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RESEARCH INTERESTS Causal inference, randomized-controlled trials, statistics, machine learning, epidemiology, global health, econometrics, networks, Bayesian methods

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts USA

Center for Communicable Disease Dynamics

Research Fellow 2023 - present

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts USA

Ph.D., Epidemiology 2023

Concentration: Causal Inference

Dissertation: New approaches to factual and counterfactual prediction. Committee: Goodarz Danaei (Chair), James Robins, Andrew Beam

M.S., Biostatistics 2023

Columbia University, New York, New York USA

M.P.H., Epidemiology 2015

Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio USA

B.S., Mechanical Engineering

2010

PUBLICATIONS

Boyer, C., Paluck, E. L., Annan, J., Nevatia, T., Cooper, J., Namubiru, J, Heise, L., & Lehrer, R. (2022) "Religious leaders can motivate men to cede power and reduce intimate partner violence: experimental evidence from Uganda". *PNAS*. 119(31), e2200262119. DOI: 10.1073/pnas.2200262119

Boyer, C, Rumpler, E, Kissler, S, & Lipsitch, M. (2022) "Infectious disease dynamics and restrictions on social gathering size". *Epidemics*, 40, 100620. DOI: 10.1016/j.epidem.2022.100620

NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC). (2021) "Worldwide trends in hypertension prevalence and progress in treatment and control from 1990 to 2019: a pooled analysis of 1201 population-representative studies with 104 million participants". The Lancet. 398(10304), 957-980. DOI: 10.1016/S0140-6736(21)01330-1

WORKING PAPERS

Boyer, C., Chatterji, S., Cooper, J., & Heise, L. (2022). "Outcome coding choice in randomized trials of programs to reduce violence". ArXiv:2204.12385 [Stat]. http://arxiv.org/abs/2204.12385

NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC). (2021) "Long-term and recent trends in serum cholesterol treatment and control in 14 high-income countries: an analysis of 125 nationally representative surveys".

Boyer, C., Bates-Jefferys, E., Fink, G. & Annan, J. (2021) "Texting with men to reduce violence: a cluster-randomized trial of the Modern Man Challenge intervention in Monrovia, Liberia".

Boyer, C., Beam, A., Robins, J, & Danaei, G. (2022) "Factual and counterfactual risk prediction using the parametric g-formula". *Dissertation paper*.

Boyer, C., Beam, A., Robins, J, & Danaei, G. (2022) "Target trials for prediction: emulating a trial to estimate the treatment-naive risk".. *Dissertation paper*.

Boyer, C., Beam, A., Robins, J, & Danaei, G. (2022) "Validating counterfactual predictions". *Dissertation paper*.

Conference Presentations

Boyer, C. & Namubiru, J. (2022). "Religious Leaders Can Motivate Men To Cede Power And Reduce Violence: Main Findings from Becoming One". SVRI Forum 2022

Namubiru, J. & **Boyer**, C. (2022). "Reduced IPV driven largely by highest quality, most progressive facilitators". SVRI Forum 2022

Boyer, C. & Danaei, G. (2021). "New Approaches to Factual and Counterfactual Risk Prediction for Cardiovascular Disease Using the Parametric G-formula". *Circulation*, 144(Suppl_1), A14191-A14191.

Boyer, C., Jackson, E., Bawah, A., Schmitt, M., Awoonor-Williams, J., & Phillips, J. (2015). "Estimating indices of health system readiness: an example from rural northern Ghana". *The Lancet Global Health*, 3, S14.

Honors and Awards

Department of Epidemiology Excellence in Teaching Award	2022
Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching $(\times 3)$	2019, 2020, 2021
Summa Cum Laude, Columbia University	2015
Magna Cum Laude, Wright State University	2010
Tau Beta Pi, Wright State University	2010
National Merit Scholarship Finalist	2006
Salutatorian, Miamisburg High School	2006

Extramural Grants

USAID Development Innovation Ventures (APS9-7414). \$200,000. Role: co-PI	2021
SVRI/World Bank Development Marketplace Award. \$50,000. Role: co-PI	2020
NIH T32 Training Grant (T32 HL 098048). Role: Trainee	2019
Wellspring Philanthropic Fund. \$450,000. Role: co-PI	2017

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Annan, J., **Boyer, C.**, Cooper, J., Heise, L., & Paluck, E.L. (2019) "A Pair-Matched Randomized Evaluation of Faith-Based Couples Counseling in Uganda." AEA RCT Registry. March 11. https://doi.org/10.1257/rct.3994-4.1

Annan, J., Fink, G., & Paluck, E.L. (2019) "Modern Man Challenge Intimate Partner Violence Study." AEA RCT Registry. June 10. https://doi.org/10.1257/rct.4245-1.0

Boyer, C. & Field, E. (2022) "Hablemos entre Patas: A Randomized-Controlled Trial of a What-sApp Intervention to Reduce Intimate Partner Violence" AEA RCT Registry. October 14. https://www.socialscienceregistry.org/trials/10043

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

EPI207 - Advanced Epidemiologic Methods

Lead Teaching Fellow

2020, 2021

Required course for epidemiology PhD students. Causal inference for time-varying exposures: g-formula, inverse-probability weighting, marginal structural models, static and dynamic treatment regimes. Responsible for leading 90 min lab section and grading homeworks and tests.

Instructor: Dr. James Robins

$\ensuremath{\mathsf{PHS}}\xspace2000$ - Quantitative reseach methods

Teaching Fellow 2019, 2020, 2021

Year-long required methods course for first-year PhD students. Regression models, sampling, longitudinal and multilevel analysis, time-varying confounding, mediation and interaction, econometric methods, missing data. Responsible for leading 90 min lab section, developing homework assignments and tests, and drafting course materials.

Instructors: Dr. Tyler Vanderweele, Dr. Jarvis Chen, Dr. Michael Hughes

Professional Experience

Innovations for Poverty Action, New York, New York USA

Technical Lead	2017 - 2018
Senior Research and Data Analyst	2016 - 2017
Research and Data Analyst	2015 - 2016

Columbia University, New York, New York USA

Research Associate	2013 - 201	15
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$\bf Peace\ Corps,\ Montepuez,\ Cabo\ Delgado,\ Mozambique$

Secondary Science Teacher	2010 - 2012
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CONSULTING

StellarEmploy, New York, New York USA

Experience	Data Scientist		2017 - 2018
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World Bank, Washington, DC USA

R/Python Programmer	2016
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PUBLISHED SOFTWARE

Boyer, C., Danaei, G., Hajifathalian, K., Ueda, P., & Carrillo Larco, R. M. (2021) globorisk, R package for Globorisk Global CVD Risk Calculator.

Boyer, C., Baako, I.A., & Sandino, R.S. (2018) ipacheck, Stata package for running high-frequency checks of survey data.

Boyer, C. & White, M. (2016) bcstats, Stata package for comparing survey and back check data.

Programming

Statistics: R, Stata, Python, Stan, Julia (beginner)

Web: HTML, JavaScript, CSS, D3.js GIS: ArcGIS, QGIS, ggmap, ggplot

Markup: Markdown, IATEX
Survey: SurveyCTO, Qualtrics
Other: C/C++, SQL, Java