





## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH

### EMPLOYMENT

- 2020– **Deputy Head of Department**  
Department of Mathematics and Statistics  
La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia
- 2019– **Senior Lecturer**  
Department of Mathematics and Statistics  
La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia
- 2016–2020 **DECRA Research Fellow**  
Australian Research Council (ARC) grant number: DE170101134.  
La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia  
Project: Feasible algorithms for big inference.
- 2016–2019 **Lecturer**  
Department of Mathematics and Statistics  
La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia
- 2018, 2019 **Visiting Research Fellow**  
Statify (previously Mistis) Team  
Inria Grenoble Rhone-Alpes, France
- 2015, 2019 **Visiting Research Fellow**  
SIMEXP Laboratory  
Centre de Reserche de l'Institut Universitaire de Geriatrie de Montreal, Canada
- 2017, 2018 **Visiting Research and Teaching Fellow**  
Lab of Mathematics: Nicolas Oresme  
University of Caen, Normandy, France
- 2015–2016 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**  
School of Mathematics and Physics, and Centre for Advanced Imaging  
University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia  
Supervisors: Dr Andrew Janke and Prof Geoffrey McLachlan  
Project: Mixture modelling for multimodal medical imaging data
- Predoctoral Positions**
- 2010 **Vacation Research Scholar**  
Diamantina Institute, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia  
Supervisor: Dr Michelle Hills  
Project: Bioinformatics for clinical proteomics
- 2009 **Research Assistant**  
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Australia  
Supervisors: Dr Andrew George and Dr Emma Huang  
Project: Genome-wide association study of wheat crop traits
- 2008 **Vacation Research Scholar**  
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Australia

Supervisors: Dr Andrew George and Dr Emma Huang  
Project: Association analysis in sugarcane—on the hunt for sugar genes

## TERTIARY EDUCATION

- 2011–2015 **PhD in Statistics** (Dean's Award for Outstanding RHD Theses)  
University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia  
Supervisors: Prof Geoffrey McLachlan, Dr Ian Wood, and Dr Andrew Janke  
Thesis title: Finite mixture models for linear regression data
- 2006–2011 **Bachelor of Science with First Class Honours in Statistics** (Mathematics and Statistics majors; University Medal)  
University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia  
Supervisors: Dr Ian Wood and Dr Andrew George  
Thesis title: Variable selection in linear models using metaheuristic algorithms with applications in genome-wide association studies
- 2010 **Study Abroad** (Scholarship; Spring Semester)  
University of California, Berkeley, USA
- 2006–2010 **Bachelor of Economics**  
University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

## TEACHING AND COORDINATION

### Teaching

- 2018, 2020 **Models for bioinformatics** (STA5MB, La Trobe University; Postgraduate)  
A masters level course on the application of statistical models and methods to the analysis of bioinformatics data. This course covered the use of visualization and exploratory tools for investigating bioinformatics data, as well as rigorous methods of analysis, such as via hypothesis testing and false discovery rate control protocols. The course contained both theoretical and practical aspects of bioinformatics data analysis, as well as computation, which was taught in the R programming language.  
Capacity: Lecturer, Department of Mathematics and Statistics
- 2016 **Experimental design** (STAT3003, University of Queensland; Undergraduate)  
A series of four lectures was taught on the topic of sampling theory and finite population statistics.  
Capacity: Casual Lecturer, School of Mathematics and Physics

### Coordination

- 2020 **Biostatistics** (STA2BS, La Trobe University; Undergraduate)
- 2020 **Engineering probability and statistics** (STM2EPS, La Trobe University; Undergraduate)

### Predocctoral Positions

- 2009–2014 **Tutor** (School of Economics, University of Queensland)  
Provided instruction in various mathematical and quantitative courses that were taught by the School of Economics, University of Queensland including undergraduate and postgraduate courses.  
Undergraduate: Applied econometrics for macroeconomics and finance (ECON3350; 2014), Mathematical economics (ECON2050; 2012–2014), Tools of economic analysis (ECON1050; 2011, 2014), Introductory econometrics (2300; 2012), Quantitative economics and business analysis B (ECON1320; 2009–2012), Quantitative economics and business analysis A (ECON1310; 2009)  
Postgraduate: Mathematical techniques for economics (ECON7150; 2013, 2014), Statistics for business and economics (ECON7300; 2010–2013), Elements of econometrics (ECON7310; 2012)
- 2007–2014 **Tutor** (School of Mathematics and Physics, University of Queensland)  
Provided instruction across the catalog of courses taught by the School of Mathematics and Physics, including various courses in mathematics, probability, and statistics, as well as service-type quantitative courses for students outside of the school.  
Mathematics: Multivariate calculus and ODE (MATH1052; 2008, 2012), Calculus and linear algebra II (MATH2000; 2010), Calculus and linear algebra I (MATH1051; 2009), Basic mathematics (MATH1040; 2007)  
Statistics: Advanced analysis of scientific data (STAT1301; 2014), Experimental design (STAT3003; 2012, 2013), Analysis of scientific data (STAT1201; 2008–2011), Analysis of engineering and scientific data (STAT2201; 2009), Probability models for engineering and science (STAT2203; 2008)  
Service: Biomedical science (BIOM3200; 2012–2014), Research methodology (HRSS7806; 2011–2013), Pharmacy – data analysis and professional practise (PHRM1020; 2008, 2009, 2011), Advanced research processes in health sciences (HRSS7808; 2010)

**Journal Articles**

- [1] H D Nguyen, T T Nguyen, F Chamroukhi, and G McLachlan. Approximations of conditional probability density functions in Lesbegue spaces via mixture of experts models. *Journal of Statistical Distributions and Applications*, to appear, 2021.
- [2] D V Fryer, I Strümke, and H Nguyen. Explaining the data or explaining a model? Shapley values that uncover non-linear dependencies. *PeerJ Computer Science*, to appear, 2021.
- [3] M Vladimirova, S Girard, H Nguyen, and J Arbel. Sub-Weibull distributions: generalizing sub-Gaussian and sub-Exponential properties to heavier-tailed distributions. *Stat*, 9:e318, 2020.
- [4] E Redivo, H Nguyen, and M Gupta. Bayesian clustering of skewed and multimodal data using geometric skew normal distributions. *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*, 152:107044, 2020.
- [5] T T Nguyen, H D Nguyen, F Chamroukhi, and G J McLachlan. Approximation by finite mixtures of continuous density functions that vanish at infinity. *Cogent Mathematics and Statistics*, 7:1750861, 2020.
- [6] H D Nguyen, F Forbes, and G J McLachlan. Mini-batch learning of exponential family finite mixture models. *Statistics and Computing*, 30:731–748, 2020.
- [7] H D Nguyen, J Arbel, H Lü, and F Forbes. Approximate Bayesian computation via the energy statistic. *IEEE Access*, 8:131683–131698, 2020.
- [8] D V Fryer, I Strümke, and H D Nguyen. Shapley value confidence intervals for attributing variance explained. *Frontiers in Applied Mathematics and Statistics*, 6:587199, 2020.
- [9] J Bagnall, A Jones, N Karavarsamis, and H Nguyen. The fully-visible Boltzmann machine and the Senate of the 45th Australian Parliament in 2016. *Journal of Computational Social Science*, 3:55–81, 2020.
- [10] J Arbel, O Marchal, and H D Nguyen. On strict sub-Gaussianity, optimal proxy variance and symmetry for bounded random variables. *ESAIM: Probability and Statistics*, 24:39–55, 2020.
- [11] L Truong, H Nguyen, H Nguyen, and H Vu. Pedestrian overpass use and its relationship with digital and social distractions, and overpass characteristics. *Accident Analysis and Prevention*, 131:234–238, 2019.
- [12] H D Nguyen, Y Yee, G J McLachlan, and J P Lerch. False discovery rate control for grouped or discretely supported p-values with application to a neuroimaging study. *SORT*, 43:1–22, 2019.
- [13] H D Nguyen and G J McLachlan. On approximation via convolution-defined mixture models. *Communications in Statistics - Theory and Methods*, 48:3945–3955, 2019.
- [14] H D Nguyen, F Chamroukhi, and F Forbes. Approximation results regarding the multiple-output mixture of linear experts model. *Neurocomputing*, 366:208–214, 2019.
- [15] H D Nguyen. Asymptotic normality of the time-domain generalized least squares estimator for linear regression models. *Stat*, 8(e248), 2019.
- [16] A T Jones, J J Bagnall, and H D Nguyen. BoltzMM: an R package for maximum pseudolikelihood estimation of fully-visible Boltzmann machines. *Journal of Open Source Software*, 4:1193, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.21105/joss.01193>.
- [17] D Fryer, H Nguyen, and P Orban. studentlife: tidy handling and navigation of a valuable mobile-health dataset. *Journal of Open Source Software*, 4(40), 2019.
- [18] F Chamroukhi and H D Nguyen. Model-based clustering and classification of functional data. *WIREs Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery*, e1298, 2019.
- [19] P Orban, C Dansereau, L Desbois, V Mongeau-Perusse, C-E Giguere, H Nguyen, A Mendrek, E Stip, and P Bellec. Multisite generalizability of schizophrenia diagnosis classification based on functional brain connectivity. *Schizophrenia Research*, 192:167–171, 2018.
- [20] H D Nguyen, D H Wang, and G J McLachlan. Randomized mixture models for probability density approximation and estimation. *Information Sciences*, 467:135–148, 2018.
- [21] H D Nguyen, G J McLachlan, J F P Ullmann, V Voleti, W Li, E M C Hillman, D C Reutens, and A L Janke. Whole-volume clustering of time series data from zebrafish brain calcium images via mixture modeling. *Statistical Analysis and Data Mining*, 11:5–16, 2018.
- [22] H D Nguyen and G J McLachlan. Some theoretical results regarding the polygonal distribution. *Communications in Statistics - Theory and Methods*, 47:5083–5095, 2018.
- [23] H D Nguyen and G J McLachlan. Chunked-and-averaged estimators for vector parameters. *Statistics and Probability Letters*, 137:336–342, 2018.
- [24] H D Nguyen, A T Jones, and G J McLachlan. Stream-suitable optimization algorithms for some soft-margin support vector machine variants. *Japanese Journal of Statistics and Data Science*, 1:81–108, 2018.
- [25] H D Nguyen and F Chamroukhi. An introduction to the practical and theoretical aspects of mixture-of-experts modeling. *WIREs Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery*, e1246, 2018.

- [26] H D Nguyen. Near universal consistency of the maximum pseudolikelihood estimator for discrete models. *Journal of the Korean Statistical Society*, 47:90–98, 2018.
- [27] L R Lloyd-Jones, H D Nguyen, and G J McLachlan. A globally convergent algorithm for lasso-penalized mixture of linear regression models. *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*, 119:19–38, 2018.
- [28] A T Jones, H D Nguyen, and G J McLachlan. logKDE: log-transformed kernel density estimation. *Journal of Open Source Software*, 3:870, 2018.
- [29] C Oyarzun, A Sanjurjo, and H Nguyen. Response functions. *European Economic Review*, 98:1–31, 2017.
- [30] H D Nguyen, G J McLachlan, P Orban, P Bellec, and A L Janke. Maximum pseudolikelihood estimation for a model-based clustering of time series data. *Neural Computation*, 29:990–1020, 2017.
- [31] H D Nguyen and G J McLachlan. Progress on a conjecture regarding the triangular distribution. *Communications in Statistics - Theory and Methods*, 46:11261–11271, 2017.
- [32] H D Nguyen. An introduction to MM algorithms for machine learning and statistical estimation. *WIREs Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery*, 7(e1198), 2017.
- [33] H D Nguyen and I A Wood. Asymptotic normality of the maximum pseudolikelihood estimator for fully visible Boltzmann machines. *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems*, 27:897–902, 2016.
- [34] H D Nguyen and I A Wood. A block successive lower-bound maximization algorithm for the maximum pseudolikelihood estimation of fully visible Boltzmann machines. *Neural Computation*, 28:485–492, 2016.
- [35] H D Nguyen, G J McLachlan, and I A Wood. Mixtures of spatial spline regressions for clustering and classification. *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*, 93:76–85, 2016.
- [36] H D Nguyen, G J McLachlan, J F P Ullmann, and A L Janke. Spatial clustering of time-series via mixture of autoregressions models and Markov Random Fields. *Statistica Neerlandica*, 70:414–439, 2016.
- [37] H D Nguyen, G J McLachlan, J F P Ullmann, and A L Janke. Laplace mixture autoregressive models. *Statistics and Probability Letters*, 110:18–24, 2016.
- [38] H D Nguyen and G J McLachlan. Maximum likelihood estimation of triangular and polygonal distributions. *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*, 106:23–36, 2016.
- [39] H D Nguyen and G J McLachlan. Linear mixed models with marginally symmetric nonparametric random-effects. *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*, 106:151–169, 2016.
- [40] H D Nguyen and G J McLachlan. Laplace mixture of linear experts. *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*, 93:177–191, 2016.
- [41] H D Nguyen, L R Lloyd-Jones, and G J McLachlan. A universal approximation theorem for mixture-of-experts models. *Neural Computation*, 28:2585–2593, 2016.
- [42] H D Nguyen, L R Lloyd-Jones, and G J McLachlan. A block minorization-maximization algorithm for heteroscedastic regression. *IEEE Signal Processing Letters*, 23:1031–1135, 2016.
- [43] L R Lloyd-Jones, H D Nguyen, G J McLachlan, W Sumpton, and Y-G Wang. Mixture of time dependent growth models with an application to blue swimmer crab length-frequency data. *Biometrics*, 72:1255–1265, 2016.
- [44] H D Nguyen and G J McLachlan. Maximum likelihood estimation of Gaussian mixture models without matrix operations. *Advances in Data Analysis and Classification*, 9:371–394, 2015.
- [45] H D Nguyen, G J McLachlan, N Cherbuin, and A L Janke. False discovery rate control in magnetic resonance imaging studies via Markov random fields. *IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging*, 33:1735–1748, 2014.
- [46] L R Lloyd-Jones, H D Nguyen, Y-G Wang, and M F O'Neill. Improved estimation of size-transition matrices using tag-recapture data. *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences*, 71:1385–1394, 2014.
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- [48] H D Nguyen, M M Hill, and I A Wood. A robust permutation test for quantitative SILAC proteomics experiments. *Journal of Integrated OMICS*, 2(80-93), 2012.
- [49] K L Inder, Y Z Zheng, M J Davis, H Moon, D Loo, H Nguyen, J A Clements, R G Parton, L J Foster, and M M Hill. Expression of PRTF in PC-3 cells modulated cholesterol dynamics and actin cytoskeleton impacting secretion pathways. *Molecular and Cellular Proteomics*, 11(M111.012245), 2012.

### **Conference Papers**

- [50] D Fryer, H Nguyen, and P Castellazzi.  $k$ -means on positive definite matrices, and an application to clustering in radar image sequences. In *Proceedings of the IEEE Symposium Series on Computational Intelligence*, 2020.
- [51] H D Nguyen. An introduction to approximate Bayesian computation. In *Proceedings of the Research School on Statistics and Data Science (RSSDS)*, 2019.
- [52] F Chamroukhi, F Lecocq, and H D Nguyen. Regularized estimation and feature selection in mixtures of Gaussian-gated experts models. In *Proceedings of the Research School on Statistics and Data Science (RSSDS)*, 2019.

- [53] H D Nguyen, A T Jones, and G J McLachlan. Positive data kernel density estimation via the logKDE package for R. In *Proceedings of the Sixteenth Australasian Data Mining Conference*, 2018.
- [54] H D Nguyen and G J McLachlan. Iteratively-reweighted least-squares fitting of support vector machines: a majorization-minimization algorithm approach. In *Proceedings of the 2017 Future Technologies Conference (FTC)*, 2017.
- [55] H D Nguyen. A two-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov-like test for Big Data. In *Proceedings of the Fifteenth Australasian Data Mining Conference*, 2017.
- [56] H D Nguyen and G J McLachlan. Asymptotic inference for hidden process regression models. In *Proceedings of the IEEE Statistical Signal Processing Workshop*, 2014.
- [57] H D Nguyen, A L Janke, N Cherbuin, G J McLachlan, P Sachdev, and K J Anstey. Spatial false discovery rate control for magnetic resonance imaging studies. In *Proceedings of the 2013 Digital Imaging: Techniques and Applications (DICTA) Conference*, 2013.
- [58] H D Nguyen and I A Wood. Variable selection in statistical models using population-based incremental learning with applications to genome-wide association studies. In *Proceedings of the 2012 IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation (CEC)*, 2012.

### **Book Chapters**

- [59] G J McLachlan, S K Ng, and H D Nguyen. EM Algorithm. In *Wiley StatsRef: Statistics Reference Online*. Wiley, Chichester, 2021.
- [60] H D Nguyen and A T Jones. Big data-appropriate clustering via stochastic approximation and Gaussian mixture models. In *Data Analytics: Concepts, Techniques, and Applications*. CRC Press, 2018.
- [61] H D Nguyen, G J McLachlan, and M M Hill. Permutation tests with false discovery corrections for comparative-profiling proteomics experiments. In *Methods in Molecular Biology: Proteomics Bioinformatics*. Springer, 2017.

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

- [62] H Nguyen, editor. *Statistics and Data Science: Proceedings of the 2019 Research School on Statistics and Data Science (RSSDS)*, Singapore, 2019. Springer.
- [63] H D Nguyen, J Bagnall-Guerreiro, and A T Jones. Universal inference with composite likelihoods. In *Proceedings of the 63rd ISI World Statistics Congress*, 2021.
- [64] A T Jones, H D Nguyen, and J J Bagnall. BoltzMM: Boltzmann Machines with MM Algorithms. Software published in the Comprehensive R Archive Network, 2019. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=BoltzMM>.
- [65] H D Nguyen, A T Jones, and G J McLachlan. logKDE: Computing log-transformed kernel density estimates for positive data. Software published in the Comprehensive R Archive Network, 2018. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=logKDE>.
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- [67] H D Nguyen. A novel algorithm for clustering of data on the unit sphere via mixture models. In *JSM Proceedings: Statistical Computing Section*, 2017.
- [68] G J McLachlan and H D Nguyen. Contribution to the discussion of paper by M. Drton and M. Plummer. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society B*, 79:365, 2017.
- [69] A T Jones and H D Nguyen. lowmemtkmeans: Low memory use trimmed k-means. Software published in the Comprehensive R Archive Network, 2016. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=lowmemtkmeans>.
- [70] H D Nguyen. NostalgIR: Advanced text-based plots. Software published in the Comprehensive R Archive Network, 2015. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=NostalgIR>.
- [71] H D Nguyen. *Finite mixture models for regression problems*. PhD thesis, University of Queensland, 2015. <https://doi.org/10.14264/uql.2015.584>.

### **SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS,**

### **WORKING PAPERS, AND**

### **PREPRINTS**

- [72] D C Phan, L T Truong, H D Nguyen, and R Tay. Modelling the safety effects of train commuters' access modes. 2021.
- [73] T T Nguyen, H D Nguyen, F Chamroukhi, and F Forbes. A non-asymptotic penalization criterion for model selection in mixture of experts models. 2021.
- [74] T T Nguyen, F Chamroukhi, H D Nguyen, and F Forbes. A non-asymptotic model selection in block-diagonal mixture of polynomial experts models. 2021.
- [75] H D Nguyen, D Fryer, and G McLachlan. Order selection with confidence for finite mixture models. 2021.
- [76] H D Nguyen and F Forbes. Global implicit function theorems and the online expectation–maximisation algorithm. 2021.

- [77] D Fryer, I Strümke, and H Nguyen. Shapley values for feature selection: the good, the bad, and the axioms. 2021.
- [78] F Forbes, H D Nguyen, T T Nguyen, and J Arbel. Approximate Bayesian computation with surrogate posteriors. 2021.
- [79] J-B Durand, F Forbes, C D Phan, L Truong, H D Nguyen, and F Dama. Bayesian nonparametric spatial prior for traffic crash risk mapping: a case study of Victoria, Australia. 2021.
- [80] F Almasi, H Nguyen, D Heydarian, S Nikbin, C J Jenvey, E Halliwell, R Sohi, E N Ponnampalam, A Desai, M Jois, and M J Stear. Quantification of the variation in grazing behaviour among sheep. 2021.
- [81] S Urchs, A Tam, P Orban, C Moreau, Y Benhajali, H D Nguyen, A C Evans, and P Bellec. Subtypes of functional connectivity associate robustly with asd diagnosis. 2020.
- [82] S Urchs, H D Nguyen, C Moreau, C Dansereau, A Tam, A C Evans, and P Bellec. Reproducible functional connectivity endophenotype confers high risk of ASD diagnosis in subset of individuals. 2020.
- [83] M Terrett, D Fryer, T Doody, H Nguyen, and P Castellazzi. SARGDV: Efficient identification of groundwater-dependent vegetation using synthetic aperture radar. 2020.
- [84] R Sohi, A Carroll, H Nguyen, Z Almasi, J Miller, J Trompf, A Bervan, B I Godoy, M Stear, A Desai, and M Jois. Determination of ewe behaviour around lambing time and prediction of parturition seven days prior to lambing by smart technology in an extensive farm system. 2020.
- [85] T T Nguyen, H D Nguyen, F Chamroukhi, and G J McLachlan. An  $l_1$ -oracle inequality for the lasso in mixture-of-experts regression models. 2020.
- [86] T T Nguyen, F Chamroukhi, H D Nguyen, and G J McLachlan. Approximation of probability density functions via location-scale finite mixtures in Lesbegue spaces. 2020.
- [87] H D Nguyen and D V Fryer. A binary-response regression model based on support vector machines. 2020.
- [88] H D Nguyen. Universal inference with composite likelihoods. 2020.
- [89] H D Nguyen. Finite sample inference for generic autoregressive models. 2020.
- [90] D V Fryer, I Strümke, and H Nguyen. Explaining the data or explaining a model? Shapley values that uncover non-linear dependencies. 2020.
- [91] H D Nguyen. A note on the convergence of the Gaussian mean shift algorithm. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.02337>, 2017.
- [92] H D Nguyen, G J McLachlan, J F P Ullmann, and A L Janke. Faster functional clustering via Gaussian mixture models. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1608.05481>, 2016.

## GRANTS AND RESEARCH

### FUNDING

2021–2023 **Australian Government Road Safety Innovation Fund** (101,248 AUD)

Co-investigator: Dr Long Truong (La Trobe University)

Project: Development of planning-stage crash prediction tools for use at the planning stages

2019–2021 **Inria Associate Teams** (36,000 EURO)

Co-investigator: Dr Florence Forbes (Inria Rhone-Alpes)

Project: Latent analysis, adversarial networks, and DimEnsionality Reduction (LANDER)

2018–2021 **Discovery Project** (242,194 AUD; DP180101192)

Australian Research Council

Co-investigators: Prof Geoffrey McLachlan (University of Queensland) and Dr Sharon Lee (University of Queensland)

Project: Classification methods for providing personalised and class decisions

2017–2020 **Discovery Early Career Research Award** (360,000 AUD; DE170101134)

Australian Research Council

Project: Feasible algorithms for big inference

2018 **AFRAN Call for Initiatives** (3,000 AUD)

Australian-French Association for Research and Innovation

Project: Research School on Statistics and Data Science

2018 **FASIC RESEARCHERS Program** (2,545 EURO)

Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, and Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (France)

Co-awardee: Dr Florence Forbes (Inria Rhone-Alpes)

Project: Latent analysis, adversarial networks, and dimensionality reduction



2017–2019 **Start Up Grant** (15,000 AUD)  
La Trobe University

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

- 2015 **AK Head Travelling Scholarship** (13,000 AUD)  
Australian Academy of Science
- 2011–2014 **ASPREE-ENVISION Scholarship** (21,000 AUD)  
Australian National University
- 2011–2014 **Advantage RHD Scholarship** (17,500 AUD)  
University of Queensland
- 2011–2014 **Australian Postgraduate Award** (87,000 AUD)  
University of Queensland
- 2010 **Honours Research Scholarship** (5,000 AUD)  
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization
- 2010 **Summer Research Scholarship** (3,000 AUD)  
University of Queensland
- 2009 **Economics Jubilee Scholarship** (8,000 AUD)  
University of Queensland
- 2009 **National Priority Scholarship** (2,000 AUD)  
University of Queensland
- 2008 **Vacation Research Scholarship** (8,500 AUD)  
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization
- 2008 **Elizabeth Norsworthy Power Industry Bursary** (7,500 AUD)  
Stanwell Corporation Limited
- 2008 **Prize for Third Year Statistics** (500 AUD)  
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
- 2007, 2008 **Undergraduate Scholarship** (8,000 AUD)  
Australian Bureau of Statistics
- 2006, 2007 **Commonwealth Educational Cost Scholarship** (4,000 AUD)  
University of Queensland
- 2006 **Kenneth Swanwick Memorial Prize** (100 AUD)  
University of Queensland
- 2006 **John Black Prize** (100 AUD)  
University of Queensland

## TEACHING AWARDS

- 2013, 2014 **Distinguished Teaching Award**  
School of Economics, University of Queensland
- 2012 **Excellence in Tutoring Award**  
School of Mathematics and Physics, University of Queensland

## STUDENT SUPERVISION

- 2020 **Nauvoo Perez** (AMSI Vacation Scholar, La Trobe University)  
Project: Statistical learning for time-to-relapse of colorectal cancer patients
- 2019– **Fazel Almasi** (PhD Candidate, La Trobe University)  
Co-supervised with Profs Michael Stear, Aniruddha Desai, and Drs Markandeya Jois and Eric Ponnampalam, La Trobe University  
Project: Parasitological and behavioral study of lambs using sensor technology

- 2019– **Cong Duc Phan** (PhD Candidate, La Trobe University)  
Co-supervised with Dr Long Truong, La Trobe University  
Project: Exploring the road safety impacts of transport demand management
- 2019– **Daniel Fryer** (PhD Candidate, University of Queensland)  
Co-supervised with Prof Geoffrey McLachlan and Dr Ian Wood, University of Queensland  
Project: Interpretable methods in AI and statistics
- 2018– **Trung Tin Nguyen** (PhD Candidate, University of Caen, Normandy)  
Co-supervised with Prof Faicel Chamroukhi, University of Caen, Normandy  
Project: Learning and approximation theory of mixture models and mixture of experts
- 2017– **Mason Terrett** (PhD Candidate, La Trobe University)  
Co-supervised with Dr Tanya Doody, CSIRO  
Project: Applications of synthetic aperture radar for the identification of groundwater-dependent ecosystems
- 2017– **Jessica Bagnall** (PhD Candidate, La Trobe University)  
Project: Machine learning methods in social science

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### Oral Presentations

- 2021 **Universal inference with composite likelihoods**  
Conference: ISI World Statistics Congress  
Location: Online
- 2021 **Distance-based ABC procedures**  
Conference: ABC in Svalbard  
Location: Melbourne, Australia (Delivered onsite and online)
- 2020 **Global implicit function theorems and the online EM algorithm**  
Conference: 14th International Conference of the ERCIM WG on Computational and Methodological Statistics (CM-Statistics)  
Location: London, UK (Delivered online)
- 2019 **Mixture of autoregressive moving average models**  
Conference: 13th International Conference of the ERCIM WG on Computational and Methodological Statistics (CM-Statistics)  
Location: London, UK
- 2019 **Approximate Bayesian computation with discrepancy measurements**  
Conference: Research School on Statistics and Data Science (RSSDS2019)  
Location: Melbourne, Australia
- 2019 **Mixtures of local logistic regressions for nonlinear classification when data are heterogeneous**  
Conference: 3rd International Conference on Econometrics and Statistics (EcoSta 2019)  
Location: Taichung, Taiwan
- 2018 **Fast Gaussian mixture model estimation using online EM algorithms**  
Conference: 11th International Conference of the ERCIM WG on Computational and Methodological Statistics (CM-Statistics)  
Location: Pisa, Italy
- 2018 **On approximations via convolution-defined mixture models**  
Conference: 2nd Italian-French Statistical Seminar  
Location: Grenoble, France
- 2017 **Stream-suitable optimization algorithms for some soft-margin support vector machines**  
Conference: 10th International Conference of the ERCIM WG on Computational and Methodological Statistics (CM-Statistics)  
Location: London, UK
- 2017 **Iteratively-reweighted least-squares fitting of support vector machines: a majorization-minimization algorithm approach** (Best Paper Award)  
Conference: 2nd Future Technologies Conference



- Location: Vancouver, Canada
- 2017 **A two-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov-like test for Big Data**  
Conference: 15th Australasian Data Mining Conference  
Location: Melbourne, Australia
- 2017 **Novel algorithm for clustering of data on the unit sphere via mixture models**  
Conference: Joint Statistics Meeting  
Location: Baltimore, USA
- 2016 **Fast model-based clustering of functional data via Gaussian mixture models**  
Conference: 9th International Conference of the ERCIM WG on Computational and Methodological Statistics (CM-Statistics)  
Location: Seville, Spain
- 2015 **Spatial clustering of time-series via mixtures of autoregressive models and Markov random fields**  
Conference: 8th International Conference of the ERCIM WG on Computational and Methodological Statistics (CM-Statistics)  
Location: London, UK
- 2013 **Spatial false discovery rate control for magnetic resonance imaging studies**  
Conference: International Conference on Digital Image Computing: Techniques and Applications (DICTA)  
Location: Hobart, Australia
- 2012 **Variable selection in statistical models using population-based incremental learning with applications to genome-wide association studies**  
Conference: IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation  
Location: Brisbane, Australia
- Poster Presentations**
- 2014 **Asymptotic inference for hidden process regression models**  
Conference: IEEE Statistical Signal Processing Workshop  
Location: Gold Coast, Australia

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2021 **Universal inference with composite likelihoods** (Research School of Finance, Actuarial Studies and Statistics Seminar)  
Location: Australian National University, Canberra (Delivered online)
- 2021 **Order selection with confidence for mixture models** (Department of Mathematics and Statistics Colloquium)  
Location: Macquarie University, Sydney (Delivered online)
- 2020 **Machine learning for statistical analysis – it's just a game!** (AgriBio, Intellectual Climate Fund talk)  
Location: La Trobe University, Melbourne (Delivered online)
- 2020 **Multivariate analyses—A normal approach** (AgriBio, Intellectual Climate Fund talk)  
Location: La Trobe University, Melbourne (Delivered online)
- 2020 **The multiple testing problem in high-throughput biology** (AgriBio Lectures in Mathematical Biology)  
Location: La Trobe University, Melbourne (Delivered online)
- 2020 **Approximate Bayesian computation via the energy statistic** (One World Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC) Seminar)  
Location: University of Warwick, UK (Delivered online)
- 2020 **Shapley values for linear regression models and its application to explainable AI**  
Location: University of Sydney, Australia
- 2019 **Approximation by finite mixtures of continuous density functions that vanish at infinity**  
Location: University of Glasgow, Scotland
- 2019 **Approximate Bayesian computation using the energy statistic** (CDAC Seminar)

- Location: La Trobe University, Australia
- 2018 **Optimization theory for statistics and machine learning** (4-week course)  
Location: University of Caen, France
- 2018 **Minibatch and incremental learning of exponential family mixtures**  
Location: RMIT, Australia
- 2018 **Minibatch and incremental learning of exponential family mixtures, and the soft k-means clustering problem**  
Location: Inria Grenoble Rhone-Alpes, France
- 2018 **The fully-visible Boltzmann machine, maximum pseudolikelihood estimation, and the Senate of the 45th Australian Parliament** (Monash Econometrics and Business Statistics Seminar)  
Location: Monash University, Australia
- 2018 **A maximum likelihood oddity** (Statistics Seminar)  
Location: La Trobe University, Australia
- 2018 **MM algorithms for statistical inference and machine learning problems** (S4D)  
Location: University of Caen, France
- 2018 **Theory of statistical inference: a lazy approach to obtaining asymptotic results in parametric models** (S4D)  
Location: University of Caen, France
- 2017 **False discovery rate control under rounding of p-values**  
Location: Centre de Recherche de l'Institut Universitaire de Geriatrie de Montreal, Canada
- 2017 **The Stone-Weierstrass theorem and neural networks** (Kyushu-Latrobe Joint Seminar)  
Location: La Trobe University, Australia
- 2017 **False discovery rate control under rounding of p-values**  
Location: Inria Grenoble Rhone-Alpes, France
- 2017 **Majorization–minimization (MM) algorithms for statistical inference and machine learning problems** (Research Summer School in Statistics and Big Data Science)  
Location: University of Caen, France
- 2017 **Chunked-and-averaged estimators for statistically embarrassingly parallel computation and online learning** (Workshop on Big Data Analysis)  
Location: La Trobe University, Australia
- 2016 **Whole-volume clustering of calcium imaged zebrafish brains via model-based functional data analysis**  
Location: La Trobe University, Australia
- 2016 **A novel approach to clustering time series data in large spatial arrays** (Centre for Advanced Imaging Seminar Series)  
Location: University of Queensland, Australia
- 2016 **Model-based methods for clustering of spatial time series data** (3-day Invited Workshop for the School of Computer Science and Software Engineering)  
Location: University of Western Australia, Australia
- 2015 **Finite mixture models and false discovery rate control in MRI studies** (Mouse Imaging Research Centre)  
Location: Toronto Centre for Phenogenomics, Canada
- 2015 **Finite mixture models and false discovery rate control in MRI studies** (Feindel Brain Imaging Lecture Series at the McConnell Brain Imaging Centre)  
Location: McGill University, Canada
- 2013 **Spatial false discovery rate control for magnetic resonance imaging studies** (Neuroimaging and Brain Lab)  
Location: Australian National University, Australia
- 2010 **The beginner's guide to genetic algorithms** (General Interest/Lay Audience Seminar at the School of Mathematics and Physics)  
Location: University of Queensland, Australia

- 2020– **Mathematics, Statistics, and Data Science Majors Course Advisor**  
Bachelor of Science Program, College of Science, Health and Engineering  
Institution: La Trobe University, Australia
- 2020– **Elected Member of the Academic Board**  
Levels C/D Representative  
Institution: La Trobe University, Australia
- 2018– **PhD Confirmations Committee Chair**  
Department of Mathematics and Statistics  
Institution: La Trobe University, Australia
- 2017– **Masters Theses Committee Member**  
Department of Mathematics and Statistics  
Institution: La Trobe University, Australia
- 2017, 2018 **Statistics Seminar Administrator**  
Department of Mathematics and Statistics  
Institution: La Trobe University, Australia
- 2016 **PhD Confirmation Committee Member**  
School of Mathematics and Physics  
Institution: University of Queensland, Australia
- 2015 **Promotion Application Assessor**  
School of Mathematics and Physics  
Institution: University of Queensland, Australia
- 2012, 2013 **Interview Panel Member for Statistics Lecturer Positions**  
School of Mathematics and Physics  
Institution: University of Queensland, Australia
- 2012, 2013 **Treasurer**  
Mathematics Students Society  
Institution: University of Queensland, Australia
- 2011–2013 **First-Year Learning Centre Tutor**  
School of Mathematics and Physics  
Institution: University of Queensland, Australia

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

### Grant Assessor

- 2020– **Future Fellowships**  
Australian Research Council, Australia
- 2020 **Laureate Fellowships**  
Australian Research Council, Australia
- 2018, 2019 **Linkage Projects**  
Australian Research Council, Australia
- 2018 **Internal Research Funds**  
Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy
- 2017– **Discovery Projects**  
Australian Research Council, Australia
- 2017– **Discovery Early Career Research Awards**  
Australian Research Council, Australia

### Editorial Positions

- 2019– **Associate and Handling Editor (Statistical Computing)**  
Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics (Wiley)

- 2018– **Technical Editor**  
Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics (Wiley)
- Conference Commitments**
- 2020 **Program Committee Member**  
18th Australasian Data Mining Conference (AusDM), Canberra Australia
- 2019 **Workshop Co-chair**  
Research School in Statistics and Data Science (RSSDS), Melbourne Australia
- 2019 **Program Committee Member**  
17th Australasian Data Mining Conference (AusDM), Adelaide Australia
- 2018 **Program Committee Member and Tract Chair** (Statistics in Data Science)  
16th Australasian Data Mining Conference (AusDM), Bathurst Australia
- 2018 **Program Committee Member**  
Research Summer School on Statistics for Data Science (S4D)
- 2018 **Program Committee Member** (Applications and Technologies in Big Data)  
2nd International Conference on Smart Grid Assisted Internet of Things (SGIoT)

**Peer Review**

- Advances in Data Analysis and Classification (Springer)
- Applied Mathematical Modelling (Elsevier)
- Annals of Applied Statistics (Project Euclid)
- Australasian Journal of Information Systems (Australian Computer Society)
- Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics (Wiley)
- BMC Bioinformatics (BioMed Central)
- Computational Statistics (Springer)
- Computational Statistics and Data Analysis (Elsevier)
- Communications in Statistics – Simulation and Computation (Taylor Francis)
- Electronic Journal of Statistics (Project Euclid)
- IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems (IEEE)
- IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (IEEE)
- IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging (IEEE)
- Information Sciences (Elsevier)
- International Journal of Computers and Applications (Taylor Francis)
- International Journal of Forecasting (Elsevier)
- International Journal of Machine Intelligence and Sensory Signal Processing (Inderscience)
- Journal of the American Statistical Association (Taylor Francis)
- Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics (Taylor Francis)
- Journal of Open Source Software (Open Source Initiative)
- Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation (Taylor Francis)
- Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference (Elsevier)
- Knowledge-Based Systems (Elsevier)
- Royal Society Open Science (Royal Society)
- Statistical Modelling: An International Journal (SAGE)
- Statistical Analysis and Data Mining (Wiley)
- Statistics Surveys (Project Euclid)
- Statistics and Computing (Springer)
- Statistics in Medicine (Wiley)
- WIREs: Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery (Wiley)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- 2020– Statistical Society of Australia (Victoria Branch, Council Member)
- 2019 Statistical Society of Australia (Victoria Branch, Guest Council Member)
- 2018– Australian-French Association for Research and Innovation (AFRAN)