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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA December 2020
PhD in Statistics, Dissertation Committee: Avi Feller, Peng Ding, Jesse Rothstein, Bin Yu
Columbia University, Columbia College, New York, NY May 2016
Bachelor of Arts, *Summa Cum Laude*, Computer Science and Statistics

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA January 2021 - Present
Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Quantitative Social Science and Department of Statistics

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

- Keele, L., **E. Ben-Michael**, A. Feller, R. Kelz, and L. Miratrix (2022+). Hospital quality risk standardization via approximate balancing weights. *The Annals of Applied Statistics*
- Ben-Michael, E.**, A. Feller, and J. Rothstein (2022). Synthetic controls with staggered adoption. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society. Series B: Statistical Methodology* 84(2), 351–381
(SF ASA Student Travel Award winner, Thomas R. Ten Have Poster Award runner up)
- Haber, N. A., E. Clarke-Deelder, A. Feller, E. R. Smith, J. A. Salomon, B. MacCormack-Gelles, E. M. Stone, C. Bolster-Foucault, J. R. Daw, L. A. Hatfield, C. E. Fry, C. B. Boyer, **E. Ben-Michael**, C. M. Joyce, B. S. Linas, I. Schmid, E. H. Au, S. E. Wieten, B. Jarrett, C. Axfors, V. T. Nguyen, B. A. Griffin, A. Bilinski, and E. A. Stuart (2022). Problems with evidence assessment in COVID-19 health policy impact evaluation: A systematic review of study design and evidence strength. *BMJ Open* 12(1)
- Ben-Michael, E.**, A. Feller, and J. Rothstein (2021). The Augmented Synthetic Control Method. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 116(536), 1789–1803
- Ben-Michael, E.**, A. Feller, and E. Stuart (2021). A trial emulation approach for policy evaluations with group-level longitudinal data. *Epidemiology* 32, 533–540
- Elser, H., **E. Ben-Michael**, D. Rehkopf, S. Modrek, E. A. Eisen, and M. R. Cullen (2019). Layoffs and the mental health and safety of remaining workers: a difference-in-differences analysis of the US aluminium industry. *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health* 73, 1094–1100

PREPRINTS AND WORKING PAPERS

- Ben-Michael, E.**, D. A. Hirshberg, A. Feller, and J. Zubizarrra (2021). The Balancing Act in Causal Inference. arXiv:2110.14831
- Ben-Michael, E.**, D. J. Greiner, K. Imai, and Z. Jiang (2021). Safe Policy Learning through Extrapolation: Application to Pre-trial Risk Assessment. arXiv:2109.11679
- Arbour, D., **E. Ben-Michael**, A. Feller, A. Franks, and S. Raphael (2021). Using Multitask Gaussian Processes to estimate the effect of a targeted effort to remove firearms. arXiv:2110.07006
- Lu, B., **E. Ben-Michael**, A. Feller, and L. Miratrix (2021). Is it who you are or where you are? Accounting for compositional differences in cross-site treatment variation. arXiv:2103.14765
- Ben-Michael, E.**, A. Feller, and S. Raphael (2021). The Effect of a Targeted Effort to Remove Firearms from Prohibited Persons on State Murder Rates
- Soriano, D., **E. Ben-Michael**, P. J. Bickel, A. Feller, and S. D. Pimentel (2021). Interpretable Sensitivity Analysis for Balancing Weights. arXiv:2102.13218
- Ben-Michael, E.**, A. Feller, and E. Hartman (2021). Multilevel calibration weighting for survey data. arXiv:2102.09052

Ben-Michael, E., A. Feller, and J. Rothstein (2020). Variation in impacts of letters of recommendation on college admissions decisions: Approximate balancing weights for treatment effect heterogeneity in observational studies. arXiv:2008.04394
(American Statistical Association Social Statistics Section Student Paper Award winner)

OPEN SOURCE STATISTICAL SOFTWARE

augsynth: R implementation of the augmented synthetic control method
multical: R package for multilevel calibration weighting

PRESENTATIONS

2022: London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Centre for Statistical Methodology

2021
Asian Political Methodology Meetings; ENAR Spring Meeting; Johns Hopkins CICADAS Seminar; RAND Center for Causal Inference Symposium; Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology; Joint Statistical Meetings (ASA Social Statistics Section Student Paper Award Winner); Johns Hopkins Causal Inference Seminar; Harvard Applied Statistics Workshop; Berkeley Machine Learning and Science Forum

2020
Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology; Joint Statistical Meetings (SFASA Student Travel Award winner); Econometric Society World Congress; Online Causal Inference Seminar; Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference; BigSurv20

2019
Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness; Atlantic Causal Inference Conference (Thomas R. Ten Have Poster Award runner up); Berkeley-Stanford Econometrics Jamboree

2018
7th Causal Inference Workshop at UAI; European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society

AWARDS AND HONORS

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| American Statistical Association Social Statistics Section Student Paper Award | 2021 |
| American Statistical Association, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, Student Travel Award | 2020 |
| Department fellowship, Department of Statistics, U.C. Berkeley | 2018 |
| Two years of funding through RTG grant: Advancing Machine Learning - Causality and Interpretability | |
| Phi Beta Kappa, Columbia University | 2016 |
| Computer Science Department Award, Columbia University | 2016 |
| Given to the top two graduating seniors each year | |

TEACHING

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| U.C. Berkeley Department of Statistics <i>Graduate Student Instructor</i> | |
| Stat 232: Experimental Design with Sam Pimentel | Fall 2018 |
| Stat 159/259: Reproducible and Collaborative Data Science with Fernando Perez | Fall 2017 |

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

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| PhD admissions committee, Department of Statistics, UC Berkeley | Spring 2020 |
| Co-president of the Berkeley Statistics Graduate Student Association | Fall 2018 - Spring 2019 |
| Reviewer for <i>Annals of Applied Statistics</i> , <i>Biometrical Journal</i> , <i>Biometrika</i> , <i>Econometrica</i> , <i>Epidemiology</i> , <i>INFORMS Journal on Data Science</i> , <i>Journal of the American Statistical Association</i> , <i>Journal of</i> | |

Applied Econometrics, Journal of Causal Inference, Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series B, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series C, Management Science, Political Analysis, Population Health Metrics, Statistics in Medicine, and Statistics and Public Policy

WORK EXPERIENCE

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| Uber , New York, NY <i>Data Science Intern</i> | Summer 2019 |
| Walmart Labs , Sunnyvale, CA <i>Machine Learning Scientist Intern</i> | Summer 2017 |
| Knewton , New York, NY <i>Data Science Intern</i> | Summer 2016 |