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## EDUCATION

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**University of Pennsylvania**  
M.S. in Biostatistics

Philadelphia, PA  
Expected 2023

**Mount Holyoke College**  
B.A. in Statistics, Data Science, *Summa Cum Laude*

South Hadley, MA  
2021

## GRADUATE COURSEWORK

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Probability, Methods and Data Analysis I, Interventional and Observational Studies, Inference (Spring 2022), Methods for Categorical and Survival Data (Spring 2022), Linear Models and Generalized Linear Models (Spring 2022)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**University of Pennsylvania**  
***Graduate Research Assistant***

**Philadelphia, PA**  
*Sept 2021 -*

Supervisor: Dr. Douglas Schaubel, Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology

- Peruse literature in recent developments of novel statistical methodologies for time-to-event and longitudinal data in end-stage kidney and liver disease related studies
- Performed data cleaning, data description, and formal analysis to predict delayed graft function (DGF) and time to graft failure in kidney transplantation

**Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics**  
***Applied Maths Research Fellow***

**Los Angeles, CA**  
*June 2021 – Aug 2021*

Supervisors: Drs. Laurent White (AMD Research) and Kyung Ha (UCLA)

- Worked for Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) to develop physics-informed neural network models in Python using Keras and TensorFlow to simulate wave propagation
- Embedded physics constraints, i.e. PDEs of wave equation, into objective function
- Sampled unlabeled input values to reduce data acquisition cost in the training process
- Extrapolated in time for acoustic wave and in space from different source locations
- Communicated results through weekly meetings to industrial sponsor

**Mount Holyoke College**  
***Undergraduate Research Assistant***

**South Hadley, MA**  
*Sept 2020 – May 2021*

Supervisor: Dr. Marie Ozanne, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

- Conducted a literature review on statistical research in Primary Biliary Cirrhosis
- Incorporated the cirrhosis project into an honors project and wrote a 90+ page senior thesis
- Studied LASSO, ridge, and elastic net regularization for variable selection, and methods for competing risks, i.e. cause-specific and subdistribution hazards in survival analysis
- Modeled the progression of neglected tropical disease Canine Visceral Leishmaniasis
- Investigated the effects of lamb massage with Wilcoxon nonparametric tests

## **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center**

**New York, NY**

### ***Biostatistics Research Fellow***

*June 2020 – Aug 2020*

Supervisor: Dr. Audrey Mauguen, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics

- Evaluated the association between biomarker bilirubin and survival in Primary Biliary Cirrhosis with Cox Proportional Hazards, Time-Dependent Cox and Joint Model
- Produced data visualizations with Kaplan-Meier survival curves and spaghetti plots
- Implemented algorithms in R to extract time interval endpoints and impute missing data
- Conducted sensitivity analysis and examined correlation structures to detect outliers
- Attended weekly discussion seminars in research ethics and lectures on quantitative sciences

## **Mount Holyoke College**

**South Hadley, MA**

### ***Undergraduate Research Assistant***

*June 2019 – May 2020*

Supervisor: Dr. Evan Ray, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

- Contributed to the *ncopula* package to calculate cumulative distribution function, probability density function, and log-likelihood to develop hierarchical Archimedean copulas
- Implemented S3 object-oriented programming in R to represent copula and perform MLE
- Included helper functions to transform the parameters within appropriate copula bounds
- Carried out comprehensive unit tests to examine the package functionality
- Gained extensive experience in R programming, and collaborative workflow on GitHub

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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*Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society* 2021  
Theta Chapter of Massachusetts

*Mu Sigma Rho Statistics Honor Society* 2021  
The Boston Chapter of the American Statistical Association

*Five College Statistics Prize* 2021  
Five College Statistics Program

*Mary Lyon Scholar* 2021  
Mount Holyoke College

*Global Competence Award* 2021  
McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives, Mount Holyoke College

*Electronic Undergraduate Statistics Research Best Virtual Video Presentation* 2020  
The Consortium for the Advancement of Undergraduate Statistics Education  
and the American Statistical Association

<i>George W. Cobb Statistics Prize for Excellence in Statistics</i> Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Mount Holyoke College	2020
<i>Lynk Universal Application Fellowship for Qualified Research Position</i> Mount Holyoke College	2019
<i>Paul Saintonge Prize for Superior Achievement in French</i> French Department, Mount Holyoke College	2019
<i>Sylvia Sherk Hubbell Class of 1939 Book Prize for Excellence in French</i> French Department, Mount Holyoke College	2018
<i>Sylvia Sherk Hubbell Class of 1939 Summer Scholarship</i> French Department, Mount Holyoke College	2018

## PUBLICATIONS

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\* indicating equal contribution

Davini D\*, Samineni B\*, Thomas B\*, **Tran AH\***, Zhu C\*, Ha K, Dasika G, White L. “Using physics-informed regularization to improve extrapolation capabilities of neural networks”. Submitted to *35th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) workshop on Machine Learning and Physical Sciences*, 2021

**Tran AH**, Ozanne, MV. “Statistical Analysis of the Association between Bilirubin and Survival in Primary Biliary Cirrhosis”. *Mount Holyoke College Mathematics and Statistics Department Senior Thesis*.

## ORAL PRESENTATIONS

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\* indicating equal contribution

Davini D\*, Samineni B\*, Thomas B\*, **Tran AH\***, Zhu C\*, Ha K, White L. “Accelerating Scientific Applications with Deep Neural Networks”, *Research in Industrial Projects for Students (RIPS) Research Symposium*, Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, August 2021

Davini D\*, Samineni B\*, Thomas B\*, **Tran AH\***, Zhu C\*, Ha K, White L. “Accelerating Scientific Applications with Deep Neural Networks”, *RIPS-IPAM Site Visit Student Presentation*, Advanced Micro Devices Inc., Santa Clara, CA, August 2021

**Tran AH**, Ozanne MV. “Statistical Analysis of the Association between Bilirubin and Survival in Primary Biliary Cirrhosis”, *Honors Thesis Defense*, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA, May 2021

**Tran AH**, Ozanne MV. “Statistical Analysis of the Association between Bilirubin and Survival in Primary Biliary Cirrhosis”, *Mount Holyoke College Senior Symposium*, South Hadley, MA, April 2021

**Tran AH**, Mauguen A. “Statistical Analysis of the Association between Bilirubin and Survival in Primary Biliary Cirrhosis”, *Electronic Undergraduate Statistics Research Conference (eUSR)*, The Consortium for the Advancement of Undergraduate Statistics Education (CAUSE) and the American Statistical Association (ASA), November 2020

**Tran AH**, Mauguen A. “Statistical Analysis of the Association between Bilirubin and Survival in Primary Biliary Cirrhosis”, *Mount Holyoke College Learning through Application: LEAP Symposium*, South Hadley, MA, October 2020

**Tran AH**, Mauguen A. “Statistical Analysis of the Association between Bilirubin and Survival in Primary Biliary Cirrhosis”, *Quantitative Sciences Undergraduate Research Experience (QSURE) Summer Research Symposium*, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY, August 2020

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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\* indicating equal contribution

Davini D\*, Samineni B\*, Thomas B\*, **Tran AH\***, Zhu C\*, Ha K, White L. “Using physics-informed regularization to improve extrapolation capabilities of neural networks”, *Joint Mathematics Meetings*, Seattle, WA, January 2022

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Mount Holyoke College

Teaching Assistant, STAT 343: Mathematical Statistics	Spring 2021
Teaching Assistant, COMSC 312: Algorithms	Spring 2021
Teaching Assistant, STAT 242: Intermediate Statistics	Spring 2020
Teaching Assistant, COMSC 205: Data Structures	Fall 2019
Teaching Assistant, MATH 101: Single Variable Calculus	Spring 2019

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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<i>Student Liaison</i> , Department of Mathematics and Statistics Mount Holyoke College	2020 – 2021
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<i>Co-President</i> , French Club Mount Holyoke College	2020 – 2021
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<i>Board Member</i> , HackHolyoke (24-hour hackathon) Mount Holyoke College	2020
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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Statistical Association (ASA)  
Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM)  
International Biometric Society Eastern North American Region (ENAR)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Statistical Software:** R, Stata, SAS, SPSS

**Computing** : Python, Java, SQL

**Technologies** : Eclipse, Git, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Jupyter Notebook