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## Education

Stanford University

PhD Statistics, 2013 - 2018

Thesis: *Discovery and Visualization of Latent Structure with Applications to the Microbiome*

MS Statistics, 2012 - 2013

BS Mathematics, 2009 - 2013

## Professional Experience

### *Department Affiliate*

April 2023 - Present

Department of Biomedical Engineering  
University of Wisconsin - Madison

### *Discovery Fellow*

July 2022 - Present

Wisconsin Institute for Discovery  
University of Wisconsin - Madison

### *Assistant Professor*

August 2020 - Present

Department of Statistics  
University of Wisconsin - Madison

### *Postdoctoral Fellow*

August 2018 - April 2020

Département d'Informatique et de Recherche Opérationnelle  
Université de Montréal

### *Senior Machine Learning Researcher*

April 2018 - August 2018

Obsidian Security

### *Data Science for Social Good Fellow*

Summer 2016

Center for Data Science and Public Policy  
University of Chicago

### *Quantitative Research Intern*

Summer 2012

The Climate Corporation

## Areas of Expertise

Statistical methods for multi-omics  
 Interactive computing and data visualization  
 Simulation and generative modeling  
 Analysis of earth systems imagery

## Current Preprints

Lab members are underlined.

Ma, Kaiyan, Margaret W. Thairu, and Kris Sankaran. MolPad: An R-Shiny Package for Cluster Co-Expression Analysis in Longitudinal Microbiomics. <https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.11.29.569321>.

Sankaran, Kris and Pratheepa Jeganathan. Microbiome Intervention Analysis with Transfer Functions and Mirror Statistics. <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2306.06364>.

Xu, Tinghui and Kris Sankaran. Interactive Visualization of Spatial Omics Neighborhoods [version 1; peer review: awaiting peer review]. F1000Research 11:799. 2022 <https://doi.org/10.12688/f1000research.122113.1>.

Xu, Zhuoyan, and Kris Sankaran. Spatial Transcriptomics Dimensionality Reduction using Wavelet Bases. [arXiv:2202.00180](https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.00180).

## Book Chapters

Ortiz, Anthony, Kris Sankaran, Finu Shresta, Tenzing Choygal Sherpa, and Mir Martin. “Chapter 12: Mapping Glacier Lakes” in *AI for Good: Applications in Sustainability, Humanitarian Action, and Health*, edited by Juan Lavista Ferres and William Weeks. Wiley, 2024. 113-123.

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

Kris Sankaran. Bootstrap Confidence Regions for Learned Feature Embeddings. Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics. Volume 32, Issue 4, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10618600.2023.2197478>. ([Issue Cover](#)).

Sankaran, Kris and Susan P. Holmes. Generative Models: An Interdisciplinary Perspective. Annual Review of Statistics and its Application. Volume 10, Issue 1, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-statistics-033121-110134>

Tian, Weiyushi, Anthony Ortiz, Tenzing C. Sherpa, Finu Shrestha, Mir Martin, Rahul Dodhia, Juan M. Lavista Ferres, Kris Sankaran. Estimating Glacial Lake Trends using Historically Guided Segmentation Models. IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing. Volume 15, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1109/JSTARS.2022.3215722/>

Chevrette, Marc, Chris Thomas, Amanda Hurley, Natalia Rosario-Meléndez, Kris Sankaran, Yixing Tu, Austin Hall, Shruti Magesh, and Jo Handelsman. Microbiome composition modulates secondary metabolism in a multispecies bacterial community. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Volume 119, Issue 42, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2212930119>

Zheng, Minxing, Xinran Miao, and Kris Sankaran. Interactive Visualization and Representation Analysis Applied to Glacier Segmentation. ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information. 11(8):415. 2022. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijgi11080415>

Sankaran, Siva, Kris Sankaran, and Tung X. Bui. Student satisfaction with R vs. Excel in Data Mining and Business Analytics: A Herzberg’s motivation-hygiene theory perspective. Decision Sciences Journal of Innovative Education (2023). Runner-Up for [DSJIE Best Research Paper](#) of 2023.

Sankaran, Kris. “Societal Impacts” in *Tackling Climate Change with Machine Learning*. Collection with Rolnick, D., Donti, P. L., Kaack, L. H., Kochanski, K., Lacoste, A., Sankaran, K., ... Luccioni, A. ACM Computing Surveys. Volume 55, Issue 2, 2023.

Fukuyama, Julia, Kris Sankaran, Laura Symul, Multiscale analysis of count data through topic alignment, *Biostatistics*, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1093/biostatistics/kxac018>

Cheong, So-Min, Sankaran, Kris, and Bastani, Hamsa. Artificial intelligence for climate change adaptation. *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery*, 2022; e1459.

Lê Cao, Kim Anh, Aedin Culhane, Elana Fertig, Vincent Carey, Ricard Argelaguet, Susan Holmes, Michael Love, Guo-Cheng Yuan, Al Abadi, Casey Greene, Ayshwarya Subramanian, Amrit Singh, Alexis Coullomb, Vera Pancaldi, Arshi Arora, Joshua Sodicoff, Joshua Welch, Emily Davis-Marcisak, Matthew Ritchie, Yue You, Genevieve Stein-O’Brien, Kris Sankaran, Ruben Dries, Atul Deshpande. Central themes in single cell multiomics identified through community-wide hackathons. *Genome biology*, 22(1), 1-21, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-021-02468-y>

Cheng, Yuwei, Jiannan Zhu, Mengxin Jiang, Jie Fu, Changsong Pang, Peidong Wang, Kris Sankaran, Olawale Onabola, Yimin Liu, Dianbo Liu, Yoshua Bengio. Flow: A Dataset and Benchmark for Floating Waste Detection in Inland Waters. *Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision*. 2021.

Janik, Adrianna, Jonathan Dodd, Georgiana Ifrim, Kris Sankaran, Kathleen Curran. Interpretability of a deep learning model in the application of cardiac MRI segmentation with an ACDC challenge dataset. Accepted to SPIE Medical Imaging Conference (Image Processing Track). February 2021.

Baraka, Shima, Benjamin Aker, Bibek Aryal, Tenzing Sherpa, Finu Shresta, Anthony Ortiz, Kris Sankaran, Juan Lavista Ferris, Mir Matin, and Yoshua Bengio. Climate Change AI Workshop at NeurIPS 2020 [Spotlight Talk].

Gonzalez Villareal, Jessenia, Debjani Bhowmick, and Kris Sankaran. Segmentation of water bodies in Peru using knowledge-transfer based convolutional neural networks. *Workshop on ML for the Developing World at NeurIPS 2019*.

Goytom, Israel, Qin Wang, Tianxiang Yu, Kunjie Dai, Kris Sankaran, Xinfei Zhou, Dongdong Lin. Nanoscale Microscopy Images Colorization Using Neural Networks. *Microstructures Analysis*. December 2019.

Goytom, Israel and Kris Sankaran. Forecasting Maxima in Climate Time Series. *9th International Workshop on Climate Informatics*. October 2019.

Yuan, Tianle, Hua Song, David Hall, Victor Schmidt, Kris Sankaran and Yoshua Bengio. Artificial intelligence based cloud distributor (AI-CD): probing clouds with generative adversarial networks. *9th International Workshop on Climate Informatics*. October 2019.

Janik, Adrianna and Kris Sankaran. Discovering Concepts in Learned Representations using Statistical Inference and Interactive Visualization. *Workshop on Explainable AI/ML (XAI) for Accountability, Fairness, and Transparency at KDD 2019*. <https://github.com/adrijanik/adrijanik.github.io/>.

Razzak, Muhammed and Kris Sankaran. Interactive Segmentation for Disaster Relief Mapping [Oral presentation]. *AI for Good Workshop at IJCAI 2019*.

Janik, Adrianna, Kris Sankaran, and Anthony Ortiz. Interpreting Black-Box Semantic Segmentation Models in Remote Sensing Applications. In *Machine Learning Methods in Visualisation for Big Data* edited by Archambault, Daniel and Nabney, Ian and Peltonen, Jaakko (2019). DOI 10.2312/mlvis.20191158.

Benabbou, Loubna, Zouheir Malki, Kris Sankaran, and Hicham Bouzeckri. Machine Learning based Predictive Maintenance for Renewable Energy: The Case of Power Plants in Morocco. *Climate Change AI workshop at ICML 2019*.

Schmidt, Victor, Alexandra Luccioni, Surya Mukkavilli, Narmada Balasooriya, Kris Sankaran, Jennifer Chayes, and Yoshua Bengio. (2019). Visualizing the consequences of climate change using cycle-consistent adversarial networks. *AI for Social Good Workshop at ICLR 2019*. arXiv preprint arXiv:1905.03709.

Min, Yan, Xiaoguang Ma, Kris Sankaran, Yuan Ru, Lijin Chen, Mike Baiocchi, and Shankuan Zhu (2019). Sex-specific association between gut microbiome and fat distribution. *Nature communications*, 10(1), 2408. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3485128>.

Sankaran, Kris. Remembrances of States Past [Oral presentation]. 2nd Workshop on Visualization for AI Explainability at IEEE VIS 2019.

Sankaran, Kris, and Susan P. Holmes. Multitable Methods for Microbiome Data Integration. *Frontiers in Genetics* 10, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fgene.2019.00627>

Huang, Chin-Wei, Kris Sankaran, Eeshan Dhekane, Alexandre Lacoste, Aaron Courville. Hierarchical Importance Weighted Autoencoders. *Proceedings of the 36th International Conference on Machine Learning*, PMLR 97:2869-2878, 2019.

Sankaran, Kris, and Susan P. Holmes. Latent Variable Modeling for the Microbiome. *Biostatistics*, June 3, 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1093/biostatistics/kxy018>

Sankaran, Kris, and Susan P. Holmes. Interactive Visualization of Hierarchically Structured Data. *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, October 18, 2017. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10618600.2017.1392866>

Gonzalez Villareal, Jessenia, Kris Sankaran, Victor Ayma, and Cesar Beltran. Application of Semantic Segmentation with Few Labels in the Detection of Water Bodies from Perusat-1 Satellite's Images. 2020 IEEE Latin American GRSS & ISPRS Remote Sensing Conference (LAGIRS). IEEE, 2020.

Bastidas, Alexei, Matthew Beale, Yoshua Bengio, Anna Bethke, Pablo Fonseca, Jason Jo, Dale Kuncce, Sean McPherson, Vincent Michalski, Anthony Ortiz, Kris Sankaran, and Hanlin Tang. Foundational mapping of Uganda to assist American Red Cross disaster response to floods and pandemics. *AI for Social Good Workshop at NeurIPS 2018*.

Fukuyama, Julia, Laurie Rumker, Kris Sankaran, Pratheepa Jegannathan, Les Dethlefsen, David A. Relman, and Susan P. Holmes. Multidomain analyses of a longitudinal human microbiome intestinal cleanout perturbation experiment. *PLOS Computational Biology* 13, no. 8 (2017): e1005706.

Callahan, Ben J., Kris Sankaran, Julia A. Fukuyama, Paul J. McMurdie, and Susan P. Holmes. Bioconductor workflow for microbiome data analysis: from raw reads to community analyses. *F1000Research* 5 (2016).

Rhee, Soo-Yon, Kris Sankaran, Vici Varghese, Mark Winters, Christopher B. Hurt, Joseph J. Eron, Neil Parkin, Susan P. Holmes, Mark Holodniy, and Robert W. Shafer. HIV-1 Protease, Reverse Transcriptase, and Integrase Variation. *Journal of Virology* (2016): JVI-00495.

Sankaran, Siva, and Kris Sankaran. Improving Online Course Performance Through Customization: An Empirical Study Using Business Analytics. *International Journal of Business Analytics (IJBAN)* 3, no. 4 (2016): 1-20.

Sankaran, Kris, and Susan P. Holmes. structSSI: Simultaneous and Selective Inference for Grouped or Hierarchically Structured Data. *Journal of Statistical Software* 59, no. 13. 2014. <https://doi.org/10.18637/jss.v059.i13>

## Supervision

Postdoctoral Trainees: Margaret Thairu (Joint with Jo Handelsman)

PhD students: Xinran Miao, Zhuoyan Xu (Joint with Yin Li), Hanying Jiang, Shuchen Yan, Mason Garza (Joint with Jo Handelsman).

MS students: Minxing Zheng, Tinghui Xu, Margaret Turner, Kaiyan Ma, Kai Cui.

Undergraduate students: Yixing Tu, Weiyushi Tian, Zhihao Lyu (VISP), Zhuoxin Shi, Harshita Narayanan (WISCERS), Yuliang Peng (Honors Advisor), Zhi Zheng, Kobe Uko (WISCERS).

MS-AS advisees: Yushin Wei, Maria Elisa Montes Gonzalez.

Thesis Committee Membership: Siyu Zhang, Emily Diaz Vallejo, Shan Lu, Jinyi Wang, Shana Ederer.

Interns supervised (Mila): Anthony Ortiz, Md. Rifat Arefin, Pablo Fonseca, Muhammed Razzak, Israel Goytom, Adrianna Janik, Yasser Salah Eddine Bouchareb, Sara Ebrahim, Mustafa Alghali, Jessenia Gonzalez Villareal, Shima Baraka, Debjani Bhowmick, Joseph Baafi, James Assiene, Benjamin Akera, and Olawale Onabola.

Interns co-supervised (Mila): The [biasly AI](#) team, Wisdom d'Almeida.

## Talks

### Community

Simulation in Microbiome Analysis: From Design to Inference. Joint Statistical Meetings (Planned 07/2024).

Interactive and Interpretable Multi-Omics Analysis. Computational Genomics Summer Institute (Planned 07/2024).

Simulation in Microbiome Analysis: From Design to Inference. STATGEN 2024 (Planned 02/2024).

[Interpretability: What's Possible? What's Next?](#). BIRS Workshop on Statistical Aspects of Trustworthy Machine Learning (Planned 02/2024).

[Simulation in Omics](#). UW Methods for Biological Data Workshop (Planned 02/2024).

[Statistical and Computational Challenges in Phylogenetic Inference \(Faculty Introduction\)](#). Wisconsin Institute for Discovery Seminar Series (01/2024).

[Expressive Interfaces for Multi-omics Simulation](#). UW Madison Statistics Seminar (12/2023)

[Student Satisfaction with R vs. Excel in Data Mining and Business Analytics](#). Decision Sciences Institute (11/2023).

[Visualization in Deep Learning: Theme and Variations](#). UW Machine Learning Lunch Meetings (11/2023).

[Interactive Multiview Data Science](#). Wisconsin Institute for Discovery Symposium (11/2023).

[Beyond Black Box Simulation](#). ASA Section on Statistical Computing Mini-Symposium (11/2023).

[Microbiome Data Science](#). UW Madison Statistics Department Lightning Talks (09/2023).

[Generative Models for Microbiome Mediation Analysis](#). Joint Statistical Meetings (08/2023).

[Generative Models for Microbiome Mediation Analysis](#). EcoSta (08/2023).

[Selective Inference for Computational Genomics](#). Computational Genomics Summer Institute (07/2023).

[Ecosystem Modeling using Multimodal Data](#). Microsoft AI for Good Lab (07/2023)

[Generative Models for Microbiome Mediation Analysis](#). CMStatistics (12/2022)

[Visualization and Simulation in Microbial Community Analysis](#). Indiana University Bloomington Statistics Department Colloquium (10/2022)

[Revisiting Iterative Data Structuration](#). University of Pittsburgh Department of Statistics Seminar (04/2022)

[Multiscale Topic Visualization in the Microbiome](#). ML + X Talks, UW Madison Data Science Hub (11/2021)

[Multiscale Analysis of Count Data through Topic Alignment](#). McMaster University Mathematics and Statistics Department Seminar (11/2021)

[Latent Structure Laboratory](#). UW Madison Statistics Department Seminar (09/2021)

[Discovery and Visualization](#). UW Madison Statistics Department Lightning Talks (03/2021)

[Visualizing Mapping Models](#). UW Madison Data Science Bazaar (02/2021)

Climate Change AI Team Intro. TEDx Climate Countdown (10/2020)

[Invitation to Research](#). UW Madison Statistics Department Seminar (09/2020)

[Measuring Feature Stability](#). Bernoulli IMS One World Symposium (08/2020)

[Formalization of Complex Workflows](#). Stanford University Data Science Scholars (08/2020)

Navigation and Evaluation in High-Dimensional Data - San Francisco State Mathematics Department Seminar (02/2020)

Navigation and Evaluation in High-Dimensional Data - UC Davis Statistics Department Seminar (02/2020)

Navigation and Evaluation in High-Dimensional Data - UW Madison Statistics Department Seminar (01/2020)

Navigation and Evaluation in High-Dimensional Data - Penn State Statistics Department Seminar (01/2020)

Navigation and Evaluation in High-Dimensional Data - Waterloo Statistics Department Seminar (01/2020)

Latent Structure in the Microbiome - University of Chicago, Department of Statistics Colloquium (01/2018)

## Internal

[Interpretability: Beyond Black and White](#). (01/2024).

[Transfer Function Modeling of Microbial Community Shifts](#) (04/2023)

[Evaluating Causal Microbiome Models](#) (01/2023)

[Notes: A Simple Measure of Conditional Independence](#) (09/2022)

[Generative Approaches to Microbiome Mediation Analysis](#) (07/2022)

[Mediation and the Microbiome](#) (04/2022)

[Generative Models and Experimental Design](#) (01/2022)

[Recent Multi-Omics Methods and their Ancestors](#) (10/2021)

[Multiresolution Analysis of Count Data through Topic Alignment](#) (08/2021)

## Software

[MolPad](#): An R-Shiny Package for Cluster Co-Expression Analysis in Longitudinal Microbiomics.

[mbtransfer](#): An R package for modeling microbiome dynamics which provides functions for fitting transfer function models, simulating counterfactual trajectories, and selecting significantly perturbed taxa using mirror statistics.

[alto](#): An R package that aligns topics from different LDA models, computes metrics for quantifying the goodness of alignment, and provides visualization functions to explore the alignment and robustness of topics across environments or LDA hyper-parameters.

[NBFvis](#): An R package for neighborhood-based featurization and visualization for spatial genomics data.

[waveST](#): An R package for wavelet-guided dimensionality reduction for spatial transcriptomics data.

[treelapse](#): An R package for interactive visualization of hierarchically structured time series. Suitable for multiscale analysis of longitudinal microbiome data.

[structSSI](#): An R package implementing hierarchically structured and grouped multiple hypothesis testing procedures.

[GFLasso](#): An R package for the graph-fused lasso.

## Funding

NIGMS/NIH R01GM152744 [\$478K] for “Modeling Microbial Community Response to Invasion: A Multi-omics and Multifactorial Approach.” Joint with Jo Handelsman. September 2023 - July 2026.

Fall Research Competition [\$48K, conditional award] for “Differential Interactome Analysis for Multifactorial and Multi-Omics Experiments.” December 2022.

AI for Earth Microsoft Azure Compute Grant [\$18K] for “Glacier Monitoring for Adaptation to Climate Change.” October 2019.

AI for Earth Microsoft Azure Compute Grant [\$10K] for “Automated River Plastic Debris Removal.” October 2019.

## Teaching

### *Long Courses*

*STAT 436 (Statistical Data Visualization)*. University of Wisconsin - Madison. Spring 2024.

*STAT 992 (Selective Inference in Multi-Omics)*. University of Wisconsin - Madison. Spring 2024.

*STAT 679/992 (Advanced Statistical Data Visualization)*. University of Wisconsin - Madison. Fall 2023.

*STAT 992 (Multi-Omics Data Analysis)*. University of Wisconsin - Madison. Spring 2023.

*STAT 436 (Statistical Data Visualization)*. University of Wisconsin - Madison. Spring 2023.

*STAT 679 (Advanced Statistical Data Visualization)*. University of Wisconsin - Madison. Fall 2022.

*STAT 479 (Statistical Data Visualization)*. University of Wisconsin - Madison. Spring 2022.

*STAT 424 (Statistical Experimental Design)*. University of Wisconsin - Madison. Fall 2021.

*STAT 479 (Statistical Data Visualization)*. University of Wisconsin - Madison. Spring 2021.

*STAT 424 (Statistical Experimental Design)*. University of Wisconsin - Madison. Fall 2020

*IFT6758 (Introduction to Data Science) co-instructor* Université de Montréal. Fall 2019.

*STATS 390 (Free Statistical Consulting Workshop)*. Stanford University. Summer 2017.

### *Short Courses*

*BME 780 Guest Lecture*. [Multiple Testing in Quantitative Biology](#) (10/2023).

*Data Science Nigeria AI Bootcamp*. Session on [Foundations of Machine Learning](#) (08/2023).

*Annual Nepal AI School 2023*. Session on [Foundations of Machine Learning](#). (06/2023)

*UW Madison MSTP M2 Journal Club*. [Microbiome Studies: Design, Infrastructure, and Inference](#) (11/2022).

*UW Madison STAT 627*. Lecture on [Is a PhD right for me?](#) (02/2022).

*Third Nepal Winter School in AI*. Session on [Foundations of Machine Learning](#) (12/2021).

*Data Science Nigeria AI Bootcamp*. Session on [Understanding Machine Learning](#) (10/2021).

*Data Science Nigeria AI Bootcamp*. Sessions on [AI for Social Good](#) and [Statistics and Machine Learning](#) (11/2021)

*McMaster Innovate 1Z03* Lecture on [AI, Sustainability, and Climate Change](#).

*Deep Learning Indaba instructor*. Session on [Memory and Attention](#). Nairobi, Kenya. (08/2019).



*First Nepal Winter School in AI instructor.* Sessions on [Deep Learning Foundations](#), [Advanced Deep Learning](#), and [Humanitarian AI](#). Kathmandu, Nepal (12/2018).

*Strategies and Techniques for Analyzing Microbial Population Structures* TA Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole. (08/2017).

## Other

Madison Teaching and Learning Excellence Fellow - Chi Cohort.

## Service

Reviewer for *Entropy*, *Nature Scientific Reports*, *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics* *BMC Bioinformatics*, *PLOS Computational Biology*, *The Journal of Machine Learning Research*, *Annals of Applied Statistics*, *eLife*, *Environmental Data Science*, *The R Journal*, *Biometrics*, *Biostatistics*, *Frontiers of Computer Science*, *The Journal of the American Statistical Association*, *Microbiome*, *F1000 Research*.

Reviewer for *RECOMB 2023*, *Practical Machine Learning for Developing Countries* [ICLR 2021], *AAAI 2021*, *AI for Social Impact* [AAAI 2020], *Climate Change AI* [ICML 2019, NeurIPS 2019, ICLR 2020, NeurIPS 2020, ICML 2021, ICLR 2023], *Harvard CRCS Workshop on AI for Social Good 2020*, *AI for Social Good* [NeurIPS 2018, ICLR 2019, ICML 2019], *AI for Good* [IJCAI 2019], *ML for the Developing World* [NeurIPS 2019, NeurIPS 2020], *Montreal AI Symposium* [2019]

PhD application mentor for the Deep Learning Indaba Mentorship Program, 2023.

Co-Organizer (with Claudia Solis-Lemus) of [Data Science Meets Art](#) exhibition in the Illuminating Discovery Hub.

Judge for UW Madison Statistics Club Data Challenge. October 2021, October 2022, October 2023.

Judge for UW Madison Data Science Club Datathon. October 2021.

Steering committee member for [Climate Change AI](#). April 2019 - December 2020.

Project scoper for Data Science for Social Good - Solve. July 2020 - October 2020

Writing Mentor, Deep Learning Indaba. 2020.

Graduate School Application Mentor, Black in AI. 2018 - 2019.

Humanitarian AI [reading group](#) organizer. 2018 - 2019.

Workshop organizer for *Computer Vision for Global Challenges* [CVPR 2019], *AI for Social Good* [ICML 2019, ICLR 2019], *Tackling Climate Change with Machine Learning* [ICLR 2020].

Red Judge for IBM Watson AI XPRIZE. May - October 2019.

DataKind SF Chapter Core Volunteer. 2016 - 2017.

Stanford Statistics for Social Good. 2013 - 2017.

STATS 390 (Free Statistical Consulting Workshop) participant. 13 quarters, 2012 - 2017.

## Recognition

Best reviewer award. AI for Social Good Workshop, NeurIPS 2018.

Jerome H. Friedman Applied Statistics Dissertation Award 2018

Ric Weiland Graduate Fellowship, 2016 - 2018

[Boothe Prize](#) for Excellence in Writing (Top 6 freshman papers), 2010



## Unpublished Reports

Miao, Xinran and Kris Sankaran. Source Data Selection for Out-of-Domain Generalization. [arXiv:2202.02155](#). Submitted (February 2022).

Sankaran, Kris. Measuring the Stability of Learned Features. 2021. [arXiv:2102.10388](#)

Ortiz, Anthony, Kris Sankaran, Olac Fuentes, Christopher Kiekintveld, Pascal Vincent, Yoshua Bengio, Doina Precup. Conditional Networks. (Rejected from ICLR 2021, [submission available](#)).

Deudon, Michel, Alfredo Kalaitzis, Israel Goytom, Md. Rifat Arefin, Zichao Lin, Kris Sankaran, Vincent Michalski, Samira E. Kahou, Julien Cornebise, and Yoshua Bengio. (2020). Highres-net: Recursive fusion for multi-frame super-resolution of satellite imagery. [arXiv preprint arXiv:2002.06460](#).

Casavant, Ellen, Les Dethlefsen, Kris Sankaran, Dan Sprockett, Susan P. Holmes, David Relman, and Joshua Elias. (2019). Strategies for understanding dynamic, personalized profiles of host-derived proteins and microbes from human stool. [bioRxiv, 551143](#).

Sankaran, Kris, and Susan P. Holmes. Inference of Dynamic Regimes in the Microbiome. [arXiv preprint arXiv:1712.00067](#) (2017).

Sankaran, Kris, Diego Garcia-Olano, Mobin Javed, Maria Fernanda Alcala-Durand, Adolfo De Unánue, Paul van der Boor, Eric Potash, Roberto Sánchez Avalos, Luis Inaki Alberro Encinas, and Rayid Ghani. Applying Machine Learning Methods to Enhance the Distribution of Social Services in Mexico. [arXiv preprint arXiv:1709.05551](#) (2017).

Sankaran, Kris, Suzanne Tamang, and Ami Bhatt. Opioid Atlas: Mapping Access to Pain Medication. [arXiv preprint arXiv:1612.00497](#) (2016).

Hwang, Jessica, and Kris Sankaran. [SparkPoint Bundled Services Analysis](#). San Francisco, CA: United Way Bay Area (2014).

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