> Elvis Rakotomalala in field research techniques, data collection, and specimen preservation. Guided an independent project on Lepilemur tree hole characteristics at Ankoatsifaka Research Station in

Kirindy Mitea National Park, Madagascar.

Science communication and outreach

April 2024 Elife podcast interview, Flu virus evolution: Combining antibody responses and genetic data can help

gauge the threats posed by evolving flu strains

Science Policy for All blogpost, Can the United States achieve herd immunity? Vaccine mandates and June 2021

other policies to increase COVID-19 vaccination

Science Policy for All blogpost, The Use of COVID-19 Prediction Models in Guiding Policy Decisions May 2020

Member, National Institutes of Health Science Policy Discussion Group, Bethesda, MD. Biweekly 2019 - 2021

> seminar series for early-career scientists focused on the intersection of scientific research and legislative policy. Delivered science policy presentations, invited two quest speakers, and wrote and

edited articles for the "Science Policy for All" blog.

Feb 2018 Selected speaker, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Classroom Science

Days, Austin, TX. Outreach lecture (Meet the Lemurs) to middle school students. AAAS article

Nov 2016 Public outreach lecture (Meet the Lemurs), Science Under the Stars, Austin, TX. Daily Texan article

Mar 2016 NSF BEACON "Researchers at Work" essay, How lemur social networks shape microbial transmission

2011 - 2018 Radio DJ and Science Talk Show Co-host, They Blinded Me with Science, KVRX 91.7FM, UT-Austin,

> Austin, TX. Co-hosted a weekly educational talk show that interviewed UT-based and visiting researchers and reviewed science publications and news. Recruited quests, conducted interviews,

and produced podcasts.

2011 - 2017 Co-organizer and Volunteer, Science Under the Stars, Austin, TX. Monthly public outreach lecture series founded and organized by graduate students in the Department of Integrative Biology.

References

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