

## Joshua Agterberg

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## Education

- 2017 - Present    Johns Hopkins University  
PhD in Applied Mathematics and Statistics  
Master of Science in Engineering in Applied Mathematics and Statistics  
Advised by Professor Carey Priebe  
GPA: 4.0/4.0
- 2013 - 2017      University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Bachelor of Business Administration, Major in Actuarial Science and Mathematics  
Advised by Professor Marjorie Rosenberg  
GPA: 3.73/4.0, Actuarial Science Major GPA: 4.0/4.0  
Graduated with Distinction

## Preprints

1. *Vertex Nomination, Consistent Estimation, and Adversarial Modification*  
**Joshua Agterberg**, Youngser Park, Jonathan Larson, Chris White, Carey Priebe, and Vince Lyzinski, submitted, 2019.
2. *Social Determinant-Based Profiles of US Adults Used to Identify Groups with the Highest and Lowest Health Expenditures*  
Fanghao Zhong, Margie Rosenberg, **Joshua Agterberg**, and Richard Crabb, submitted, 2019.
3. *A Data-Driven Clustering Application Using All Categorical Variables to Identify Clusters of Individual Profiles with High Health Expenditures*  
**Joshua Agterberg**, Fanghao Zhong, Richard Crabb, and Margie Rosenberg, submitted, 2019.

## Talks

- 4/23/2019        "Vertex Nomination, Consistent Estimation, Adversarial Modification," *Applied Math and Statistics Student Seminar*, JHU

## Research Activities

- Summer 2018    DARPA D3M Summer workshop

Implemented Python code for graph-related problems for the D3M (Data-Driven Discovery of Models) summer workshop in Arlington, VA, under the direction of Professors Youngser Park and Carey Priebe. Responsibilities included updating primitives (individual algorithms), editing pipelines (collections of algorithms), and submitting results for formal evaluation.

- 2017 - 2018     `iGraphMatch`
- Wrote R code for `splrMatrix` object (a sparse plus low-rank matrix) for faster calculations and cheaper storage of centered adjacency matrices in the `iGraphMatch` R package under direction of Professors Daniel Sussman and Carey Priebe.
- 2017 - 2018     `catDist` R Package
- Personal project implementing several different categorical dissimilarity measures for use with K-Medoids and spectral clustering methods.

## Honors and Awards

- 2019-2020     Charles and Catherine Counselman Fellowship  
 Spring 2017     Graduated with distinction (top 20% of graduating business students)  
 Spring 2017     DW Simpson Scholarship  
 Fall 2016     Bicknell Scholarship  
 2013-2014     Arthur C. Nielsen Scholarship  
 2013     Directly Admitted to Wisconsin School of Business  
 2014-2017     Dean's list (>3.8 Semester GPA – achieved five separate times)

## Professional Experience

- 2018 - Present     **Research Assistant**, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
- Research assistant to Professor Carey Priebe in the Applied Mathematics and Statistics Department. Investigating statistical properties of random matrices, the generalized random dot product graph, and theoretical properties of vertex nomination. Also working with Joshua Cape of the University of Michigan, Daniel Sussman of Boston University, Vince Lyzinski of the University of Maryland-College Park, and Youngser Park at Johns Hopkins.
- 2017     **Analytics Intern**, CNA Financial, Chicago, IL
- Examined the predictive value of FDA data on losses for products and professional liability for medical devices.
- Cleaned and edited FDA data to merge with internal data and Dun and Bradstreet data. Modeled losses in R using a GLM with Tweedie family and log-link to account for zero-inflation.
- Created univariate with-without plots to examine effect of specific FDA variables on losses
- 2016     **Actuarial Intern**, CNA Financial, Chicago, IL
- Developed a Markov Chain model for predicting the probability of payment for insurance claims given the current legal state.
- Generated piecewise linear splines to implement time dependence of Markov Model.
- 2013     **Actuarial Intern**, CUNA Mutual Group, Madison, WI
- Created spreadsheets from scratch to replicate GAAP and Statutory reserves results from PolySystems for equity-indexed annuity policies as a control for auditors.

Analyzed mortality experience study data in Excel by comparing actual to expected ratios with the proposed new table and helped management determine to use new table across all annuity products.

## Teaching

### *Johns Hopkins University (Applied Mathematics and Statistics)*

Summer 2019    Instructor for Financial Mathematics Master's Program Statistics Review  
Summer 2019    Teaching Assistant for 553.310 Probability and Statistics for Vittorio Loprinzo  
Spring 2019    Teaching Assistant for 553.762 Nonlinear Optimization II for Professor Daniel Robinson  
Fall 2018       Teaching Assistant for 553.730 Statistical Theory for Professor Carey Priebe  
Summer 2018    Instructor for Financial Mathematics Master's Program Statistics Review

### *University of Wisconsin-Madison (Wisconsin School of Business, Risk and Insurance)*

Spring 2017    Grader for ActSci 655 Health Analytics for Professor Margie Rosenberg  
Fall 2016       Grader for ActSci 651 Life Contingencies II for Professor Paul Johnson  
Spring 2016    Grader for ActSci 650 Life Contingencies I for Professor Margie Rosenberg

### *University of Wisconsin-Madison (School of Music)*

Spring 2015-Spring 2017, Private Piano Instructor

## Skills and Qualifications

Proficient in R, Java, Python, Linux, Git, C++ (Rcpp), Matlab, LaTeX, Microsoft Excel, and VBA

Actuarial exams passed: Exam P (July 2014); Exam FM (February 2015), Exam MFE (July 2016); Fulfilled Econ, Finance, and Statistics VEE