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EDUCATION

Georgetown University- Washington, DC

August 2016 - Present

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Biology

GPA: 3.9

Dissertation Topic: The Interplay between Human Behavior and Infectious Disease Dynamics

Advisor: Dr. Shweta Bansal

The Pennsylvania State University- University Park, PA

August 2012 -May 2016

B.S. in Biology (Concentration in Vertebrate Physiology)

GPA: 3.5

Minor in Health Policy and Administration

PUBLICATIONS

- **Zipfel, C. M.,** & Bansal, S. (2020). Assessing the interactions between COVID-19 and influenza in the United States. *MedRXiv*.
- **Zipfel, C. M.,** Colizza, V, & Bansal, S. (2020). Health inequities in influenza transmission and surveillance. *MedRXiv*.
- Carlson, C. J., Albery, G. F., Merow, C., Trisos, C.H., **Zipfel, C. M.,** Eskew, E.A., Olival, K.A., Ross, N., & Bansal, S. (2020). Climate change will drive novel cross-species viral transmission. *Nature, In review.*
- Carlson, C. J., **Zipfel, C. M.,** Garnier, R., & Bansal, S. (2019). Global estimates of mammalian viral diversity accounting for host sharing. *Nature Ecology & Evolution*, 3(7), 1070-1075.
- Stoto, M.A., Darling, N., Gasior, J., Harmsen, M., LeBlanc, N., & **Zipfel, C. M.** (2019). A Century of Influenza: Is the World Prepared for the Next Pandemic? *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, 20 (Fall 2019), 163-169.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, Georgetown University

August 2016 - present

Conducted independent research in the Bansal Lab studying the interplay between human behavioral dynamics and infectious disease dynamics by combining mathematical models and empirical data

Visiting Graduate Researcher, EPIcx Lab, The Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale (INSERM)

May 2019 - July 2019

Collaborated with EPIcx lab as a part of the Chateaubriand STEM Fellowship. Integrated research questions, data, and modeling across countries, comparing and translating between the United States and France

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Pennsylvania State University August 2014 - May 2016 Participated in data collection of ant social behavior contributing to NSF funded research in the Hughes lab. Conducted an independent research project modeling infectious disease dynamics of social insects based on parasite type and colony conditions

AWARDS

PhRMA Informatics Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

August 2019 - August 2021

To support advanced stages of pre-doctoral thesis research using novel informatics in an integrative approach toward understanding biological processes (\$25,000 per year, for 2 years).

Conference Travel Grant, Georgetown Graduate School of Arts & Sciences

2019

To attend Epidemics, the International Conference on Infectious Disease Dynamics 2019 (\$350)

Chateaubriand STEM Fellowship

2019

To support 4 months of collaboration with Vittoria Colizza and EPIcx Lab at INSERM in Paris, France in May-July 2019, leading to collaborative publications (\$5,900)

Conference Travel Grant, Georgetown Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

2018

To attend the International Conference on Network Science (NetSci) 2018 (\$425)

Conference Travel Grant, Georgetown Department of Biology

2018

To attend the International Conference on Network Science (NetSci) 2018 (\$500)

Travel Scholarship, University of Washington

2018

To attend the 2017 Summer Institutes at the University of Washington (\$1,800)

Travel Scholarship, International Clinics on Infectious Disease Dynamics and Data 2016 To attend the 2016 Clinic on Dynamical Approaches to Infectious Disease Data (\$150, Room & Board)

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Socioeconomic disparities in influenza burden: the role of individualand population-level factors

2/2020

Graduate Research Symposium, Georgetown University Department of Biology, 12 minute talk

Health disparities increase influenza burden in the US

12/2019

Epidemics, the International Conference on Infectious Disease Dynamics 2019, Poster

The interplay between infectious disease and human behavior: health disparities exacerbate influenza burden

10/2019

Graduate Research Seminar, Georgetown University Department of Biology, 1 hour talk

Harnessing medical claims to quantify vaccine hesitancy & its determinants

4/2019

MIDAS (Models of Infectious Disease Agent Study) Vaccine Symposium, Atlanta, GA, 15 minute talk

The interplay between infectious disease and human behavior

3/2019

Three Minute Thesis Competition, Georgetown University, 3 minute talk

Impacts of infectious disease on behavior: drivers of vaccine hesitancy

2/2019

Graduate Research Symposium, Georgetown University Department of Biology, Poster

Interrelated dynamics of infectious disease and human behavior

2/2019

Graduate Research Seminar, Georgetown University Department of Biology, 1 hour talk

Infection-induced behavior change: impact on epidemiological prediction & inference

6/2018

NetSci: International School and Conference on Network Science, Paris, France. Satellite Session: Integration of empirical data in network epidemiology, 10 minute talk

The interplay between human behavior change and infectious disease dynamics 2/2018 Graduate Research Symposium, Georgetown University Department of Biology, Poster

TEACHING & MENTORING

Mentoring of Undergraduate Students

Fall 2019-present

- Madeline Kuney, Project: Characterization of influenza vaccination 9/2019-present accessibility, affordability and availability across spatial scales in the United States
- Anushka Desai, Project: The role of network structure and symptoms in assessing the controllability of infectious disease outbreaks

2/2020-present

• Andrew Tiu, Project: Understanding the role of indoor and outdoor humidity on influenza spatial dynamics

3/2020-present

Guest Lecture, Mathematical modeling of influenza transmission

11/2018

BIOL 401 Senior Seminar in Biology, Georgetown University

Teaching Fellow

1/2017-5/2017 & 8/2017-12/2017

BIOL 422/522 Modeling Biological Populations, Georgetown University

Lead Teaching Assistant

8/2015-5/2016

BIOL 142 Physiology Laboratory, The Pennsylvania State University

Lecture Assistant

8/2014-12/2014

BIOL 110 Basic Concepts and Biodiversity, The Pennsylvania State University

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Peer-Review

2/2020

BMJ Open, F1000 Research (DOI: 10.5256/f1000research.23276.r57787)

Co-President

8/2019 - present

Georgetown Biology Organization of Graduate Students

Epidemiology Team Captain, Pandemic Influenza Simulation

8/2019-11/2019

Experiment

Georgetown University Global Health Initiative

Bargaining Committee Member Georgetown Alliance of Graduate Employees	2/2018 - 5/2018
General Assembly Representative for the Department of Biology Georgetown University Graduate Student Government	10/2017 - 8/2019
Administration Captain Relay for Life Penn State	10/2015-4/2016
Overall Competitor Liaison	2/2014-9/2014

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Penn State Homecoming, Organization Relations Committee

The 65th IEEE International Conference on Data Science and Advanced	10/2019
Analytics- Washington, DC	
MIDAS (Models of Infectious Disease Agent Study) Network Meeting-	4/2018
Bethesda, MD	
Teaching Workshops, The Center for New Designs in Learning and	8/2016- 12/2017
Scholarship (CNDLS), Georgetown University- Washington, DC	
Summer Institute in Statistics and Modeling in Infectious Diseases,	6/2017
University of Washington- Seattle, WA	
Clinic on Dynamical Approaches to Infectious Disease Data, ICI3D-	12/2016
Jacksonville, FL	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

6/2014-8/2014 & 6/2015-8/2015 & 6/2016-8/2016 Health Resource Center Intern, Independence Blue Cross- Philadelphia, PA

RELEVANT COURSES AND SKILLS

Graduate Courses

Mathematical & Statistical Computing, Applied Statistical Methods II, Applied Time Series Analysis, Mathematics of Social Networks, Linear Algebra, Infectious Disease & Conflict, Ecological Analysis, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Journal Club (7 semesters)

Undergraduate Courses

Ecology of Infectious Disease, Principles of Epidemiology, Integrated Biobehavioral Health, Health Systems Management, Health Services Policy Issues, Introduction to Microbiology

Technical Skills

Python, R, AWS, MySQL