

# Bryan Blette

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

- 2015–present **Ph.D. in Biostatistics**, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*.  
Passed qualifying exams: August 2017  
Dissertation advisor: Dr. Michael Hudgens  
Expected graduation: August 2020
- 2015–2018 **M.S. in Biostatistics**, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*.  
Master's Paper advisors: Drs. Leah Frerichs and Annie Green-Howard  
Title: Changes in School District Physical Activity and Nutrition Policies: A Latent Class Analysis of the School Health Policies and Practices Study
- 2012–2015 **B.S. in Mathematics and Statistics**, *University of Florida*.  
Cumulative GPA: 3.94/4.00, *Cum Laude*
- 2014 **Study Abroad**, *Florence University of the Arts*, Florence, Italy.  
GPA: 4.00/4.00

## Publications

1. Gilbert, P., **Blette, B.**, Shepherd, B., Hudgens, M., Post-randomization biomarker effect modification in an HIV vaccine clinical trial (under revision, *Journal of the American Statistical Association*)
2. Collins, M., Zepeda, O., **Blette, B.**, Jadi, R., Perez, R., Liou, G., Montuya-Cruz, M., Harris, E., Becker-Dreps, S., de Silva, A., Bucardo, F., Stringer, E., Surveillance using serology to monitor maternal Zika infection and adverse fetal outcomes (submitted, *The Lancet Infectious Diseases*)
3. **Blette, B.**, Green-Howard, A., Frerichs, L., Changes in school district physical activity and nutrition policy environments: A latent class analysis of the School Health Policy and Practices Study (accepted, in press, *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*)
4. Becker-Dreps, S., **Blette, B.**, Briceño, R., Alemán, J., Hudgens, M.G., Moreno, G., Ordoñez, A., Rocha, J., Weber, D.J. and Amaya, E., 2017. Changes in the incidence of pneumonia, bacterial meningitis, and infant mortality 5 years following introduction of the 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine in a "3+ 0" schedule. *PLoS one*, 12(8), p.e0183348.

## Presentations

### Oral Presentations

1. **Blette, B.**, Gilbert, P., Shepherd, B., Hudgens, M. Post-randomization Biomarker Effect Modification in an HIV Vaccine Clinical Trial. *ENAR Spring Meeting*. 2019

2. **Blette, B.** Modeling Considerations in Data-Driven Attribution. *Google Internship Presentation*. 2018
3. **Blette, B.** Data Analysis Challenges in the Space Life Sciences. *Space Life Sciences Summer Institute Research Conference*. 2015

#### Posters

1. **Blette, B.** Latent Class Analysis for Classification of Latent Policy Environments: A Case Study. *Joint Statistical Meetings*. 2019

## Experience

### Research

- 2015–present **Research Assistant**, *Department of Biostatistics*, UNC - Chapel Hill.  
 Advisor: Dr. Michael Hudgens  
 Collaborates on methodological statistics research, primarily involving vaccine evaluation, biomarkers, and HIV/AIDS
- 2016–present **Research Assistant**, *Department of Family Medicine*, UNC - Chapel Hill.  
 Advisor: Dr. Sylvia Becker-Dreps  
 Collaborates and consults on several international projects studying infectious diseases, including Zika virus, pneumococcal disease, and sapovirus
- 2018 **Quantitative Analyst Intern**, Google.  
 Hosts: Drs. Amy Richardson and Yang Jiao  
 Worked as a research intern on data driven attribution for the Ads team, collaborating with data scientists and software engineers to extend a modeling framework in order to improve attribution output
- 2015 **Research Apprentice**, *National Space Biomedical Research Institute*, Johnson Space Center, NASA.  
 Advisor: Dr. Alan Feiveson  
 Worked on many research projects for internal use, including but not limited to developing models to determine maximal terminal velocity for spacecraft while preventing injury risk for astronauts and designing simulations to determine feasibility of maintaining healthy nutrition for astronauts on long-term space missions to Mars given the prevailing space food advancements at that time

### Teaching

- 2019 **Instructor**, *Intro to Biostatistics: R Workshop*, National Autonomous University of Nicaragua.  
 Developed and will instruct a two week introductory R workshop for Ph.D. students at UNAN in Nicaragua
- 2017 **Teaching Assistant**, *Intro to Biostatistics*, BIOS 600, UNC - Chapel Hill.  
 Assisted professor in writing exams and quizzes, created formats for students to take quizzes online, graded exams, hosted review sessions for exams, and assisted students one-on-one throughout the semester
- 2015 **Teaching Assistant**, *Intro to Statistics*, STA 2023, University of Florida.  
 Managed the tutoring room for several hours each week, proctored exams, graded papers and exams, and taught multiple lab classes each week  
 Scored well above the school, department, and class averages in teacher evaluations at the end of the semester in each of 10 evaluation criteria, as reported by students

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## Honors and Awards

- 2017 National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship - Alternate Selection
- 2016 UW SISIMID Travel Award
- 2015 Anderson Scholar (one of the top students in Liberal Arts and Sciences)
- 2012–2015 President's Honor Roll (4.00 GPA) – four out of six undergraduate semesters
- 2012–2015 Dean's List (>3.75 GPA) – achieved every undergraduate semester
- 2014 Elected to Phi Beta Kappa Society
- 2014 Elected to Phi Kappa Phi
- 2013 Elected to Golden Key International Honour Society
- 2012 University of Florida Presidential Scholar
- 2012 National Merit Scholar

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## Leadership Experience

- 2018–present **Webmaster**, *Biostatistics Student Association*, UNC - Chapel Hill.
  - Designed new pages on the organization's website
  - Updated the website and Facebook page with new events and opportunities
- 2014–2015 **President**, *Phi Beta Lambda*, Business Leadership Organization, University of Florida.
  - Redesigned competition strategies and achieved most awards per student in the state as well as most in recorded chapter history
  - Conducted meetings and presided over events and conferences
  - Managed a team of 10 officers in charge of recruiting new members, organizing guest speakers, and planning socials and community service events
  - Previously acted as Vice President (2013 – 2014)
- 2014–2015 **Webmaster**, *University Math Society*, University of Florida.
  - Designed new pages on the organization's website
  - Updated the website and Facebook page with upcoming events
  - Managed the organization's listserv and facilitated communication with members

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## Service

- 2019–present **Reviewer**, *Biometrics*.
- 2018–present **Student Delegate**, *Graduate Admissions Committee*, Department of Biostatistics, UNC - Chapel Hill.
- 2013–2015 **Organizer**, *MMATHS*.
  - Coordinated the first and second annual MMATHS (Math Majors of America Tournament for High Schoolers) with other math majors
  - Supervised events and served as head proctor during individual testing
- 2012–present **Tutor**, *Various capacities*.
  - Tutored undergraduate and graduate students in several areas and rigor levels of mathematics and statistics
  - Tutored students at a wide range of universities, including University of Florida, UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke University, and Rice University

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## Programming Skills

### Proficient

- R
- SAS

### Used in past (proficient with review)

- Python
- MATLAB
- Stata
- Java