

Statistics faculty actively seeking new PhD advisees

Alphabetical by last name

Marie Davidian

- Planning/hoping to retire in the next few years, so not taking on new students as the sole advisor. Can serve as a co-advisor with the understanding that she might retire and won't be able to devote full time once she does.
- Email address: davidian@ncsu.edu
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Sujit Ghosh

- 1. Interested to take on a couple of students. Affiliated to the UQ4Life NSF project (PI: Reich) which may have restricted funding support
- 2. Potential research topics: Bayesian machine learning methods with applications in astrostatistics, biostatistics and finance
- 3. Some recent papers available on NCSU CI profile ([link](#)) and some recent students' theses that he has supervised:
 - (a) Density Estimation with Data Irregularity in Astronomy (Qi Ma): [link](#)
 - (b) Covariance Function Estimation and Causal Inference Methods: [link](#)
 - (c) Statistical Models and Inference for Manifold Data: [link](#)
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Nathaniel Josephs

- Seeking to begin advising new PhD Students
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Donald Martin

- Interested in taking on one to two students
- Research statement: [link](#)
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Brian Reich

- Actively seeking graduate students to work on currently funded projects that cover a range of topics including:
 - An NSF training grant on uncertainty quantification for life sciences
 - Spatial causal inference for environmental health
 - Extreme value analysis for climate studies
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Kimberly Sellers

- Interested to co-advise
- Not able to serve as a sole or primary adviser, given Department Head responsibilities
- Has some funding support for research
- Email address: kimberly_sellers@ncsu.edu
- Academic website: <https://www.kimflaggsellers.com>

Charles E. Smith

- Can serve on committee, or for appropriate topic as co-chair or chair
- Potential topics:
 1. Human biodynamics: model based and data driven analysis of human gait and postural sway. Requires some knowledge of stochastic processes and of dynamic systems.
 2. Stochastic ordering of first passage times: Laura Sacerdote and I did a theoretical paper “Almost sure comparisons for first passage times of diffusion processes through boundaries”, *Methodology and Computing in Applied Probability* 6: 323-341.(2004) and several application papers on computational neuroscience in *Biological Cybernetics* and *Biosystems*. Looking to extend the theory and new application areas.
- Email address: bmasmith@ncsu.edu
- For publications see ResearchGate: <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Charles-Smith-55/>

Jonathan Stallrich

- Interested in taking on 1-2 students
- Some funding for students but not full semester funding
- Research mainly focuses on experimental design but has been pushing these beyond the classical methods. In particular, has interesting, novel projects about:

1. Experimental design with functional predictors
 2. Optimal designs for generalized linear models
 3. Optimal designs for penalized estimators (see link)
 4. A/B testing in the presence of networks (see link which is a review paper he coauthored that has nearly 13,000 views)
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Jonathan Williams

- No capacity at this time

Luo Xiao

- Actively seeking one or two PhD students to work on funded projects
- Potential projects:
 - Deep learning methods for modeling brain imaging data and its association with health outcomes
 - Joint modeling of longitudinal and survival data with functional data methods
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