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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Biostatistics , University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	July 2017
M.S. in Biostatistics , University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	May 2013
B.S. in Biology , Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, <i>summa cum laude</i>	May 2007

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Semiparametric regression; longitudinal data analysis; replicability; computationally efficient resampling methods; applications in sociology, psychology, medicine, and the environment

POSITIONS

Flatiron Health , New York, NY Quantitative Scientist	Aug 2017 – present
Google, Advanced Measurement Technologies , New York, NY Intern	May 2016 – Aug 2016
University of Michigan, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery , Ann Arbor, MI Research Associate II	Sep 2015 – Nov 2016
University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research , Ann Arbor, MI Graduate Student Research Assistant	Sep 2014 – Aug 2015
Regents' Fellow	Sep 2013 – Aug 2014
University of Michigan, Department of Biostatistics , Ann Arbor, MI Graduate Student Research Assistant	Jan 2012 – Aug 2013
Abt Associates, Environment and Resources Division , Bethesda, MD Analyst	Jun 2010 – Mar 2011
Associate Analyst	Jun 2008 – May 2010
Research Assistant	Jul 2007 – May 2008
Virginia Tech, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering , Blacksburg, VA Research Assistant	Aug 2006 – May 2007
Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs, Communication Services Branch , Crystal City, VA Intern	May 2006 – Aug 2006
Virginia Tech, Department of Biological Sciences , Blacksburg, VA Research Assistant	May 2005 – Aug 2005

PUBLICATIONS

Accepted

Segal, B. D., Braun, T., Gonzalez, R., and Elliott, M. R. (2019). Tests of matrix structure for construct validation. *Psychometrika*, 84(1), 65–83. doi.org/10.1007/s11336-018-9647-4. (open-access [view-only version](#)).

Segal, B. D., Elliott M., Braun T., and Jiang, H. (2018). P-splines with an ℓ_1 penalty for repeated measures. *Electronic Journal of Statistics*, 12(2), 3554–3600. doi.org/10.1214/18-EJS1487

Burgard, S. A., Lin, K. Y., **Segal, B. D.**, Elliott, M. R., and Seelye, S. S. (2018). Stability and change in health risk behavior profiles of U.S. adults. *Journal of Gerontology: Series B*. doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gby088.

Segal, B. D., Bennette, C. S. (2018). Re: “Transportability of Trial Results Using Inverse Odds of Sampling Weights.” *American Journal of Epidemiology*. doi.org/10.1093/aje/kwy190.

Segal, B. D., Braun, T., Elliott, M. R. and Jiang, H. (2018). Fast approximation of small p-values in permutation tests by partitioning the permutations. *Biometrics*, 74(1), 196–206. [doi:10.1111/biom.12731](https://doi.org/10.1111/biom.12731).

Submitted

Segal, B. D. Towards replicability with confidence intervals for the exceedance probability . [arXiv:1803.03356](https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.03356).

Bennette, C. S., **Segal, B. D.**, Miksad, R. A., Bellomo, L. P., Nussbaum, N. C., Sarkar, S., Tucker, M., Schrag, D., Capra, W. B., Whipple, S., Abernethy, A. P. Use of a curated electronic health records database to create external control arms for cancer clinical trials.

Bennette, C. S., **Segal, B. D.**, Miksad, R. A., Bellomo, L. P., Nussbaum, N. C., Sarkar, S., Tucker, M., Curtis, M., Basu, A., Schrag, D., Capra, W. B., Whipple, S., Abernethy, A. P. Generating external control arms using real-world data in oncology: Analytic challenges and recommendations.

In preparation

Duren, D. L., **Segal, B. D.**, Elliott, M. R., Tosi, L., Sherwood, R. J., and Jepsen, K. J. Is the human skeleton adapting to a new normal?

TALKS AND POSTERS

Contributed talk: “Exceedance probability for parameter estimates.” JSM, July 2018.

Invited talk: “P-splines with an ℓ_1 penalty for repeated measures.” Statistical learning and data science/nonparametric statistics conference, June 2018.

Contributed poster (winner of best poster from Biostatistics department): “Tests of matrix structure for construct validation.” Michigan Student Symposium for Interdisciplinary Statistical Sciences, Mar 2017.

Contributed poster: “P-splines with an ℓ_1 penalty for repeated measures.” ENAR, Mar 2017.

Contributed talk (winner of travel award): “Fast approximation of small p-values in permutation tests by partitioning the permutation space.” JSM Biometrics section student paper awards session, Aug 2016.

Contributed poster: “Fast approximation of small p-values in permutation tests by partitioning the permutation space.” ENAR, Mar 2016.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Amarakoon, S., Smith, J., **Segal, B. D.** Lithium-ion batteries and nanotechnology for electric vehicles: life cycle assessment study. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Design for the Environment Program. EPA 744-R-08-001, Apr 2012.

Socolof, M., Amarakoon, S., Smith, J., **Segal, B. D.** Life-cycle assessment of plenum space communication cable. The Society of the Plastics Industry, Oct 2009.

Greco, S., Smith, J., **Segal, B. D.**, Post, E., Lynch, M., Hattis, D. Evaluating methods for quantifying human noncancer health risks: case study application, draft report. US EPA, Mar 2009.

Greco, S., Acquaye, A., Peak, K., **Segal, B. D.**, Rast, M. Framework for estimating costs and benefits associated with changes in the reference dose at federal facility hazardous waste sites. US EPA, Oct 2008.

Segal, B. D. Biofilm forming properties of the ammonia oxidizing bacteria *Nitrosomonas europaea*. Undergraduate research project. Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Virginia Tech, May 2007.

SOFTWARE

fastPerm: R package for quickly approximating small permutation p-values for the difference and ratio of means. Available at <https://github.com/bdsegal/fastPerm>.

gammaDist: R package for computing the distribution and density of the difference of two gamma random variables under the null of equal distributions. Includes a saddlepoint approximation to the density. Available at <https://github.com/bdsegal/gammaDist>.

In development

matrixTest: R package for testing symmetric matrices for block-diagonal structure under the null of exchangeable off-diagonal elements. Based on a permutation test with Hubert’s gamma and a t-statistic. Available at <https://github.com/bdsegal/matrixTest>.

psplines11: R package for fitting additive mixed models with P-splines and an ℓ_1 penalty using alternating direction method of multipliers and cross validation. Available at <https://github.com/bdsegal/psplines11>.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor: Statistical Programming Workshop, University of Michigan, Winter 2016. Notes available at <https://bdsegal.github.io/BSA-computing-workshop>.

Grader: Introduction to Public Health (PUBHLTH 610), University of Michigan, Fall 2014

Graduate Student Instructor: Introduction to Biostatistics (BIOSTAT 503), University of Michigan, Fall 2011

HONORS AND AWARDS

Best Poster from Biostatistics Departments at Michigan Student Symposium for Interdisciplinary Statistical Sciences, "Tests of matrix structure for construct validation"	2017
Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship	2016
Travel Award for JSM, Biometrics Section, "Fast approximation of small p-values in permutation tests by partitioning the permutation space"	2016
Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant	2014
Regents' Fellowship	2013
Phi Beta Kappa	2005
Virginia Tech Paul Dirksen Smith Cycling Scholarship	2004

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

Reviewer for:	
Biometrics	
Journal of the American Statistical Association	
Statistical Methods in Medical Research	
Chair, JSM session on data science	Jul/Aug 2018
Chair, JSM session on statistical challenges in the analysis of EHR data	Jul/Aug 2018
Member, Eastern North American Region International Biometric Society	2015 – present
Volunteer, Statisticians Without Borders, response to Ebola outbreak	Oct 2014
Member, American Statistical Association	2012 – present
Committee Member, Abt Associates Community Engagement Program	2009 – 2010

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Volunteer Juggling Instructor, Zip Zap Circus, Washington, DC	Apr 2011 – Aug 2011
Volunteer, Al-Rowwad Children's Art Center, Bethlehem, West Bank	Jul 2010
Participant, Service learning project to help recent immigrants adjust to life in the United States, Roanoke, VA	Jan 2006 – May 2006
Volunteer English Teacher, Salomon Kim School, Quito, Ecuador	Sep 2005 – Dec 2005
President, Virginia Tech Cycling Club, Blacksburg, VA	Aug 2004 – May 2005

Sponsorship Officer, Virginia Tech Cycling Club, Blacksburg, VA Aug 2003 – May 2004

COMPUTER SKILLS

Proficient: R, SAS, \LaTeX

Familiar: Python, C, Unix, SQL, Git/GitHub, Mplus

REFERENCES

Available upon request