

# Jaron Arbet

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## 📖 Research Interests

- Machine learning and predictive modeling
- High-dimensional “Big Data”
- Variable selection
- Multi-omics cancer data integration
- Robust nonparametric statistics

## 👨‍💼 Work Experience

### Senior Bioinformatician

April 2022 - Present

JONSSON COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES, CA

### Staff Biostatistician

Jan 2021 - April 2022

EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES, IRVINE, CA

- Develop statistical analysis plans and data monitoring for clinical trials
- Power and sample size estimation
- Clinical study reports for federal regulatory agencies
- Perform analyses with large national database (STS/ACC TVT Registry) including propensity score matching for causal inference

### Postdoctoral Research Associate

Aug 2018 - Jan 2021

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS, DEPARTMENT OF BIostatISTICS AND INFORMATICS, AURORA, CO

- Provided statistical consulting services
- Published scientific manuscripts
- Developed grants (statistical analysis plan, power/sample size estimation)
- Supervised students and MS/MPH degree biostatisticians
- Taught BIOS 6601 Intro stats course for 75 MPH students, and created annual 6-week data science machine learning short course
- Develop new statistical methodology

### Research Assistant

June 2014 - July 2018

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, DIVISION OF BIostatISTICS, MINNEAPOLIS, MN

- Developed variable selection methods for high dimensional genetic data and robust methods for estimating the genetic heritability of disease traits

### Statistical Genetics Research Intern

June - Aug 2013

DORDT COLLEGE, DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS, SIOUX CENTER, IA

- Developed methods for aggregating different statistical tests together for greater sensitivity in detecting disease-related genes; resampling-based bias corrected tests

### Math and Statistics Tutor

Sept 2012 - May 2014

WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY, WINONA, MN

## 🎓 Education

### University of Minnesota

Minneapolis, MN, USA

PHD BIostatISTICS

2014-2018

- GPA: 3.7

### Wiona State University

Winona, MN, USA

B.S. MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

2010-2014

- GPA: 4.0 | *Summa Cum Laude*

## Peer-reviewed Publications

1. Lippitt, Carlson, **Arbet**, Fingerlin, Maier, & Kechris. (2024). Limitations of clustering with PCA and correlated noise. *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00949655.2024.2329976>
2. Ni, Rogowitz, Farahmand, Kaizer, **Arbet**, Cunningham, Thomas, & Saxon. (2024). Weight loss outcomes in a veterans affairs pharmacotherapy-based weight management clinic. *Journal of the Endocrine Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1210/jendso/bvae042>
3. Tohi, Sahrman, **Arbet**, Kato, Lee, Peacock, Ginsburg, Pavlovich, Carroll, Bangma, Sugimoto, & Boutros. (2024). De-escalation of monitoring in active surveillance for prostate cancer: Results from the GAP3 consortium. *European Urology Oncology*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.euo.2024.07.006>
4. Weiner, Agrawal, Wang, Sonni, Li, **Arbet**, Zhang, Proudfoot, Hong, Davicioni, Kane, Valle, Kishan, Pra, Ghadjar, Sweeney, Nickols, Karnes, Shen, Rettig, Czernin, Ross, Chua, L. K., Schaeffer, Calais, Boutros, & Reiter. (2024). Molecular hallmarks of prostate-specific membrane antigen in treatment-naïve prostate cancer. *European Urology*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eururo.2024.09.005>
5. Chan, Dodson, **Arbet**, Boutros, & Xiao. (2023). Single-cell analysis in lung adenocarcinoma implicates RNA editing in cancer innate immunity and patient prognosis. *Cancer Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1158/0008-5472.CAN-22-1062>
6. Gamallat, Choudhry, Li, Rokne, Alhajj, Abdelsalam, Ghosh, **Arbet**, Boutros, & Bismar. (2023). Serrate RNA effector molecule (SRRT) is associated with prostate cancer progression and is a predictor of poor prognosis in lethal prostate cancer. *Cancers*. <https://doi.org/10.3390/cancers15102867>
7. Greca, Grau, **Arbet**, Liao, Sosa, Haugen, & Kitahara. (2023). Anthropometric, dietary, and lifestyle factors and risk of advanced thyroid cancer: The NIH-AARP diet and health cohort study. *Clinical Endocrinology*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cen.14970>
8. Creasy, Ostendorf, Blankenship, Grau, **Arbet**, Bessesen, Melanson, & Catenacci. (2022). Effect of sleep on weight loss and adherence to diet and physical activity recommendations during an 18-month behavioral weight loss intervention. *International Journal of Obesity (2005)*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41366-022-01141-z>
9. Grau, **Arbet**, Ostendorf, Blankenship, Panter, Catenacci, Melanson, & Creasy. (2022). Creating an algorithm to identify indices of sleep quantity and quality from a wearable armband in adults. *Sleep Science (Sao Paulo, Brazil)*. <https://doi.org/10.5935/1984-0063.20220052>
10. Lin, **Arbet**, Mroz, Liao, Restrepo, Mayer, Li, Barkes, Schrock, Hamzeh, Fingerlin, Carlson, & Maier. (2022). Clinical phenotyping in sarcoidosis using cluster analysis. *Respiratory Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12931-022-01993-z>
11. Okamoto, Devoe, Seto, Minarchick, Wilson, Rothfuss, Mohning, **Arbet**, Kroehl, Visser, August, Thomas, Charry, Fleischer, Feser, Frazer-Abel, Norris, Cherrington, Janssen, Kaplan, Deane, Holers, & Demoruelle. (2022). Association of sputum neutrophil extracellular trap subsets with IgA anti-citrullinated protein antibodies in subjects at risk for rheumatoid arthritis. *Arthritis & Rheumatology (Hoboken, N.J.)*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/art.41948>
12. Wood, **Arbet**, Amura, Nodine, Collins, Orlando, Mayer, Stein, & Anderson. (2022). Multicenter study evaluating nitrous oxide use for labor analgesia at high- and low-altitude institutions. *Anesthesia and Analgesia*. <https://doi.org/10.1213/ANE.0000000000005712>
13. **Arbet**, Zhuang, Litkowski, Saba, & Kechris. (2021). Comparing statistical tests for differential network analysis of gene modules. *Frontiers in Genetics*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fgene.2021.630215>
14. Carpenter, Frank, Williamson, **Arbet**, Wagner, Kechris, & Kroehl. (2021). tidyMicro: A pipeline for microbiome data analysis and visualization using the tidyverse in R. *BMC Bioinformatics*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12859-021-03967-2>
15. Nodine, **Arbet**, Jenkins, Rosenthal, Carrington, Purcell, Lee, & Hoon. (2021). Graduate nursing student stressors during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Professional Nursing : Official Journal of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.profnurs.2021.04.008>
16. Ostendorf, Blankenship, Grau, **Arbet**, Mitchell, Creasy, Caldwell, Melanson, Phelan, Bessesen, & Catenacci. (2021). Predictors of long-term weight loss trajectories during a behavioral weight loss intervention: An exploratory analysis. *Obesity Science & Practice*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/osp4.530>
17. Ramakrishnan, **Arbet**, Mace, Suresh, Smith, S., Soler, & Smith. (2021). Predicting olfactory loss in chronic rhinosinusitis using machine learning. *Chemical Senses*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/chemse/bjab042>
18. Reed, **Arbet**, & Staubli. (2021). Clinical nurse specialists in the united states registered with a national provider identifier. *Clinical Nurse Specialist CNS*. <https://doi.org/10.1097/NUR.0000000000000592>
19. Rosenthal, Lee, Jenkins, **Arbet**, Carrington, Hoon, Purcell, & Nodine. (2021). A survey of mental health in graduate nursing students during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Nurse Educator*. <https://doi.org/10.1097/NNE>

20. Schmanski, Roberts, Coors, Wicks, **Arbet**, Weber, Crooks, Barnes, & Taylor. (2021). Research participant understanding and engagement in an institutional, self-consent biobank model. *Journal of Genetic Counseling*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jgc4.1316>
21. **Arbet**, Brokamp, Meinzen-Derr, Trinkley, & Spratt. (2020). Lessons and tips for designing a machine learning study using EHR data. *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/cts.2020.513>
22. **Arbet**, McGue, & Basu. (2020). A robust and unified framework for estimating heritability in twin studies using generalized estimating equations. *Statistics in Medicine*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/sim.8564>
23. Coleman-Minahan, Sheeder, **Arbet**, & McLemore. (2020). Interest in medication and aspiration abortion training among colorado nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and physician assistants. *Women's Health Issues : Official Publication of the Jacobs Institute of Women's Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.whi.2020.02.001>
24. Gance-Cleveland, Linton, **Arbet**, Stiller, & Sylvain. (2020). Predictors of overweight and obesity in childhood cancer survivors. *Journal of Pediatric Oncology Nursing : Official Journal of the Association of Pediatric Oncology Nurses*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1043454219897102>
25. Thomas, Zaman, Cornier, Catenacci, Tussey, Grau, **Arbet**, Broussard, & Rynders. (2020). Later meal and sleep timing predicts higher percent body fat. *Nutrients*. <https://doi.org/10.3390/nu13010073>
26. James-Allan, **Arbet**, Teal, Powell, & Jansson. (2019). Insulin stimulates GLUT4 trafficking to the syncytiotrophoblast basal plasma membrane in the human placenta. *The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*. <https://doi.org/10.1210/jc.2018-02778>
27. **Arbet**, McGue, Chatterjee, & Basu. (2017). Resampling-based tests for lasso in genome-wide association studies. *BMC Genetics*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12863-017-0533-3>
28. Grinde, **Arbet**, Green, O'Connell, Valcarcel, Westra, & Tintle. (2017). Illustrating, quantifying, and correcting for bias in post-hoc analysis of gene-based rare variant tests of association. *Frontiers in Genetics*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fgene.2017.00117>
29. Greco, Hainline, **Arbet**, Grinde, Benitez, & Tintle. (2016). A general approach for combining diverse rare variant association tests provides improved robustness across a wider range of genetic architectures. *European Journal of Human Genetics : EJHG*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/ejhg.2015.194>

## Awards

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### POSTDOCTORAL

#### **Staff appreciation and recognition (STAR)**

2023-2024

UCLA JONSSON COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

#### **Staff appreciation and recognition (STAR)**

2022-2023

UCLA JONSSON COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

### STUDENT AWARDS

#### **Outstanding Research Assistant Award**

2017-2018

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, DIVISION OF BIOSTATISTICS &amp; HEALTH DATA SCIENCE

#### **Interdisciplinary Biostatistics Training Grant in Genetics and Genomics**

2015-2017

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GENERAL MEDICAL SCIENCES

### COMPETITIONS

#### **Midwest Undergraduate Data Analysis Competition (MUDAC)**

2014

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 20 teams from 14 universities

#### **1st place in the “predictive-modeling class competition”**

2014

WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY DATA MINING COURSE

#### **Midwest Undergraduate Data Analysis Competition (MUDAC)**

2013

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of 15 teams from 10 universities

## DEPARTMENTAL

### **Robust regression for noisy biological data**

STATISTICS WORKING GROUP, CANCER DATA SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CA

2024

- [https://jarbet.github.io/presentation-ordinal-regression/ordinal\\_regression.html](https://jarbet.github.io/presentation-ordinal-regression/ordinal_regression.html)

### **Linear regression diagnostics**

BOUTROS LAB, CANCER DATA SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CA

2024

- [https://jarbet.github.io/presentation-regression-diagnostics/regression\\_diagnostics.html](https://jarbet.github.io/presentation-regression-diagnostics/regression_diagnostics.html)

### **Causal inference with observational data using propensity score matching**

STATISTICS WORKING GROUP, CANCER DATA SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CA

2024

- [https://jarbet.github.io/presentation-causal-inference-matching/causal\\_inference\\_matching.html](https://jarbet.github.io/presentation-causal-inference-matching/causal_inference_matching.html)

### **Automatic feature selection and engineering with MARS**

STATISTICS WORKING GROUP, CANCER DATA SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CA

2023

- <https://jarbet.github.io/presentation-mars.github.io/presentation-mars.html>

### **Introduction to Bayesian statistics**

BOUTROS LAB, CANCER DATA SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CA

2022

- [https://jarbet.github.io/presentations/2022-08-25\\_Bayesian\\_stats.pdf](https://jarbet.github.io/presentations/2022-08-25_Bayesian_stats.pdf)

### **Multomics cancer data analysis**

BOUTROS LAB, CANCER DATA SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CA

2021

- [https://jarbet.github.io/presentations/2021-11-21\\_multimomics\\_cancer.pdf](https://jarbet.github.io/presentations/2021-11-21_multimomics_cancer.pdf)

### **Interpretable machine learning**

CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE DESIGN AND ANALYSIS, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, DENVER, CO

2021

- [https://jarbet.github.io/presentations/2020-01-21\\_interpretable\\_machine\\_learning.pdf](https://jarbet.github.io/presentations/2020-01-21_interpretable_machine_learning.pdf)

### **Differential Network Analysis of Gene Modules**

SYSTEMS GENETICS AND BIOINFORMATICS RESEARCH LAB, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, DENVER, CO

2021

### **Frequentist versus Bayesian Approaches to Statistics: A Debate**

DEPARTMENT OF BIOSTATISTICS AND INFORMATICS, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, DENVER, CO

2018

### **Robust Estimation of Genetic and Environmental Variance Components in Twin Studies**

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA BIOSTATISTICS STUDENT SEMINAR SERIES, MINNEAPOLIS, MN

2017

### **A General framework for Association Tests with Multivariate Traits in Large-Scale Genomics Studies**

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA STATISTICAL GENETICS JOURNAL CLUB, MINNEAPOLIS, MN

2016

### **Methods of Inference for Penalized Regression in High-Dimensional Genetic Association Studies**

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH DAY, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS, MN

2016

### **Penalized Regression for High-Dimensional Genetic Association Testing**

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA STATISTICAL GENETICS JOURNAL CLUB, MINNEAPOLIS, MN

2016

## CONFERENCES

### **Methylome-Genome Interactions Define Disease Aggression in Localized Prostate Cancer**

RECOMB/ISCB CONFERENCE ON REGULATORY AND SYSTEMS GENOMICS, LOS ANGELES, CA

Poster

2024

### **Triplet matching: propensity score matching with 3 groups**

14TH ANNUAL FDA/ADVA MEDICAL DEVICE STATISTICAL ISSUES CONFERENCE (VIRTUAL)

Talk

2022

- [https://jarbet.github.io/presentations/20220422\\_triplet\\_matching.pdf](https://jarbet.github.io/presentations/20220422_triplet_matching.pdf)

### **Statistical Considerations and Methods to Utilize Real World Evidence in Medical Device Evaluation**

14TH ANNUAL FDA/ADVA MEDICAL DEVICE STATISTICAL ISSUES CONFERENCE (VIRTUAL)

Panel Co-organizer

2022

## Robust Estimation of Genetic and Environmental Variance Components in Twin Studies using Generalized Estimating Equations

JOINT STATISTICAL MEETINGS (JSM), BALTIMORE, MD

Poster

2017

## Methods of Inference for Penalized Regression in High-Dimensional Genetic Association Studies

EASTERN NORTH AMERICAN REGION INTERNATIONAL BIOMETRIC SOCIETY (ENAR), AUSTIN, TX

Poster

2016

## What now? Post-Hoc Approaches for Gene-based Rare-Variant Tests of Association

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HUMAN GENETICS CONFERENCE (ASHG), BOSTON, MA

Poster

2013

## General Approaches for Combining Rare Variant Association Tests Provide Improved Power Across a Wide Range of Genetic Architectures

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HUMAN GENETICS CONFERENCE (ASHG), BOSTON, MA

Poster

2013

## Teaching Experience

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### SEMESTER COURSES

#### BIOS 6601 – Applied Biostatistics I

Fall 2019

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS

- **Duty:** Sole Instructor, completely redesigned all lectures, homework, quizzes, and exams
- **Description:** Applied biostatistical methods including descriptive and statistical inference; odds ratio and relative risk, probability theory, parameter estimation, tests for comparing statistics of two or more groups, correlation, linear regression, logistic regression and survival analysis.
- **Credits:** 3
- **Audience:** 75 Masters of Public Health (MPH) students

### SHORT COURSES

#### Fundamentals of Data Science Literacy

Summer 2019, Fall 2020

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS

- **Duty:** lead organizer, developed and taught 3 machine learning lectures
- **Description:** 6-week short course (2 hours/week) on data science with emphasis on how machine learning and data mining are used in biomedical research. Topics included: 1) Overview of Data Science; 2) Introduction of Machine Learning in Biomedical Research; 3) Clustering and Pattern Finding (unsupervised Machine Learning); 4) Powerful Predictive Models and Variable Selection (supervised Machine Learning); 5) Fundamentals of Data Visualization; 6) Reproducible Research and Team Science
- **Audience:** 20 medical researchers, mostly non-statisticians

#### Introduction to Statistics

Summer 2019, 2020

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS

- **Duty:** Instructor, developed and taught lectures on “Introduction to statistics”, study design, and survey design
- **Description:** Introductory statistics day-long short course for UCHealth nurses
- **Audience:** 15 UCHealth Nurses

### GUEST LECTURES

#### IPHY 5900 – Data Literacy in Biomedical Research

Nov 2019, Oct 2020

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

- **Primary Instructor:** Dr. Celine Marie Claire D. Vetter, Integrative Physiology
- **Lecture:** Machine Learning in Biomedical Research

#### BIOS 6611 – Biostatistical Methods I

Fall 2018

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- **Primary Instructor:** Dr. Alex Kaizer
- **Lecture:** Linear Algebra Review

## Mentoring and supervising

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### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES

#### Supervising students for data analysis projects

- Yuxi Song
- Sattwik Banerjee
- Adriana Wiggins

### UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, DEPARTMENT OF BIOSTATISTICS AND INFORMATICS

#### Supervising MPH/MS Statisticians

- Laura Grau (MPH), Nov 2018 – Jan 2021
  - I supervised Laura on several projects which led to publications.

#### Supervising students for data analysis projects

- Yaxu Zhuang (PhD), Jan 2019 – Aug 2020
- Rachel Weber (MS), Dec 2018 – April 2019

#### Thesis or Dissertation Committee Member (graduating year)

- Charlie Carpenter, Biostatistics MS thesis committee, Biostatistics (2020)
- Rachel Blumhagen, Biostatistics PhD dissertation committee (2021)

## Professional Service

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### GRANT AND PROTOCOL REVIEWS

- Scientific Advisory & Review Committee (SARC), Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, University of Colorado – April 2019 to Jan 2021

### JOURNAL REVIEWER

- Biometrics
- Genetic Epidemiology
- PeerJ

### COMMITTEES/OTHER

#### Department of Biostatistics and Informatics, University of Colorado

- Student Admissions Committee, Fall 2018 – Spring 2019
- Volunteer Judge for CIDA Hackathon (24 hour data analysis competition), Jan. 2020

#### Biostatistics, Epidemiology, & Research Design Core of the Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, University of Colorado

- Education Committee, Fall 2018 – Jan 2020

# Software Skills ---

## ■ PROFICIENT



- Over **13 years** of experience with R for data analysis
- I enjoy **developing R packages** to easily share documented code with colleagues and the broader research community. Examples:
  - <https://github.com/arbet003/discoMod>
- **Parallel programming** in R using multiple cpus

## git/github

- Version control
- Used daily at UCLA
- Collaborating with others on projects
- Review colleagues' code
- Assign issues to team members

## Quarto and Rmarkdown

- Reproducible research, manuscripts and reports
- Reproducible HTML presentations. Examples: <https://jarbet.github.io/presentations>
- Websites: <https://jarbet.github.io/>
- Resume: this resume was made using Rmarkdown with the vitae R package

## Bayesian statistical programming

- Proficient with BUGS/JAGS; basic skills with STAN

## ■ BASIC SKILLS

- Linux command line and bash scripts
  - Daily use of a high-performance computing cluster at UCLA
- Databricks
- Microsoft Office
- SAS