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# **EDUCATION**

University of Washington	Seattle, WA
Ph.D., Biostatistics	2018 – 2023
Advisors: Marco Carone and Noah Simon	
Harvard University	Cambridge, MA
B.A., Organismic and Evolutionary Biology	2011 – 2015
Language citation, Spanish	
Summa cum laude, Highest Honors	
PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS	
University of Rochester	Rochester, NY
Assistant Professor	2025-present
Department of Biostatistics and Computational Biology	
University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, PA
Postdoctoral Researcher	2023–2025
Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Informatics	
Host: Yong Chen	
Columbia University	New York, NY
Research Staff Associate	2016 – 2018
Institute for Genomic Medicine	
EACHING AND MENTORING	
University of Washington	Seattle, WA
Instructor of Record	
BIOST 311: Regression Methods in the Health Sciences	2022
Teaching Assistant	
BIOST 310: Biostatistics for the Health Sciences	2021
BIOST 511: Medical Biometry I	2020
Research Mentor	
Directed Reading Program: Introduction to Prediction	2023
Pathways Undergraduate Research Program	2021
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2023

BIOST 561: Computational Skills for Biostatistics

## 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** 

Journal of Machine Learning Research

Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series B

Scientific Reports

Statistics and Computing

Statistics in Biopharmaceutical Research

## **Conference Session Chair**

Exploring 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**

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## Refereed Research Articles

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- 26. Carone M, **Wolock CJ**, Olivas-Martinez A, Rotnitzy A, Gilbert PB. (2025+). Immune Correlates and Vaccine Immunobridging: Statistical Innovations, Challenges and Opportunities. Invited revision, *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*.
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- 28. Wollum A, Ralph L, Grossman D, **Wolock CJ**, Moseson H. (2025+) Evaluating a double list experiment to measure the population proportion of people who have attempted a self-managed abortion in the United States: analysis of a nationally representative cross-sectional survey in 2017. Invited revision, **AJE Advances: Research in Epidemiology**.
- 29. He H, Li L, Zhang D, Wang H, Zhang B, Lu Y, **Wolock CJ**, Shen Y, Alemayehu D, Chu H, Schuemie M, Suchard M, Ryan P, Hripcsak G, Xu H, Zou J, Asch DA, Chen Y. (2025+) RWE-Transformer: A pretrained transformer model with negative control outcomes for debiased real-world evidence. Under review, *The Lancet Digital Health*.
- 30. Morenz ER\*, **Wolock CJ**\*, Carone M. (2025+) Debiased machine learning for survival functionals based on left-truncated right-censored data. arXiv.2411.09017.

## **SOFTWARE**

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

## **PRESENTATIONS**

(\*invited, †upcoming)

# ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium\*

Nonparametric approaches to assessing variable importance using health data

New Orleans, LA

#### **ENAR Spring Meeting**

Transfer learning for model-free variable importance

New York, NY

## Columbia University Biostatistics Levin Lecture\*

Nonparametric approaches to assessing variable importance using health data

2025

Storrs, CT

2025

2025

2024

2024

# University of Rochester Biostatistics and Computational Biology Seminar\*

Nonparametric approaches to assessing variable importance using health data

Rochester, NY

# University of Minnesota Biostatistics Seminar\*

Nonparametric approaches to assessing variable importance using health data

Minneapolis, MN

# Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM)

Portland, OR

Estimating causal effects from electronic health records data with underreported exposure

2024

ENAR Spring Meeting Baltimore, MD

Nonparametric variable importance for time-to-event outcomes with application to 2024 prediction of HIV infection

Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM)\*

Toronto, Canada

Nonparametric variable importance for time-to-event outcomes with application to 2023

prediction of HIV infection

ENAR Spring Meeting Nashville, TN

Flexible estimation of the conditional survival function via observable regression models 2023

Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) Washington, DC

Flexible estimation of the conditional survival function via observable regression models 2022

WNAR Annual Meeting virtual

Flexible estimation of the conditional survival function via observable regression models 2022

# **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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