

Education

- **University of North Carolina** Chapel Hill, NC
Ph.D. Biostatistics 2015 - 2020
 - Concentration in computational genomics, statistical genetics, and genetic epidemiology with an emphasis in health disparities
- **University of North Carolina** Chapel Hill, NC
B.S. Mathematical Decision Sciences, B.S. Biology 2011 - 2015
 - Mackenzie Family Foundation Innovation Scholarship (full scholarship, 4 years)

Research and Work Experience

- **UCLA Institute for Quantitative and Computational Biosciences** Los Angeles, CA
Fellow July 2021 - present
 - Teaching workshops in quantitative methods to biology researchers
 - Collaborating and consulting with experimental labs at UCLA for quantitative analyses
- **Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine** Los Angeles, CA
Postdoctoral Fellow August 2020 - present
 - Developing methods for integration of genetic association studies and functional genomics
 - Studying the genetic and genomic contributions to neuropsychiatric disease and cancer etiology, progression, and disparities
 - With Prof. Bogdan Pasaniuc and Prof. Michael Gandal
- **Carolina Breast Cancer Study** Chapel Hill, NC
Research Assistant August 2017 - August 2020
 - Elucidating the relationship between germline genetic variation and breast cancer tumor biology to study racial disparities in breast cancer outcomes
 - Developing methods for the deconvolution of bulk tumor RNA
 - With Prof. Michael Love and Prof. Melissa Troester
- **ELGAN-ECHO Research Study** Chapel Hill, NC
Research Assistant July 2017 - August 2020
 - Analyzing the genetic and epigenetic effects in autism, post-partum depression, and non-communicable developmental disorders in underserved and underrepresented populations
 - Collaboration with Prof. Hudson Santos and Prof. Rebecca Fry
- **NC TraCS Institute** Chapel Hill, NC
Research Assistant August 2017 - July 2018
 - Reviewed incoming grants for biostatistical support and provided statistical consultation for approved projects
- **Roche Innovation Center** New York, NY
Graduate Research Intern May 2016 - August 2016
 - Identified immunogenetic signatures from omic profiles from clinical trials to estimate immune infiltration in breast cancer tumors in response to cancer drugs
 - Internship in the Data Science group of Translational Genomics at Roche, under the supervision of Dr. Francesca Milletti and Dr. Jurriaan Brouwer-Visser

• **CBKEN @ UNC**
 Research Assistant

Chapel Hill, NC
 October 2015 - December 2016

- Modeled knowledge exchange networks in community-based health centers to assess best methods in knowledge dissemination and health practices in underinsured and low-income areas
- Presented findings to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, October 2016
- With Prof. Timothy Carney

Awards, Grants & Honors

Fellow, UCLA Institute of Quantitative and Computational Biosciences	2021-present
SER Conference Scholarship	2021
Center of Environmental Health and Susceptability Training Grant	2019-2020
Susan G. Komen Graduate Training Fellowship in Breast Cancer Disparities	2018-2019
UNC-CH Department of Biostatistics Tuition Award	2017-2018
Mackenzie Family Foundation Innovation Scholarship	2011-2015
NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates, UGA	2014
UNC-CH OUR Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (\$5,000)	2013

Publications

Accepted manuscripts (* indicates first authorship)

1. **A. Bhattacharya***, Y. Li, M. Love. *MOSTWAS: Multi-Omic Strategies for Transcriptome-Wide Association Studies*. *PLOS Genetics*, 2021.
<https://journals.plos.org/plosgenetics/article?id=10.1371/journal.pgen.1009398>
2. **A. Bhattacharya***, Alina M. Hamilton, Melissa A. Troester, and Michael I. Love. *DeCompress: tissue compartment deconvolution of targeted mRNA expression panels using compressed sensing*. *Nucleic Acids Research*, 2021.
<https://academic.oup.com/nar/advance-article/doi/10.1093/nar/gkab031/6125666?>
3. H. Santos, H. Adynski, R. Harris, **A. Bhattacharya**, A. Incollingo-Rodriguez, R. Cali, A. Torres Yabar, B. Nephew, C. Murgatroyd. *Biopsychosocial Correlates of Psychological Distress in Latina Mothers*. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 2020.
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0165032720332833>.
4. H. Santos*, **A. Bhattacharya***, R. Joseph, L. Smeester, K. Kuban, C. Marsit, T. O'Shea, and R. Fry. *Evidence for the Placenta-Brain Axis: Multi-Omic Kernel Aggregation Predicts Intellectual and Social Impairment in Children Born Extremely Preterm*. *Molecular Autism*, 2020.
<https://molecularautism.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13229-020-00402-w>.
 Co-first author.
5. **A. Bhattacharya***, A. Hamilton*, M. Troester, K. Hoadley, M. Love. *An approach for normalization and quality control for NanoString RNA expression data*. *Briefings in Bioinformatics*, 2020. <https://academic.oup.com/bib/advance-article-abstract/doi/10.1093/bib/bbaa163/5891144>.
 Co-first author.
6. **A. Bhattacharya**, M. García-Closas, A. Olshan, C. Perou, M. Troester, M. Love. *A framework for transcriptome-wide association studies in breast cancer*. *Genome Biology*, 2020.
<https://genomebiology.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13059-020-1942-6>.

7. H. Santos, **A. Bhattacharya**, E. Martin, K. Addo, M. Psioda, L. Smeester, R. Joseph, S. Hooper, J. Frazier, K. Kuban, T. O'Shea, R. Fry for the ELGAN Investigators. *Epigenome-Wide DNA Methylation in Placentas from Preterm Infants: Association with Maternal Socioeconomic Status*. *Epigenetics*, 2019. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/31062658>.
8. H. Santos, B. Nephew, **A. Bhattacharya**, E. Martin, R. Fry, K. Perrera, L. Smith, C. Murgatroyd, R. Alyamani, X. Tan. *Discrimination Exposure and DNA Methylation of Stress-Related Genes in Latina Mothers*. *Psychoneuroendocrinology*, 2018. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30144780>.

Pre-prints and submitted papers

1. **A. Bhattacharya**, A. Freedman, V. Avula, R. Harris, W. Liu, Y. Li, R. Joseph, L. Smeester, H. Hartwell, K. Kuban, T. O'Shea, C. Marsit, R. Fry, and H. Santos. *Distal mediator-enriched, placental transcriptome-wide analyses suggest genetic mechanisms supporting the Developmental Origins of Health and Disease hypothesis*. Submitted, 2021. <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.04.12.21255170v1>.
2. A. Patel, M. García-Closas, A. Olshan, C. Perou, M. Troester, M. Love, **A. Bhattacharya**. *Transcriptome-wide association study of risk of recurrence in Black and White breast cancer patients*. Submitted, 2021. <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.03.19.21253983v1>.
3. K. Hou, **A. Bhattacharya**, R. Mester, K.S. Burch, B. Pasaniuc. *Powerful GWAS in admixed populations when allelic effects are similar across ancestries*. Submitted, 2021.
4. G. Jones, K. Hoadley, L. Olsson, A. Hamilton, **A. Bhattacharya**, E. Kirk, H. Tipaldos, J. Fleming, M. Love, H. Nichols, A. Olshan, M. Troester. *Hepatocyte Growth Factor pathway expression in breast cancer by race and subtype*. Submitted, 2021.
5. H. Santos, J. Bangma, **A. Bhattacharya**, V. Zhabotynsky, K. Roell, C. Marsit, J. Rager, L. Smeester, T.M. O'Shea, B. Zou, F. Zou, R. Fry for the ELGAN Investigators. *Sexual Dimorphism in Placental DNA Methylation Predicts Positive Child Health Outcome at Age 10 Years*. Submitted, 2021.
6. H. Santos, **A. Bhattacharya**, B. Nephew, C. Murgatroyd, X. Tan. *Oxytocin function and emotional regulation in Latina mothers*. Submitted, 2021.

Works in preparation

1. **A. Bhattacharya***, J. Hirvo*, N. Cox, B. Pasaniuc for the Global Biobank Meta-Initiative. *Best practices for multi-tissue, trans-ethnic, meta-analytic transcriptome-wide association studies: lessons from the Global Biobank Meta-Initiative*. In preparation.
2. **A. Bhattacharya**, B. Neale, S. Lindström, P. Kraft, B. Pasaniuc. *Pan-cancer multi-tissue distal-eQTL-enriched transcriptome-wide association study reveals common pathways for risk of 17 cancers*. In preparation.
3. **A. Bhattacharya***, M. Kim*, C. Wen, B. Pasaniuc, M. Gandal. *Isoform-level transcriptome-wide associations of the fetal brain with neurodevelopment*. In preparation.

Presentations

- **A. Bhattacharya**, A. Freedman, V. Avula, R. Harris, W. Liu, Y. Li, R. Joseph, L. Smeester, H. Hartwell, K. Kuban, T. O'Shea, C. Marsit, R. Fry, and H. Santos. *Distal mediator-enriched, placental transcriptome-wide analyses of 40 traits suggest genetic mechanisms supporting the Developmental Origins of Health and Disease hypothesis*.

- *Society for Epidemiologic Research, June 2021*. Selected for oral presentation in So Much More Than GWAS: How Genetics Can Strengthen Causal Inference session.
- *UCLA QCBio Research Seminar Series, April 2021*. Invited talk.
- **A. Bhattacharya**, A.M. Hamilton, M.A. Troester, M.I. Love. *DeCompress: tissue compartment deconvolution for targeted RNA panels using compressed sensing*.
 - *International Conference on Computational Advances in Bio- and medical Sciences, December 2020*. Invited talk at Computational Advances for Next Generation Sequencing Workshop.
- **A. Bhattacharya**, M.I. Love. *Multi-Omic strategies for transcriptome-wide association studies and applications to the DOHaD hypothesis*.
 - *American Society for Human Genetics Annual Meeting, October 2020*. Selected for platform talk in Rare Variants and Complex Disease session.
- **A. Bhattacharya**, M.I. Love. *MOSTWAS: Multi-Omic Strategies for Transcriptome-Wide Association Studies*.
 - *Society for Epidemiologic Research, December 2020*. Selected for oral presentation in Genetics in Epidemiology session.
 - *International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology, July 2020*. Selected for virtual oral presentation (VarI-COSI).
 - *International Genetic Epidemiology Society Meeting, July 2020*. Selected for virtual poster presentation (due to COVID).
 - *RNA 2020, May 2020*. Selected for virtual poster presentation (due to COVID).
- **A. Bhattacharya**, M. García-Closas, A. Olshan, C. Perou, M. Troester, M. Love. *A framework for transcriptome-wide association studies in breast cancer*.
 - *NCPF Workshop on Applying Big Data to Address the Social Determinants of Health in Oncology, October 2019*. Poster presentation at the National Academies of Science.
 - *American Society of Human Genetics Meeting, October 2019*. Poster presentation.
 - *International Genetic Epidemiology Society Meeting, October 2019*. Talk and highlighted poster presentation. One of 3 best poster awards.
 - *AACR Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved, September 2019*. Talk and poster presentation.
- **A. Bhattacharya**, H. Santos (presenting). *Placental Multi-Omics Prediction of Autism Spectrum Disorder at Age 10. Annual Meeting of the U.S. Developmental Origins of Health and Disease Society, September 2019*. Oral Presentation.
- **A. Bhattacharya**, M. Troester, M. Love. *Examining racial disparities in recurrence in the Carolina Breast Cancer Study: a transcriptome-wide association approach*. Plenary talk for Susan G. Komen. *American Association of Cancer Research, November 2018*

Service

- Referee and Reviewer Experience

- Referee for *npj Breast Cancer*, *Communications Biology*, *American Journal of Human Genetics*, *Human Genomics*
- Abstract reviewer for the Society of Epidemiologic Research Annual Meetings
- Formal Mentorship
 - Mentor - Bruins-In-Genomics (B.I.G.) Summer Undergraduate Research Program 2021

Teaching Experience

BIOS 735, *Introduction to Data Science* Spring 2019
 BIOS 550, *Basic Elements of Probability and Statistical Inference* Spring 2018
 BIOS 673, *Probability and Statistics* Spring 2017

Computing Skills

- **Advanced:** R (preferred), SAS, \LaTeX
- **Intermediate:** Python, C++, Matlab