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## EDUCATION

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### University of Washington

*Ph.D., Biostatistics*

Advisors: Marco Carone and Noah Simon

Seattle, WA

2018 – 2023

### Harvard University

*B.A., Organismic and Evolutionary Biology*

Language citation, Spanish

*Summa cum laude*, Highest Honors

Cambridge, MA

2011 – 2015

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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### University of Rochester

*Assistant Professor*

Department of Biostatistics and Computational Biology

Rochester, NY

2025–present

### University of Pennsylvania

*Postdoctoral Researcher*

Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Informatics

Host: Yong Chen

Philadelphia, PA

2023–2025

### Columbia University

*Research Staff Associate*

Institute for Genomic Medicine

New York, NY

2016 – 2018

## TEACHING

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### University of Washington

BIOST 311: Regression Methods in the Health Sciences (co-taught with T. Okonek)

BIOST 310: Biostatistics for the Health Sciences (TA)

BIOST 511: Medical Biometry I (TA)

BIOST 561: Computational Skills for Biostatistics (guest lecturer)

Seattle, WA

2022

2021

2020

2023

### Seattle Symposium in Biostatistics

Introduction to causal inference using machine learning methods (co-taught with M. Carone)

virtual

2025

## ADVISING AND FORMAL MENTORING

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### University of Rochester

*PhD Committees in a Non-chair Role*

Nathan Provost (Ph.D., Statistics. Chair: R.L. Strawderman and A. Wahed)

Rochester, NY

**University of Washington****Seattle, WA***Other Mentoring*

Directed Reading Program: Introduction to Prediction

2023

Pathways Undergraduate Research Program

2021

**AWARDS, HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS**

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NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

2020 – 2023

Thomas R. Fleming Excellence in Biostatistics Award (University of Washington)

2023

Donovan J. Thompson Award (University of Washington)

2020

NIH T32 Statistical Genetics Training Grant (University of Washington)

2018 – 2020

Phi Beta Kappa (Harvard University)

2015

Herchel Smith Research Fellowship (Harvard University)

2014

Microbial Sciences Initiative Research Fellowship (Harvard University)

2014

John Harvard Scholar (Harvard University)

2013

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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**Journal Refereeing**

Bayesian Analysis

Biometrics

Biostatistics

Communications in Statistics: Case Studies, Data Analysis and Applications

Journal of Machine Learning Research

Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series B

Scientific Reports

Statistics and Computing

Statistics in Biopharmaceutical Research

**Conference Sessions**Modern techniques for model-free analysis of censored and truncated data (*organizer, JSM 2026, upcoming*)Exploring Frontiers in Functional Data Analysis and Applications (*chair, ENAR 2025*)Next Generation Methods for Evidence Synthesis and Reproducibility (*chair, JSM 2024*)Heterogeneous Treatment Effects (*chair, ACIC 2024*)**Other**ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium Student Paper Competition (*reviewer, 2025*)**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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**University of Washington, Department of Biostatistics****Seattle, WA**

Faculty Search Committee

2022 – 2023

Student Seminar Coordinator

2020 – 2022

Admissions Committee

2021 – 2022

Education Policy and Teaching Evaluation Committee

2020 – 2021

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

2019 – 2021

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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(\* equal contribution)

### **Refereed Research Articles**

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2. Raghavan NS, Brickman AM, Andrew H, Manly JJ, Schupf N, Lantigua R, The Alzheimer's Disease Sequencing Project, **Wolock CJ**, Kamalakaran S, Petrovski S, Tosto G, Vardarajan BN, Goldstein DB, Mayeux R. (2018). Whole exome sequencing in 20,197 individuals identifies ultra-rare SORL1 loss-of-function variants in late-onset Alzheimer's disease. *Annals of Clinical and Translational Neurology* 5(7): 832–842. doi:[10.1002/acn3.582](https://doi.org/10.1002/acn3.582)
3. Bittleston LS, **Wolock CJ**, Bakhtiar EY, Chan XY, Chan KG, Pierce NE, Pringle A. (2018). Convergence between the microcosms of Southeast Asian and North American pitcher plants. *eLife* 7. doi:[10.7554/eLife.36741](https://doi.org/10.7554/eLife.36741)
4. Hayeck TJ, Stong N, **Wolock CJ**, Copeland B, Kamalakaran S, Goldstein DB, Allen AS. (2019). Improved Pathogenic Variant Localization using a Hierarchical Model of Sub-regional Intolerance. *American Journal of Human Genetics* 104(2): 299–309. doi:[10.1016/j.ajhg.2018.12.020](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ajhg.2018.12.020)
5. **Wolock CJ**, Stong N, Ma F, Nagasaki T, Lee W, Tsang SH, Kamalakaran S, Goldstein DB, Allikmets R. (2019). A case-control collapsing analysis identifies retinal dystrophy genes associated with ophthalmic disease in patients with no pathogenic ABCA4 mutations. *Genetics in Medicine* 21: 2336–2344. doi:[10.1038/s41436-019-0495-0](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41436-019-0495-0)
6. Gelfman S, Dugger SA, Moreno CAM, Ren Z, **Wolock CJ**, Shneider NA, Phatnani H, Cirulli ET, Lasseigne BN, Harris T, Maniatis T, Rouleau GA, Brown RH, Gitler AD, Myers RM, Petrovski S, Allen AS, Harms MB, Goldstein DB. (2019). A new approach for rare variation collapsing on functional protein domains implicates specific genic regions in ALS. *Genome Research* 29(5): 809–818. doi:[10.1101/gr.243592.118](https://doi.org/10.1101/gr.243592.118)
7. Cameron-Christie S, **Wolock CJ**, Groopman E, Petrovski S, Kamalakaran S, Povysil G, Zhang M, Fleckner J, Mar. RE, Gelfman S, Marasa M, Li Y, Sanna-Cherchi S, Kiryluk K, Allen AS, Fellström B, Haefliger C, Platt A, Goldstein DB, Gharavi A. (2019). Exome-based rare-variant analyses in chronic kidney disease. *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology* 30(6): 1109–1122. doi:[10.1681/ASN.2018090909](https://doi.org/10.1681/ASN.2018090909)
8. Ma CJ, **Wolock CJ**, Stong N, Nagasaki T, Lee W, Goldstein DB, Allikmets R. (2019). Case-control collapsing analysis identifies genes mimicking Stargardt/ABCA4 disease. *Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science* 60(9): 2935–2935.
9. Eade K, Gantner ML, Hostyk JA, Nagasaki T, Giles S, Harkins-Perry S, Fallon R, Baldini M, Schepke L, Dorrell MI, Cai C, Baugh EH, **Wolock CJ**, Wallace M, Berlow RB, Goldstein DB, Metallo CM, Friedlander M, Allikmets R. (2021). Serine biosynthesis defect due to haploinsufficiency of phosphoglycerate dehydrogenase (PHDGH) causes retinal disease. *Nature Metabolism* 3(3): 366–377. doi:[10.1038/s42255-021-00361-3](https://doi.org/10.1038/s42255-021-00361-3)
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- size and connectivity of transnational ivory traffickers. *Nature Human Behaviour* 6(3): 371–382. doi:[10.1038/s41562-021-01267-6](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-021-01267-6)
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31. Morenz ER\*, **Wollock CJ\***, Carone M. (2025+) Debiased machine learning for survival functionals based on left-truncated right-censored data. [arXiv.2411.09017](https://arxiv.org/abs/2411.09017).

## SOFTWARE

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<a href="#">survML</a>	Tools for flexible survival analysis using machine learning (cre, aut)
<a href="#">SimEngine</a>	Framework for reproducible statistical simulations in R (aut)
<a href="#">rigr</a>	Regression, inference, and general data analysis tools for R (aut)
<a href="#">vimp</a>	Inference on algorithm-agnostic variable importance (ctb)

## PRESENTATIONS

(\*invited)

**Institute of Mathematical Statistics New Researchers Conference**  
*Nonparametric approaches to assessing variable importance using health data*

**Nashville, TN**  
 2025

<b>ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium*</b> <i>Nonparametric approaches to assessing variable importance using health data</i>	<b>Storrs, CT</b> 2025
<b>ENAR Spring Meeting</b> <i>Transfer learning for model-free variable importance</i>	<b>New Orleans, LA</b> 2025
<b>Columbia University Biostatistics Levin Lecture*</b> <i>Nonparametric approaches to assessing variable importance using health data</i>	<b>New York, NY</b> 2025
<b>University of Rochester Biostatistics and Computational Biology Seminar*</b> <i>Nonparametric approaches to assessing variable importance using health data</i>	<b>Rochester, NY</b> 2024
<b>University of Minnesota Biostatistics Seminar*</b> <i>Nonparametric approaches to assessing variable importance using health data</i>	<b>Minneapolis, MN</b> 2024
<b>Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM)</b> <i>Estimating causal effects from electronic health records data with underreported exposure</i>	<b>Portland, OR</b> 2024
<b>ENAR Spring Meeting</b> <i>Nonparametric variable importance for time-to-event outcomes with application to prediction of HIV infection</i>	<b>Baltimore, MD</b> 2024
<b>Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM)</b> <i>Nonparametric variable importance for time-to-event outcomes with application to prediction of HIV infection</i>	<b>Toronto, Canada</b> 2023
<b>ENAR Spring Meeting</b> <i>Flexible estimation of the conditional survival function via observable regression models</i>	<b>Nashville, TN</b> 2023
<b>Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM)</b> <i>Flexible estimation of the conditional survival function via observable regression models</i>	<b>Washington, DC</b> 2022
<b>WNAR Annual Meeting</b> <i>Flexible estimation of the conditional survival function via observable regression models</i>	<b>virtual</b> 2022

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Statistical Association  
International Biometric Society (ENAR)  
Institute of Mathematical Statistics