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# Jonathan P Williams

#### PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Statistics, NC State University2019 -Research Collaborator, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN2017 - 2020Biostatistics Intern, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MNSummer 2016Statistical Consultant, Caster Concepts, Inc, Albion, MI2011 - 2014

#### **EDUCATION**

## University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

2014 - 2019

Department of Statistics and Operations Research

PhD Statistics

Advisors: Dr. Jan Hannig (UNC) and Dr. Curtis Storlie (Mayo Clinic)

#### New York University, New York, NY

2012 - 2014

Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences MS Mathematics

Advisor: Dr. Ying Lu

# Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI

2008 - 2012

Honors College

BS double major in Economics and Mathematics, minor in Finance

Summa Cum Laude

## PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS

- \* Student working under my supervision
  - 1. S Koner\* and **J P Williams** (2021+). The EAS approach to variable selection for multivariate response data in high-dimensional settings. *In Review*.
  - 2. **J P Williams** (2021). Discussion of "A Gibbs sampler for a class of random convex polytopes". *To appear in Journal of the American Statistical Association.*
  - 3. A Murph\*, J Hannig, and J P Williams (2020+). Introduction to Generalized Fiducial Inference. *In review*.
  - 4. **J P Williams**, D M Ommen, and J Hannig (2020+). Generalized fiducial factor: an alternative to the Bayes factor for forensic identification of source problems. *In review*.
  - S Nghiem, J P Williams, C Afoakwah, Q Huynh, S K Ng, and J Byrnes (2021). Can Administrative Health Data Improve the Gold Standard? Evidence from a Model of the Progression of Myocardial Infarction. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 18 (14) pp.7385.
  - 6. **J P Williams**, Y Xie, and J Hannig (2019+). The EAS approach for graphical selection consistency in vector autoregression models. *In review*.
  - 7. **J P Williams**, C B Storlie, T M Therneau, C R Jack Jr, and J Hannig (2020). A Bayesian approach to multi-state hidden Markov models: application to dementia progression. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 115 (529) pp.16–31.

- 8. **J P Williams** and J Hannig (2019). Non-penalized variable selection in high-dimensional linear model settings via generalized fiducial inference. *Annals of Statistics* 47 (3), pp.1723–1753.
- 9. E Sechi, E Shosha, **J P Williams**, S J Pittock, B G Weinshenker, B M Keegan, N L Zalewski, A S Lopez-Chiriboga, J Jitprapaikulsan, and E P Flanagan (2019). Aquaporin-4 and MOG autoantibody discovery in idiopathic transverse myelitis epidemiology. *Neurology* 93 (4), pp.e414–e420.
- I Carmichael and J P Williams (2018). An exposition of the false confidence theorem. Stat 7 (1), pp.e201.
- 11. **J P Williams** and Y Lu (2015). Covariance Selection in the Linear Mixed Effect Model, *Journal of Machine Learning Research: Workshop and Conference Proceedings* 44, pp.277–291. (NIPS conference session)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- 1. Discussion of "A Gibbs sampler for a class of random convex polytopes". *JASA T&M Invited Session, Joint Statistical Meeting*, Seattle, WA, August 2021.
- 2. Generalized fiducial factor: an alternative to a Bayes factor for forensic identification of source problems. *Joint Statistical Meeting*, Seattle, WA, August 2021.
- 3. A Bayesian hidden Markov model framework for monitoring and diagnosing critically ill hospital patients. 28th Nordic Conference in Mathematical Statistics, Tromsø, Norway, June 2021.
- 4. Generalized fiducial factor: an alternative to a Bayes factor for forensic identification of source problems. BFF 6.5 Virtual Workshop on Bayesian, Fiducial, and Frequentist Statistical Inference, virtual conference hosted on https://researchers.one/, February 2021.
- 5. The EAS approach for graphical selection consistency in vector autoregression models. 12th International Conference of the European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics Working Group on Computational and Methodological Statistics (CMStatistics 2019), University of London, UK, December 2019.
- The EAS approach for graphical selection consistency in vector autoregression models. Sixth Bayesian, Fiducial, and Frequentist Conference on Model Uncertainty, Duke University and SAMSI, May 2019.
- Non-penalized variable selection in high-dimensional settings via generalized fiducial inference. Seminar, Department of Statistics, University of Florida Gainesville, January 2019.
- 8. Non-penalized variable selection in high-dimensional settings via generalized fiducial inference. Seminar, Department of Statistics, Iowa State University, January 2019.
- Non-penalized variable selection in high-dimensional settings via generalized fiducial inference. Seminar, Department of Statistics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, December 2018.
- Non-penalized variable selection in high-dimensional settings via generalized fiducial inference. Seminar, Department of Statistics, North Carolina State University, December 2018.
- 11. Non-penalized variable selection via generalized fiducial inference. *Graduate Seminar*, Department of Statistics and Operations Research, UNC Chapel Hill, November 2018.
- 12. Non-penalized variable selection via generalized fiducial inference. AISC 2018 International Conference on Advances in Interdisciplinary Statistics and Combinatorics, UNC Greensboro, October 2018.
- 13. Non-penalized variable selection in high-dimensional settings via generalized fiducial inference. 27th Nordic Conference in Mathematical Statistics, Tartu, Estonia, June 2018.
- 14. A Bayesian approach to multi-state hidden Markov models: application to dementia progression. *Graduate Seminar*, Department of Statistics and Operations Research, UNC Chapel Hill, September 2017.

- 15. Non-penalized variable selection in high-dimensional linear model settings via generalized fiducial inference. Graduate Seminar, Department of Statistics and Operations Research, UNC Chapel Hill, February 2017.
- 16. A Bayesian approach to multi-state hidden Markov models: application to dementia progression. Tea Time for Science, Biomedical Statistics and Informatics, Health Sciences Research, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, August 2016.

#### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- 1. A statistical primer on classical methods for exoplanet detection. Statistical Challenges in Modern Astronomy VII conference, virtual conference, June 2021.
- 2. Non-penalized variable selection via generalized fiducial inference. Recycled Poster Session of the North Carolina Chapter of the American Statistical Association, SAS Campus, NC, September 2019.
- 3. Non-penalized variable selection via generalized fiducial inference. Fifth Bayesian, Fiducial, and Frequentist Conference, University of Michigan Ann Arbor, May 2018.
- 4. Generalized fiducial inference for high dimensional problems. Invited Poster Session, Joint Statistical Meeting, Baltimore, MD, July 2017.
- 5. Non-penalized variable selection in high-dimensional linear model settings via generalized fiducial inference. Fourth Bayesian, Fiducial, and Frequentist Conference, Harvard University, May 2017.
- 6. Covariance Selection in the Linear Mixed Effect Model. Feature Extraction: Modern Questions and Challenges, NIPS, Montreal, Canada, December 2015.

## **FUNDING**

• Directed Research for Undergraduates in Math and Statistics (DRUMS) (2021). NSF/NSA, Faculty Associate, 125,000 USD.

## AWARDS

ullet Best poster award, Recycled Poster Session of the NC ASA	September 2019
• Graduate Student Travel Grant – 1,000 USD	Summer 2018
• Carl M. Erikson Mathematics Department Scholarship	2011 - 2012
• Regents Scholarship	2009 - 2012
• National Scholars Program Scholarship	2008 - 2012
• Leader Award Scholarship	2009 - 2011

# PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Session Chair; Statistics for complex inference problems in data science. 12th International Conference of the European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics Working Group on Computational and Methodological Statistics (CMStatistics 2019), University of London, UK, December 2019.
- Session Chair; Statistical Controversies in Forensic Evidence Interpretation. International Chinese Statistical Association Conference, Raleigh, NC, June 2019.

• Referee for Journal of the American Statistical Association – Theory and Methods	1 time
• Referee for <i>Biometrics</i>	1  time
• Referee for Communications in Statistics – Theory and Methods	1 time
• Referee for Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics	1 time
• Referee for <i>Computers</i>	1 time

• Referee for <i>PLOS ONE</i>	1 time
• Referee for <i>Stat</i>	5 times
• Referee for Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference	1 time
• Referee for Statistical Modelling	1 time
• Referee for Negotiation Journal	1 time
• Referee for CRC Press	1 time
• Referee for <i>Stats</i>	1 time

#### TEACHING AND ADVISING

Courses taught:

Introduction to probability and distribution theory (undergraduate; ST 371 NCSU)
Linear models (graduate; ST 705 NCSU)
Spring '20, '21
Fundamentals of statistical inference II (graduate; ST 502 NCSU)
STOR-BIOS grad student boot camp (real analysis section; UNC)
Introduction to statistics (first year undergraduate; STOR 155 UNC)
Spring '16, Fall '16
Tutor (economics and mathematics undergraduate; EMU)
'09 - '12

# PhD students advised/co-advised:

- Alexander Murph (UNC; expected graduation Spring 2023)
- Naomi Giertych (NCSU; expected graduation Spring 2023)
- Jimmy Hickey (NCSU; expected graduation Spring 2024)
- Salil Koner, PhD, NCSU 2021

## PhD committees served on:

- Xinyu Zhang (NCSU; expected graduation Summer 2023)
- Yin-Jen Chen (NCSU; expected graduation Summer 2022)
- Annie Tang (NCSU; expected graduation Summer 2022)
- Kang Wang (NCSU; expected graduation Summer 2022)
- Pei-Shien Wu (NCSU; expected graduation Summer 2022)
- Mohamed Abba (NCSU; expected graduation Summer 2023)

## Undergraduate students mentored:

• Pragya Haravu (NCSU; expected graduation 2023)

## DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Seminar committee NCSU
 Qualifying exam committee NCSU
 Qualifying exam committee NCSU
 August 2020

# COMPUTING SKILLS

R, Python, Julia, Linux, HPC environments Examples of my written code/programs are available on my website