Ashley E. Mullan

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EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University

Ph.D. in Biostatistics, GPA: 4.00/4.00

Nashville, TN

May 2024

Expected May 2029

Winston-Salem, NC

Wake Forest University

M.S. in Statistics, GPA: 4.00/4.00

Graduate Certificate in Data Science, GPA: 4.00/4.00

Thesis Advisor: Sarah Lotspeich, Ph.D.

- Thesis: Adjusting for covariate misclassification to quantify the relationship between diabetes and local access to healthy food

Scranton, PA

May 2022

University of Scranton

B.S. in Applied Mathematics and B.A. in Philosophy, Summa Cum Laude, GPA: 3.94/4.00

Minors in Computer Science and Finance, Concentration in Data Science

Honors Program, Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Honors Program

Thesis Advisor: Murong Xu, Ph.D.

- Thesis: Music Feature Classification: Using Techniques of Machine Learning to Detect Genre

- Available from https://digitalservices.scranton.edu/digital/collection/p15111coll1/id/1340/rec/68

St. Anthony's High School

South Huntington, NY

June 2018

Advanced Regents Diploma

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

10. Research Assistant

Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Department of Biostatistics

Mentor: Rameela Raman, Ph.D.

Nashville, TN

July 2024 - Present

9. Lead Teaching Assistant

Wake Forest University, Departments of Statistical Sciences and Mathematics

Mentor: Lynne Yengulalp, Ph.D.

Winston-Salem, NC Mar 2023 - May 2024

- Managed scheduling and logistics for over 70 teaching assistants and tutors
- Developed resources for pedagogical training and curriculum support

8. Research Assistant

Wake Forest University, Department of Statistical Sciences

Mentor: Sarah Lotspeich, Ph.D.

Winston-Salem, NC Jan 2023 - May 2024

- Developed methods for error-prone data
- Contributed to ongoing lab projects and manuscripts

7. Data Science Intern

Hanesbrands

Winston-Salem, NC June 2023 – August 2023

- Designed and implemented a scalable predictive sales model prototype
- Identified a multi-million dollar sales growth opportunity for a major account

6. Academic Tutor

Self-Employed

Huntington, NY January 2012 - Present

• Supported students with mathematics and statistics coursework

• Prepared students for standardized exams

5. Summer Research Intern

Virtual

June 2021 - August 2021

Mentor: Sooie-Hoe Loke, Ph.D.

• Modeled a popular game show using R and Python

Central Washington University, Department of Mathematics

- Communicated findings to peers and mentors using Beamer presentations
- Attended workshops, talks, and lectures by field experts

4. Summer Research Intern

Virtual

Carnegie Mellon University, Department of Statistics and Data Science

June 2020 - August 2020

Mentors: Sam Ventura, Ph.D. and Ron Yurko, Ph.D.

- Worked on visualization and modeling projects in sports analytics using R
- Attended workshops, talks, and lectures by field experts

3. Academic Tutor

Scranton, PA

University of Scranton, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence

March 2019 - May 2022

- Supported individual students with coursework in math, statistics, computing, logic
- Reinforced classroom instruction for small groups of students on a drop-in basis

2. Financial Analyst

East Northport, NY

VentureBrandUSA LLC

July 2019 - July 2021

• Developed spreadsheet templates to model investment values over time

1. Research Intern

Brookville, NY

Long Island University, Department of Biology

Mentors: Scott Santagata, Ph.D. and Paul Paino

March 2017 – August 2017

Quantified and compared biodiversity indices across the Scotia and Weddell Seas

Honors and Awards

16. SPAIG Award, American Statistical Association

2025

Given annually to recognize outstanding collaborations among academe, industry, and government organizations while recognizing key individual contributors

15. Highly Commended Article, Significance Magazine

2024

Designation from the annual Statistical Excellence Award for Early-Career Writing Competition

14. Russell G. Hamilton Scholar, Vanderbilt University

2024-2029

13. Provost's Graduate Fellowship, Vanderbilt University

2024-2029

12. Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Scholarship, Wake Forest University Awarded by the Department of Statistical Sciences for scholarship, ingenuity, and dedication

2024

11. Travel Award, Women in Statistics and Data Science Conference

2023

Merit-based award for student or early professional conference attendees

2023

10. Gertrude M Cox Scholarship, American Statistical Association

Awarded for dedication to statistical inquiry, passion for mentoring, and extraordinary commitment to scholarly excellence

9. Teaching Assistantship, Wake Forest University Full tuition grant and teaching stipend	2022 - 2024
8. Provost Merit Scholarship, Wake Forest University Merit-based graduate student award	2022 - 2024
7. Outstanding Poster, Mathematical Association of America MathFest Awarded for excellent project presentation and poster design	2022
6. Excellence in Applied Mathematics Award, University of Scranton Merit-based department award	2022
5. Humanities Fellow, University of Scranton Slattery Center Undergraduate humanities research grant	2021 - 2022
4. Presidential Scholarship, University of Scranton Merit-based full-tuition scholarship awarded for exemplary academic achievement	2018 - 2022
3. Dean's List, University of Scranton Distinction granted to full-time students with a GPA above 3.50	2018 - 2022
2. Central Convergence REU Scholar Undergraduate research grant	2021
1. National Hispanic Scholar, Hispanic Scholarship Fund Merit-based distinction and scholarship awarded to university students of Hispanic heritage	2018 - 2020

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. S.C. Lotspeich, **A.E. Mullan**, L. D'Agostino McGowan, and S.A. Hepler, "Combining straight-line and map-based distances to investigate the connection between proximity to healthy foods and disease," *Statistics in Medicine*, vol. 44, no. 7, pp. e70054, 2025. doi:10.1002/sim.70054.

SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS

1. **A.E. Mullan**, P.D.A. Nguyen, S.C. Lotspeich, "Linking Potentially Misclassified Healthy Food Access to Diabetes Prevalence," *Statistics and Public Policy* (under review), 2025+. Preprint: https://arxiv.org/abs/2505.01465

PRESENTATIONS

15. Guest Lecture: Statistics in Your Own Backyard Day of Discovery, Vanderbilt University	Nashville, TN May 2025
14. Contributed Poster: Visualizing Cost Effectiveness Analysis with Second-Generation Acceptability Curves - <i>ENAR Spring Meeting</i>	New Orleans, LA March 2025
13. Guest Lecture: Statistical Ideas You Can Never Unsee <i>PSYCH1130</i> , <i>Cornell University</i>	Ithaca, NY March 2025
12. Invited Talk: Misclassification Challenges in Quantifying the Relationship Between Diabetes and Local Access to Healthy Food Department of Mathematics, University of Scranton	Scranton, PA March 2025
11. Guest Lecture: From Idea to Conclusion: A Statistical Perspective School for Science and Mathematics at Vanderbilt	Nashville, TN February 2025

10.	Contributed Poster: Adjusting for covariate misclassification to quantify the relationship between diabetes and local access to healthy food Women in Statistics and Data Science Conference	Reston, VA October 2024
9.	Invited Talk: For Better or For Worse: The First Kiss Effect on Television Ratings International Day of Women in Statistics and Data Science	Virtual October 2024
8.	Guest Lecture: Stats can be fun, I swear! PSYCH1130, Cornell University	Virtual September 2024
7.	$\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Contributed Talk:} & \textbf{Adjusting for Measurement Error to Quantify the Relationship} \\ \textbf{Between Diabetes and Local Access to Healthy Food} & \textbf{-} \textit{ENAR Spring Meeting} \\ \end{tabular}$	Baltimore, MD March 2024
6.	Contributed Poster: Rate This Interruption: Using Interrupted Time Series Techniques to Analyze Popular Television Couples and Episode Ratings Women in Statistics and Data Science Conference	Bellevue, WA October 2023
5.	Contributed Poster: Music Feature Classification: Using Techniques of Machine Learning to Detect Genre - <i>Mathematical Association of America MathFest Conference</i>	Philadelphia, PA August 2022
4.	Contributed Poster: Deal or No Deal: Modeling a Game Show with Utility Theory and Machine Learning - <i>Joint Mathematics Meetings</i>	Virtual April 2022
3.	Contributed Poster: Deal or No Deal: Modeling a Game Show with Utility Theory and Machine Learning - <i>SACNAS NDiSTEM Conference</i>	Virtual August 2021
2.	Featured Talk: Deal or No Deal: Modeling a Game Show with Utility Theory and Machine Learning - <i>Mount Stuart Mathematics Seminar Series</i>	Virtual August 2021
1.	Featured Talk: A Puck Above the Rest: The Effects of New Data on 2020 NHL Draft Decision Carnegie Mellon Sports Analytics Conference	S Virtual October 2020

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

3. Panelist: Graduate Admissions Advice Electronic Undergraduate Student Research Conference	Virtual November 2024
2. Moderator: Statistical Storytelling: Insights Into Effective Presentation Strategies Women in Statistics and Data Science Conference	Reston, VA October 2024
1. Moderator: The Art of the Invite: Crafting Successful Invited Session Proposals International Day of Women in Statistics and Data Science Conference	Virtual October 2024

Software

- 4. **Author:** Stats can be fun, I swear! Shiny App https://ashley-mullan.shinyapps.io/lecture-app
- 3. **Author:** visegen R Package https://github.com/ashleymullan/visegen
- 2. **Contributor:** POSSUM R Package https://github.com/sarahlotspeich/possum
- 1. **Contributor:** ThemePark R Package https://github.com/MatthewBJane/ThemePark

TEACHING

3. Wake Forest University

Winston-Salem, NC Aug 2022 – May 2023

Teaching Assistant: STA111 - Elementary Probability and Statistics

Supervising Professor: Leo Cella, Ph.D.

• Supported mathematics and statistics undergraduate students in introductory coursework

2. University of Scranton

Scranton, PA

Teaching Assistant: INTD 290 - Leadership and Civic Responsibility

May 2020 – Aug 2020

Supervising Professors: Teresa Grettano, Ph.D. and Stephen Whittaker, Ph.D.

• Assisted with curriculum revision, facilitated weekly small group discussion, and oversaw student presentations

1. University of Scranton

Scranton, PA

Sectional Assistant: Performance Music

Aug 2018 - May 2022

Supervising Instructor: Cheryl Boga

- Assisted with group strings lesson facilitation and corrected playing technique
- Instructed small groups of choir members in aspects of selected choral literature

Professional Service and Outreach

Officer Positions and Committees

_	Communications Officer/First Year Liaison, Biostatistics Graduate Student	2025 -
	Association, Vanderbilt University	
	Founding Mankey Mantaghin Committee ENAD	2025

Founding Member, Mentorship Committee, ENAR
 Member, Program Committee, Caucus for Women in Statistics
 2025–

 Steering Committee/Social Media Co-Chair, Council for Emerging and New Statisticians (CENS), ENAR

- Chair/Member, Social Media Committee, ENAR 2023-

Member, Graduate Honor Council, Wake Forest University
 President, Pi Mu Epsilon Honor Society, University of Scranton
 2022–2024
 2021–2022

- Secretary, Phi Sigma Tau Honor Society, University of Scranton 2021–2022

- Secretary, Upsilon Pi Epsilon Honor Society, University of Scranton 2021–2022

- President, Mathematics Club, University of Scranton 2018–2022

- Vice President, HackScranton University of Scranton 2019–2021

Volunteer Outreach

 Judge, Undergraduate Statistics Project Competition 	2025
 Mentor, Flash Mentoring, Caucus for Women in Statistics 	2024
- Pen Pal, Letters to a Pre-Scientist	2024-2025

- Activity Lead, Florence Nightingale Day, Wake Forest University 2024

Proctor, MathCounts, Wake Forest University
 Dean's Ambassador, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Scranton
 2021–2022

- Admission Ambassador, University of Scranton 2019–2022

Conference Activities

- Invited Session Organizer (Frequency)

- * ENAR Spring Meeting (1), Women in Statistics and Data Science (1), International Day of Women in Statistics and Data Science (2)
- Session Chair (Frequency)
 - * Joint Statistical Meetings (1), International Day of Women in Statistics and Data Science (2), ENAR Spring Meeting (1), Women in Statistics and Data Science (2)

SKILLS

- **Programming:** R (advanced), SQL (intermediate), Python (intermediate), LaTeX (intermediate), GitHub (intermediate), Shiny (intermediate), Java (intermediate), Cluster Computing (novice), Julia (novice), Power BI (novice), HTML (novice)
- Applications: Microsoft Suite (advanced), Google Suite (advanced), Bloomberg Terminal (novice)
- Languages: English (native), Spanish (intermediate written and oral proficiency)