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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Tenure-track Assistant Professor
Department of Biostatistics, University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

Postdoctoral Scholar
Department of Biostatistics, University of California - Los Angeles
Supervisor: Dr. Marc Suchard

Visiting Scholar
Simons Institute, University of California - Berkeley

Research Intern
Duke Center for AIDS Research

EDUCATION

Department of Statistical Science, Duke University

2017 - 2021

Ph.D. in Statistics; Dissertation: Stochastic Process Models on Dynamic Networks

Advisor: Dr. Alexander Volfovsky

School of Mathematical Sciences, Peking University

2013 - 2017

B.S. in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics

PUBLICATIONS & PREPRINTS

† denotes student mentee

Statistical Methodology:

- P. Chatha † , **F. Bu**, J. Regier, E. Snitkin, and J. Zelner. Neural Posterior Estimation for Stochastic Epidemic Modeling (2025+). arXiv:2412.12967
- **F. Bu**, A. E. Aiello, A. Volfovsky, and J. Xu. Stochastic EM algorithm for partially observed stochastic epidemics with individual heterogeneity (2025). *Biostatistics*.
- **F. Bu**, J. Kagaayi, M. K. Grabowski, J. Xu, and O. Ratmann. Inferring HIV Transmission Patterns from Viral Deep-Sequence Data via Latent Spatial Poisson Processes (2024). *Biometrics*. (Winner of 2024 ISBA Biostats and Pharma Best Paper Award.)
- **F. Bu**, M. J. Schuemie, A. Nishimura, L. H. Smith, K. Kostka, T. Falconer, J. A. McLeggon, P. B. Ryan, G. Hripcsak, and M. A. Suchard. Bayesian Safety Surveillance with Adaptive Bias Correction (2023). *Statistics in Medicine*.
- M. Schuemie, **F. Bu**, A. Nishimura and M. Suchard. Adjusting for Both Sequential Testing and Systematic Error in Safety Surveillance using Observational Data: Empirical Calibration and MaxSPRT (2023). *Statistics in Medicine*.
- **F. Bu**, A. E. Aiello, J. Xu, and A. Volfovsky. Likelihood-based Inference for Partially Observed Epidemics on Dynamic Networks (2020). *Journal of the American Statistical Association* (Winner of 2020 ASA SBSS Student Paper Award.)

- **F. Bu**, S. Xu, K. Heller, and A. Volfovsky. SMOGS: Social Network Metrics of Game Success (2019). The 22nd International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS).
- W. Zhang, **F. Bu**, D. Owen-Oas, K. Heller, and X. Zhu. Who Started It? Identifying Root Sources in Textual Conversation Threads (2018). *arXiv:1809.03648*.

Scientific / Collaborative:

- S. Chattopadhyay, **F. Bu**, M. J. Schuemie, J. A. McLeggon, E. Westlund, G. Hripcsak, P. Ryan, M. A. Suchard. Comparative performance of the concurrent comparator design with existing vaccine safety surveillance approaches on real-world observational health data (2025+). *Under review*.
- C. Kim, **F. Bu**, C. Blacketer, A. Ostropolets, [...], and Y. Lu. Comparative safety of second-Line antihyperglycemic agents in older adults with type 2 diabetes: a multinational real-world evidence from LEGEND-T2DM (2025+). *Under review*.
- D. Morales, **F. Bu**, B. Viernes, [...], and M. A. Suchard. Risk of thyroid tumours with glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists: international cohort study (2025). *Diabetes Care (accepted)*.
- L. Rountree[†], Y.T. Lin, C. Liu, M. Salvatore, A. Admon, B. K. Nallamothu, K. Singh, A. Basu, **F. Bu**, B. Mukherjee. Reporting of Fairness Metrics in Clinical Risk Prediction Models: A Call for Change to Ensure Equitable Precision Health Benefits for All (2025). *Online Journal of Public Health Informatics*.
- C. Cai, M. Hribar, Sally Baxter, [...], **F. Bu**, [...], and Patrick B. Ryan. Semaglutide and Nonarteritic Anterior Ischemic Optic Neuropathy (2025). *JAMA Ophthalmology*.
- **F. Bu**, E. Minty, A. Aminorroaya, C. Blacketer, [...], and M. A. Suchard. Multi-national Patterns of Individual Cardioprotective Agents as Second-line Treatments for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: a LEGEND-T2DM Study (2024). *Proceedings of the 2025 OHDSI Global Symposium*.
- R. Khera, A. Aminorroaya, L. S. Dhingra, P. M. Thangaraj, A. P. Camargos, **F. Bu**, [...], and M. A. Suchard. Comparative Effectiveness of Second-line Antihyperglycemic Agents for Cardiovascular Outcomes: A Large-scale, Multinational, Federated Analysis of the LEGEND-T2DM Study (2024). *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*.
- V. Obregon-Perko, A. Awasthi, R. Barfield, [...], **F. Bu**, [...], and A. Chahroudi. Biomarkers for viral rebound timing and control post-ART in SHIV-infected infant macaques (2024+). *Under review*.
- C. Cai, A. Nishimura, M. Bowring, [...], **F. Bu**, [...], and Patrick B. Ryan. Similar risk of kidney failure among patients with blinding diseases who receive ranibizumab, aflibercept, and bevacizumab (2024). *Ophthalmology Retina*.
- **F. Bu**, F. Arshad, G. Hripcsak, P. B. Ryan, M. J. Schuemie, and M. A. Suchard. Response to Comments on "Serially Combining Epidemiological Designs Does Not Improve Overall Signal Detection in Vaccine Safety Surveillance" (2024). *Drug Safety*.
- T. V. Anand, **F. Bu**, M. J. Schuemie, M. A. Suchard, and G. Hripcsak. Comparative safety and effectiveness of angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors and thiazides and thiazide-like diuretics under strict monotherapy (2024). *Journal of Clinical Hypertension*.
- R. Khera, L.S. Dhingra, A. Aminorroaya, [...], $\mathbf{F.}$ \mathbf{Bu} , [...], and M. A. Suchard. Multinational patterns of second line antihyperglycaemic drug initiation across cardiovascular risk groups: federated pharmacoepidemiological evaluation in LEGEND-T2DM (2023). BMJ medicine.
- F. Arshad, M. J. Schuemie, **F. Bu**, [...], and M. A. Suchard. Serially Combining Epidemiological Designs Does Not Improve Overall Signal Detection in Vaccine Safety Surveillance (2023). *Drug Safety*.

E. A. Voss, A. Shoaibi, L. Y. H. Lai, [...], **F. Bu**, [...], and P. B. Ryan. Contextualising adverse events of special interest to characterise the baseline incidence rates in 24 million patients with COVID-19 across 26 databases: a multinational retrospective cohort study (2023). *EClinicalMedicine*.

R. Asencio, **F. Bu**, L. Tucker, G. Varela, J. Moody, and A. Volfovsky. Network Position and Emergent Phenomena: A Multi-team System Case Study (2022+). *Under revisions*.

AWARDS & HONORS

2024 ISBA Biostats and Pharma Best Paper Award.

February 2025

For "Inferring HIV Transmission Patterns from Viral Deep-Sequence Data via Latent Spatial Poisson Processes"

Blackwell-Rosenbluth Award (for outstanding early-career statisticians)

November 2024

by the International Society for Bayesian Analysis.

OHDSI Best Collaborator Showcase for clinical application (nominated).

October 2024

OHDSI Titan Award for Methodological Research.

October 2022

Mentorship of Excellence award for 2022 UCLA B.I.G. summer research program.

August 2022

ISBA World Meeting travel award.

June 2022

Duke CFAR Fall Retreat Best Poster Award.

October 2020

American Statistical Association Section on Bayesian Statistical Science (ASA SBSS) Student Paper Award.

August 2020

For "Likelihood-based Inference for Partially Observed Epidemics on Dynamic Networks"

Joint Statistical Meetings travel award.

August 2020

Honorable Mention for Ph.D. Teaching Assistant for the Year.

 $May\ 2020$

Women in Machine Learning Workshop (WiML) travel award.

December 2017

RESEARCH GRANTS & AWARDS

US FDA CBER BEST Initiative, 75F40120D00039

Sep 2024 - Sep 2026

"OHDSI-based FDA BEST Community Engagement and Development Coordination Center" Role: UM site PI (lead PI: George Hripcsak, Columbia University)

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, INV-077867

Aug 2024 - Jan 2026

"Comparative Effectiveness of Different Dosing Schedules of PCV in Brazil"

Role: UM site PI (lead PI: Kayoko Shioda, Boston University)

MIDAS Propelling Original Data Science (PODS) program

Aug 2024 - July 2025

"Neural Posterior Estimation (NPE) approaches for fitting high-dimensional stochastic epidemic models to real-world spatiotemporal disease data"

Role: dual PI (with Jon Zelner, University of Michigan)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Professional Societies:

Program Chair for Biopharmaceutical section of the International Society January 2025 - present for Bayesian Analysis.

Associate Chair for ENAR Social Media Committee

September 2023 - December 2024

Program Chair for the junior section of the International Society

January 2022 - December 2023

for Bayesian Analysis (j-ISBA).

Editorial and Review Responsibilities:

Member for Book of OHDSI Committee.

March - December 2025

Judge for ASA SBSS student paper competition. October - December 2024

Scientific Review Committee member for 2024 OHDSI Global Symposium. March - October 2024

Co-editor for BaYSM 2023 proceedings, "New trends in Bayesian Statistics". May - December 2024

Grant proposal reviewer for UKRI.

February 2024

Journal reviewer for: The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), Nature Communications, Journal of the American Statistical Association (JASA), Biometrics, Annals of Applied Statistics (AOAS), Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics (JCGS), Statistics in Medicine, Biostatistics, Bayesian Analysis, Statistical Science, Science Advances, Environmental and Ecological Statistics, Statistics and Public Policy, and Statistics and Computing.

Conference reviewer for: Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI) 2024.

Conference Organization:

Scientific Programme Committee member for CFE-CMStatistics 2025 March - December 2025

Scientific Programme Committee member for CFE-CMStatistics 2024 April - December 2024

Organizing Committee member for BIRS-CMO Workshop

"Frontiers of Bayesian Inference and Data Science".

December 2023 - September 2024

Organizing Committee member for 2024 ISBA EAC conference.

February - June 2024

Invited session (j-ISBA sponsored) organizer for Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) 2024

Organizing Committee member for Bayesian Young Statisticians Meeting (BaYSM) 2023.

May - November 2023

Internal & Miscellaneous:

Faculty judge for Michigan Student Symposium for Interdisciplinary

March 2025
Statistical Sciences (MSSISS)

Chair of seminar committee for UM Biostatistics.

September 2024 - August 2025

J-FAB committee member for UM School of Public Health. September 2023 - August 2025

Judge for Duke Datathon.

October 2020 & 2021

Consultant for DataFest: COVID-19 Virtual Data Challenge. April 2020

Consultant for ASA DataFest @ Duke. April 2018 & April 2019

TEACHING & MENTORING

While at University of Michigan:

Ph.D. committee member for:

Prayag Chatta (Statistics), Leyao Zhang (Biostatistics), Mingyan Yu (Biostatistics), Tasmine Clement (Bioinformatics), and Troy (Zirui) Zhou (Epidemiology).

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Biostatistics 602: Biostatistical Inference.	Winter 2024
While at UCLA:	
Instructor for OHDSI Tutorials at the 2023 Global Symposium.	Fall 2023
Mentor for the 2022 B.I.G. summer research program.	$Summer\ 2022$
While at Duke University:	
Instructor of Record for	
STA101: Data Analysis/Statistical Inference	$Summer\ 2021$
Lab instructor and teaching assistant for	
STA199: Introduction to Data Science	Fall 2020
STA723: Statistics Case Studies.	$Spring\ 2020$
STA601: Bayesian Methods and Modern Statistics.	Fall 2019
Team manager and student mentor for $Duke\ Data+\ 2019.$	$Summer\ 2019$
Instructor of Duke Statistical Science Bootcamp.	$August\ 2018$

Winter 2025

INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

Biostatistics 602: Biostatistical Inference.

Oral 1	Presentations:
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Invited talk at EcoSta 2025.	August 2025 (scheduled)
Topic contributed talk at Joint Statistical Meetings.	August 2025 (scheduled)
Invited talk at the 14th International Conference on Bayesian Nonparametrics.	June 2025 (scheduled)
Invited seminar talk at Statistics Department, UC Riverside.	June 2025 (scheduled)
Invited talk at 2025 Bayesian Young Statisticians Meeting (BaYSM).	April 2025 (scheduled)
Invited seminar talk at Duke Biostatistics & Bioinformatics.	February 2025
Invited seminar talk at Centre for Statistics in Medicine (CSM) Botnar Research Centre., Oxford University.	December 2024
Invited talk at the UM Statistics student seminar.	November 2024
Invited talk at the Duke Statistical Science Alumni Symposium.	October 2024
Invited talk at the 2024 International Day of Women in Statistics and Data Science (IDWSDS) Conference.	October 2024
Contributed talk at ISBA World Meetings 2024.	July 2024
Invited talk at Ecosta 2024.	July 2024
Invited talk at the Online Seminar on Spatial and spatio-temporal Point proand beyond (OSSP).	ocesses April 2024
Invited talk at the Statistical Methods for Infectious Diseases Across Scales (by Penn State University).	Workshop April 2024
Recent publications highlight talk at OHDSI community meeting.	March 2024

Invited talk at ENAR 2024.	March 2024
Invited talk at CMStatistics 2023.	$December\ 2023$
Invited talk at the RAND statistics seminar.	Nov 2023
Invited talk at EcoSta 2023.	$August\ 2023$
Invited talk at IISA 2023.	June~2023
Contributed talk at ENAR 2023.	March 2023
Invited colloquim talk at Reed College.	March 2023
Invited talk at the FDA CBER BEST Seminar Series.	February 2023
Topic-contributed talk at CMStatistics 2022.	December 2022
Invited talk at the UCLA 2022 Fall Biomathematics Seminar Series .	November 2022
Invited presentation at the 2022 OHDSI Global Symposium.	October 2022
Oral presentation at NSF Student Conference on COVID-19 Modeling.	January 2021
Invited talk at 2020 Bayesian Young Statisticians Meeting: Online (BAYSM:O).	$November\ 2020$
Topic-contributed talk at 2020 Joint Statistical Meetings.	$August\ 2020$
Invited talk at the 3rd Annual AT&T Labs Graduate Student Symposium.	$November\ 2019$
Invited talk at the 2019 New England Symposium on Statistics in Sports (NESSIS).	September 2019
Poster Presentations:	
Collaborator Showcase poster presentation at the 2024 OHDSI Global Symposium.	October 2024
Poster presentation at the 2022 ISBA World Meeting.	June~2022
Poster presentation at the Dynamics & Evolution of Human Viruses meeting.	$April\ 2022$
Poster presentation at the 22nd International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS).	April 2019

June 2018

 $December\ 2017$

Poster presentation at the 2018 ISBA World Meeting.

Poster presentation at Women in Machine Learning Workshop (WiML) 2017.