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EDUCATION	Ph.D. Statistics University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL Advisors: Dr. Yuguo Chen and Dr. Ruqing Zhu M.S. Physics Yale University, New Haven, CT B.S. Physics and Mathematics Duke University, Durham, NC Advisor: Dr. Alfred T. Goshaw Thesis: <i>Searching for the Standard Model Higgs boson in the $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ decay mode with pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ and 8 TeV</i>	Expected in May 2022 December 2016 May 2013
PUBLICATIONS	<p>Loyal, J.D. and Chen, Y. (2020). Statistical network analysis: A review with applications to the coronavirus 2019 pandemic. Accepted at <i>International Statistical Review</i>. Article.</p> <p>Loyal, J.D. and Chen, Y. (2021). A Bayesian nonparametric latent space approach to modeling evolving communities in dynamic networks. Invited revision at <i>Bayesian Analysis</i>. arXiv.</p> <p>Loyal, J.D. and Chen, Y. (2021). An eigenmodel for dynamic multilayer networks. Under review at <i>Journal of Machine Learning Research</i>. arXiv.</p> <p>Loyal, J.D., Zhu, R., Cui, Y., and Zhang, X. (2021). Dimension reduction forests: Local variable importance using structured random forests. Under review at <i>Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics</i>. arXiv.</p> <p>Cohen T., Golling, T., Hance, M., Henrichs, A., Howe, K., Loyal, J., Padhi, S., and Wacker, J. G. (2014). SUSY Simplified Models at 14, 33, and 100 TeV Proton Colliders. Accepted at <i>Journal of High Energy Physics</i>. Article.</p> <p>Gershtein, Y. et al. (2013). New Particles Working Group Report of the Snowmass 2013 Community Summer Study. In proceedings at <i>Community Summer Study 2013: Snowmass on the Mississippi (CSS2013)</i>. Article.</p> <p>Cohen, T., Golling, T., Hance, M., Henrichs, A., Howe, K., Loyal, J., Padhi, S., and Wacker, J. G. (2013). A Comparison of Future Proton Colliders using SUSY Simplified Models: A Snowmass Whitepaper. In proceedings at <i>Community Summer Study 2013: Snowmass on the Mississippi (CSS2013)</i>. Article.</p>	
SOFTWARE	multidynet: Variational inference of the eigenmodel for dynamic multilayer networks, Python package Github .	

dynetlsm: MCMC inference of latent space models for dynamic networks including the HDP-LPCM, Python package [Github](#).

drforest: Statistical estimation methods for dimension reduction forests and local subspace variable importance, Python package [Github](#).

sliced: Scikit-learn compatible sufficient dimension reduction methods, Python package [Github](#).

AWARDS, HONORS, & SCHOLARSHIP	Poster Award , ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium.	2021
	Best Student Contributed Paper Award , 2021 ISBA World Meeting.	2021
	Doctoral Student Leadership and Service Award , UIUC Statistics Department.	2020
	Ranked as Excellent in Teaching , UIUC.	Spring 2018
	Ranked as Excellent in Teaching , UIUC.	Fall 2017
	Graduated Magna Cum Laude , Duke University.	2013
	Graduated with High Distinction in Physics , Duke University.	2013
	Science and Undergraduate Laboratory Internship , US DOE, \$5,000.	2012
	Silver Medal , The University Physics Competition.	2011
	Triangle University Nuclear Laboratory REU Program , US NSF, \$4,500.	2011
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Statistical inference for networks, Bayesian inference and scalable computation, Bayesian nonparametrics, Clustering, State-space models, Sufficient dimension reduction, Random forests and trees, Statistical machine learning, Data science, Applied scientific problems.	
TEACHING & MENTORING EXPERIENCE	Roundtable Panelist , Blackwell Summer Scholars Program University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL - Discussed graduate school experience with URM college juniors and seniors.	June 2021
	Sloan Peer Mentor , Sloan UCEM Program University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL - Mentored a first-year Ph.D. student and trained in effective mentoring.	2019 – 2020
	Teaching Assistant , Department of Statistics University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL - STAT 542 : Statistical Learning Guest lecture on “An Introduction to Statistical Forecasting” <i>Duties:</i> Held office hours, managed online discussion board, developed grading rubric, graded assignments.	Fall 2018
	- STAT 400 : Statistics and Probability I <i>Duties:</i> Gave short lectures, led discussion sections, held office hours, graded assignments, proctored exams.	Spring 2018

- STAT 400 : Statistics and Probability I Fall 2017
Duties: Gave short lectures, led discussion sections, held office hours, graded assignments, proctored exams.

Instructor, Open Data Science Conference

DataRobot, Boston, MA

- Introduction to Python for Data Science Workshop November 2015
Duties: Prepared course material and lectured.

Teaching Fellow, Department of Physics

Yale University, New Haven, CT

- PHYS 165L : General Physics Laboratory - Electricity and Magnetism Spring 2014
Duties: Gave short lectures, supervised physics labs, developed grading rubric, graded assignments, proctored practicum.
- PHYS 165L : General Physics Laboratory - Mechanics Fall 2013
Duties: Gave short lectures, supervised physics labs, developed grading rubric, graded assignments, proctored practicum.

RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

Spring 2020 – Present

Department of Statistics, UIUC

Advisor: Dr. Yuguo Chen

Collaborators: Dr. Asmeret Naugle and Dr. Kiran Lakkaraju

- Introduced a statistical model for analyzing dynamic multilayer networks. The methodology was developed to infer time-varying global node effects, shared low-dimensional structure, and a mixture of assortative and disassortative relations. A computationally efficient variational inference algorithm was derived for large-scale estimation.
- Collaborated with the Machine Intelligence group at Sandia National Laboratories.

Doctoral Researcher

Fall 2018 – Present

Department of Statistics, UIUC

Advisor: Dr. Ruoqing Zhu

Collaborators: Dr. Yifan Cui and Dr. Xin Zhang

- Developed a novel locally adaptive kernel smoothing method based on random forests and sufficient dimension reduction. The smoother inherits the flexibility of random forests while also providing an interpretable local variable importance measure which is used for detecting influential variables in a personalized prediction or recommendation.

Research Assistant

Spring 2019 – 2020

Department of Statistics, UIUC

Advisor: Dr. Yuguo Chen

Collaborators: Dr. Asmeret Naugle and Dr. Fred Rothganger

- Developed new methodology for estimating evolving community structure in dynamic networks. Introduced a model that infers a variable number of communities at each point in time, captures the community structure's temporal dependence, and rigorously quantifies the uncertainty in the community assignments.
- Collaborated with the Machine Intelligence group at Sandia National Laboratories.

Doctoral Researcher

2013 – 2014

Department of Physics, Yale University

Advisor: Dr. Tobias Golling

- Determined statistical upper limits and discovery reach of SUSY simplified models based on a statistical analysis of high dimensional Monte Carlo simulations. Contributed to the development of deep learning models for identifying subatomic particle jets with the goal of measuring $H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ decays.
- Collaborated with physicists at the ATLAS experiment at CERN.

Undergraduate Researcher

2010 – 2013

Department of Physics, Duke University

Advisors: Dr. Alfred T. Goshaw and Dr. Sergei Chekanov

- Analyzed data and performed statistical analyses to detect $H \rightarrow Z\gamma$ decays and W / Z boson production at the ATLAS detector.
- Collaborated with physicists at the ATLAS experiment at CERN and Argonne National Laboratory.

**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE****Consultant**

2020

Illinois Consulting Office, University of Illinois, IL

Project: Plant Functional Trait Variation in Arctic Shrubs*Client:* Dr. Jennifer Fraterrigo, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Science, UIUC

- *Data:* Ecological and plant traits at five sites above the Arctic Circle in Alaska.
- *Objective:* Infer how soil and climate properties influence plant functional traits.
- *Challenge:* A nested experimental design resulted in a complex correlation structure.
- *Solution:* A Bayesian hierarchical model with random effects to match the study design combined with Bayesian model averaging to select the meaningful covariates.

Data Scientist

2015 – 2018

DataRobot, Boston, MA

Led projects to incorporate deep learning models, text mining algorithms, and time-series model evaluation procedures into the platform.

PRESENTATIONS *Conference Presentations*

Poster on “An Eigenmodel for Dynamic Multilayer Networks”, *ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium*, online, September 2021.

Invited Poster on “Emergent Recursive Multiscale Interaction”, *Sandia – Illinois LDRD Student Virtual Poster Session*, online, September 2021.

Talk on “An Eigenmodel for Dynamic Multilayer Networks”, *Joint Statistical Meetings*, online, August 2021.

Talk and Poster on “An Eigenmodel for Dynamic Multilayer Networks”, *2021 ISBA World Meeting*, online, July 2021.

Talk on “An Eigenmodel for Dynamic Multilayer Networks”, *Statistical Inference for Network Models (SINM)*, online, June 2021.

Poster on “An Eigenmodel for Dynamic Multilayer Networks”, *Bohrer Workshop in Statistics*, Department of Statistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 2021.

Talk on “A Bayesian Nonparametric Latent Space Approach to Modeling Evolving Communities in Dynamic Networks”, *Joint Statistical Meetings*, online, August 2020.

Talk on “Efficient Local Kernel Estimation using Structured Random Forests”, *Joint Statistical Meetings*, Denver, CO, July 2019.

Other Presentations

Talk on “Modeling Evolving Communities in Dynamic Networks”, *Prospective Graduate Students Visiting Day*, Department of Statistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 2021.

Talk on “Latent Space Modeling of Relational Data”, *Statistics Journal Club*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 2019.

Talk on “Quantifying Uncertainty in Random Forests”, *Statistics Journal Club*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 2019.

Talk on “Dimension Reduction Forests: Adapting to Local Subspaces with Random Forests”, *Statistics Graduate Student Lunchtime Seminar*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 2019.

Talk on “Dimension Reducing Random Forests”, *Prospective Graduate Students Visiting Day*, Department of Statistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 2018.

Talk on “Classifying Products Based on Images and Text”, *PyCon Ukraine*, Lviv, Ukraine, April 2017.

Talk on “Classifying Products Based on Images and Text”, *PyData Meetup*, Chicago, Illinois, March 2017.

PEER REVIEW SERVICE	Reviewer for <i>Journal of the American Statistical Association</i> , <i>Biometrika</i> , <i>Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics</i> , and <i>Statistics and Computing</i> .
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UNIVERSITY SERVICE	Chair: Ph.D. Student Invited Seminar Committee at UIUC	2020 – Present
	Chair: Ph.D. Student Lunchtime Seminar Committee at UIUC	2021 – Present
	Member: Ph.D. Student Lunchtime Seminar Committee at UIUC	2019 – 2020
	Participant: Prospective Graduate Students Visiting Day at UIUC	2018 – 2021

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	American Statistical Association, Institute of Mathematical Statistics, International Society for Bayesian Analysis, International Chinese Statistical Association.
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COMPUTING SKILLS	<p>Languages: Python/Cython, R/Rcpp, C/C++, Bash, SQL.</p> <p>Libraries: NumPy, Scipy, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, PyTorch, Keras, JAX, Stan, PyMC3, NumPyro, Pandas, Tidyverse, Matplotlib, Seaborn, NetworkX, igraph.</p> <p>Misc: Linux, Git and Github, Docker, L^AT_EX, HPC (e.g., SLURM, TORQUE).</p>
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REFERENCES	<table><tr><td>Yuguo Chen Professor Department of Statistics University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Champaign, IL 61820 (217) 244-3932, yuguo@illinois.edu</td><td>Douglas G. Simpson Professor and Associate Director of IMSI Department of Statistics University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Champaign, IL 61820 (217) 265-6725, dgs@illinois.edu</td></tr><tr><td>Ruoqing Zhu Assistant Professor Department of Statistics University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Champaign, IL 61820 (419) 378-0372, rqzhu@illinois.edu</td><td>Feng Liang Associate Professor Department of Statistics University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Champaign, IL 61820 (217) 333-6017, liangf@illinois.edu</td></tr></table>	Yuguo Chen Professor Department of Statistics University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Champaign, IL 61820 (217) 244-3932, yuguo@illinois.edu	Douglas G. Simpson Professor and Associate Director of IMSI Department of Statistics University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Champaign, IL 61820 (217) 265-6725, dgs@illinois.edu	Ruoqing Zhu Assistant Professor Department of Statistics University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Champaign, IL 61820 (419) 378-0372, rqzhu@illinois.edu	Feng Liang Associate Professor Department of Statistics University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Champaign, IL 61820 (217) 333-6017, liangf@illinois.edu
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