# **JOELLE MBATCHOU**

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# **EDUCATION**

# University of Chicago, Department of Statistics, Chicago IL

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Ph.D. Statistics

Department of Education GAANN Fellowship Recipient

Relevant Coursework: Applied Linear Statistical Methods, Generalized Linear Models, Applied Longitudinal Data Analysis, Data Mining, Applied Survival Analysis, Mathematical Statistics, Design/Analysis of Experiments, Statistical Genetics, Distribution Theory, Stochastic Processes, Sample Surveys

#### DePaul University, Chicago IL

Jun 2011

Bachelor of Science in Biology (conc. Cell & Molecular Biology) & Mathematical Sciences (conc. Statistics) Summa Cum Laude

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

# University of Chicago, Department of Statistics, Chicago, IL

Oct 2013 - Present

Graduate Student with Dr. Mary Sara McPeek

- Genome-wide association mapping of binary traits in the presence of related individuals using a retrospective approach with a MCMC-based fitting algorithm
- Rare variant association testing with binary trait in structured samples using a quasi-likelihood approach
- Re-sampling method based on a retrospective genetic model to correct for multiple testing

### DePaul University, Chicago, IL

Jan 2010 - Jun 2011

Research Assistant with Dr. Windsor Aguirre's Lab

Develop AFLP markers to study genetic differentiation of Ecuadorian fishes

#### Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

Jun 2010 - Aug 2010

Summer Research Assistant with Dr. Ulrike Eggert's Lab

Use FRET technique and small molecules to analyze the Rho pathway during cytokinesis

#### Field Museum, DNA Lab, Chicago, IL

Jun 2009 - Aug 2010

Research Intern

- · Obtained DNA sequences from lichenized fungal species
- Analyzed the data in a phylogenetic tree and developed future goals
- Presented my research to 30 scientists at the REU Symposium

#### **TEACHING & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

## University of Chicago, Department of Statistics, Chicago, IL

Statistical Consultant, Team Leader

Sep 2013 - Present

- Project #1: Rhesus Monkeys Display Behavior Generalized Linear Models
- Project #2: Investigating Wealth of Russian Oligarchs Linear mixed models
- · Project #3: Influence of Ottoman Empire on Corruption in Romania Kriging, regression trees

Teaching Assistant Jun 2011 - Present

- Assisted in undergraduate courses: Statistical Methods and Applications, Statistical Models/Methods,
  Applied Regression Analysis and Analysis of Categorical Data
- · Created introductory material for R and STATA through weekly computer sessions
- · Organized weekly office hours where students expanded their understanding of course materials

# University of Chicago, Department of Statistics, Chicago, IL

Statistics Collaborative Learning Team Leader

Oct 2016 - Mar 2017

- · Facilitated the design of a new program based on collaborative learning
- Created workshop exercises and managed weekly workshops where I assisted students on working in groups

Course Instructor Mar 2014 – Jun 2014

- Taught an introductory course on statistical methods (STAT 234: Statistical Models/Methods)
- Designed course materials and delivered bi-weekly lectures to a class of 36 students
- · Assisted students in office hours with learning statistical concepts as well as R programming skills

#### **SKILLS**

**Computing:** Proficient in R, C, LaTeX | Intermediate in STATA, Python, Microsoft Office & Tableau **Languages:** Fluent in French (native) and English, Spanish (Intermediate) and beginner in Japanese and Korean

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Jiang, D., J. Mbatchou, and M. S. McPeek. "Retrospective Association Analysis of Binary Traits: Overcoming Some Limitations of the Additive Polygenic Model." *Human heredity* 80, no. 4 (2016): 187-195.

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Kharas, G. B., E. Hanawa, B. L. Hill, K. T. Flynn, H. Husain, **J. Mbatchou**, W. Paik et al. "Novel Copolymers of 4-Fluorostyrene. 8. Some Ring-Trisubstituted 2-Phenyl-1, 1-dicyanoethylenes." *Journal of Macromolecular Science, Part A* 48, no. 5 (2011): 327-331.

Nelsen, M. P., R. Lücking, E. Rivas Plata, and **J. S. Mbatchou**. "Heiomasia, a new genus in the lichen-forming family Graphidaceae (Ascomycota: Lecanoromycetes: Ostropales) with disjunct distribution in Southeastern North America and Southeast Asia." *The Bryologist* 113, no. 4 (2010): 742-751.

Nelsen, M. P., R. Lücking, M. Grube, J. S. Mbatchou, L. Muggia, E. Rivas Plata, and H. T. Lumbsch. "Unravelling the phylogenetic relationships of lichenised fungi in Dothideomyceta." *Studies in Mycology* 64 (2009): 135-144

Schoch, C. L., P. W. Crous, Johannes Z. Groenewald, E. W. A. Boehm, T. I. Burgess, J. De Gruyter, G. S. De Hoog et al. "A class-wide phylogenetic assessment of Dothideomycetes." *Studies in mycology* 64 (2009): 1-15.