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EDUCATION

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

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

University of Washington

Instructor of Record

BIOST 311: Regression Methods in the Health Sciences

Seattle, WA

2022

Teaching Assistant

BIOST 310: Biostatistics for the Health Sciences

BIOST 511: Medical Biometry I

2021

2020

Guest Lecturer

BIOST 561: Computational Skills for Biostatistics

2023

ADVISING AND FORMAL MENTORING

University of Rochester**Rochester, NY***PhD Committees in a Non-chair Role*

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

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

Directed Reading Program: Introduction to Prediction

2023

Pathways Undergraduate Research Program

2021

AWARDS, HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS

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**Manuscript Reviewer**

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 Session ChairExploring Frontiers in Functional Data Analysis and Applications (*ENAR, New Orleans, 2025*)Next Generation Methods for Evidence Synthesis and Reproducibility (*JSM, Portland, 2024*)Heterogeneous Treatment Effects (*ACIC, Seattle, 2024*)**Paper Competition Reviewer**

ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium Student Paper Competition (2025)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE**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

(* 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.
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10. Bansal A, Heagerty PJ, Inoue LYT, Veenstra DL, **Wolock CJ**, Basu A. (2021). A Value of Information Framework for Personalizing the Timing of Surveillance Testing. *Medical Decision Making* 42(4): 474–486. doi:[10.1177/0272989x211049213](https://doi.org/10.1177/0272989x211049213)

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Submitted Manuscripts and Preprints

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31. Morenz ER*, **Wolock 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

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

PRESENTATIONS

(*invited)

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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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