BMI 881

Biomedical Data Science Scholarly Literature

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Goals

- Read and discuss a bunch of journal articles
- ► Critical evaluation of articles
- ► Practice talking about data science
- ► Get to know each other

Responsibilities

- ► Read the papers in advance
- Arrive on time
- Participate in the discussions
- ▶ Let me know if you need to miss a class
- ► Tuesdays:
 - 2-paragraph summary of papers to be discussed that day
 - Plus 2 or more questions for discussion
- A couple of other written assignments during the semester

Tuesday summaries

- ► One paragraph summarizing the work
- One paragraph with your reaction
- ► Two or more questions for discussion
- Posted someplace that I can get them:
 - Blog
 - Github repository
 - Box or Dropbox or Google Drive folder
 - Email them to me (least preferred)
- Post by 8:00am each Tuesday

COVID-19

- ► The course will be in-person in 4765 MSC
- COVID-19 vaccination is strongly encouraged
- ► Use of a high-quality mask (N95 or KN95) is strongly encouraged
- ▶ If you have COVID-related symptoms, please stay home
- ► If you need to miss class, email me
- ► If we need to move online (or hybrid), there is a zoom link at the Canvas site for the course

Office hours

- by appointment
- ► 6743 Medical Sciences Center
- ► or Zoom: https://bit.ly/broman_office_hrs

Norms for discussion

- ► Presume positive intentions
- ▶ Engage respectfully
- ▶ Listen attentively
- ► Aim for equal participation
- ► Respect boundaries
- ► Provide evidence

How do you read a journal article?

How to acquire a journal article

- Search Google Scholar and click "All ____ versions"
- ► Install the unpaywall browser extension
- ► Find the article via the UW-Madison Library site
- ▶ Paste ezproxy.library.wisc.edu into the URL for the article
- ▶ Use the UW-Madison VPN
- Sci-Hub provides pirated versions of many journal articles (not acceptable)
- ▶ I'll post PDFs on the Canvas site