

# YOUNG-GEUN KIM

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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My research interests revolve around developing innovative data science tools and promoting their dissemination on biomedical data. Research topics include, but are not limited to:

- Deep generative models for multi-modal biomedical data (e.g., neuroimaging and multi-omics)
- Deep learning for identifying biomarkers associated with mental illness
- Reinforcement learning-based health care

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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### **Adjunct Associate Research Scientist**

*Jul. 2021 - Present*

Department of Biostatistics, Columbia University

**Mentor:** Ying Liu, Ph.D.

### **Postdoctoral Researcher**

*Jul. 2021 - Present*

Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University

Mental Health Data Science, New York State Psychiatric Institute

**Mentor:** Ying Liu, Ph.D.

### **Postdoctoral Researcher**

*Mar. 2021 - Jun. 2021*

Department of Statistics, Seoul National University

**Mentor:** Myunghee Cho Paik, Ph.D.

## EDUCATION

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### **Seoul National University**

*Mar. 2015 - Feb. 2021*

Ph.D. in Statistics

Graduated with the Best Dissertation Award

**Advisor:** Myunghee Cho Paik, Ph.D.

**Dissertation:** Statistical distance of conditional distributions and its applications

### **Seoul National University**

*Mar. 2010 - Feb. 2015*

### **Triple Major**

Graduated with Honors (Cum Laude)

B.S. in Industrial Engineering

B.S. in Statistics

B.S. in Mathematical Sciences

## HONORS & AWARDS

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### **Career Development Award**

*Dec. 2023*

Korean International Statistical Society

### **Outstanding Reviewer Award**

*Jul. 2022*

Thirty-ninth International Conference on Machine Learning

### **Best Dissertation Award**

*Feb. 2021*

College of Natural Sciences, Seoul National University

PUBLICATIONS & PREPRINTS

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\*: First author; ‡: Corresponding author

## Journal

1. **Kim, Y.-G.\***, Ravid, O.\*, Zheng, X., Kim, Y., Neria, Y., Lee, S., He, X.‡, and Zhu, X.‡ (2024). Explaining deep learning-based representations of resting state functional connectivity data: focusing on interpreting nonlinear patterns in autism spectrum disorder. *Accepted at Frontiers in Psychiatry, section Computational Psychiatry*. [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Code\]](#)  
- **Top 86** Psychiatry and Mental Health (H-index: 114; upper 14.9%)
2. **Kim, Y.-G.\***, Lee, K., and Paik, M.C.‡ (2022). Conditional Wasserstein generator. *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*. [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Code\]](#)  
- **Top 1** Applied Mathematics journal (H-index: 397; upper 0.2%)
3. **Kim, Y.-G.\***, Kwon, Y., and Paik, M.C.‡ (2019). Valid oversampling schemes to handle imbalance. *Pattern Recognition Letters*, 125 (1): 661-667. [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Code\]](#)  
- **Top 13** AI journal (H-index: 170; upper 4.6%)

## Peer-reviewed Conference

1. **Kim, Y.-G.\***, Liu, Y.‡, and Wei, X. (2023). Covariate-informed representation learning to prevent posterior collapse of iVAE. *Proceedings of the Twenty Third International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS 2023)*. [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Code\]](#)  
- **Top 6** AI conference (H5-index: 85)
2. Kim, M.\*, **Kim, Y.-G.**, Kim, D., Kim, Y., and Paik, M.C.‡ (2021). Kernel-convoluted deep neural networks with data augmentation. *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2021)*. [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Code\]](#)  
- **Top 4** AI conference (H5-index: 180)
3. **Kim, Y.-G.\***, Kwon, Y., Chang, H., and Paik, M.C.‡ (2020). Lipschitz continuous autoencoders in application to anomaly detection. *Proceedings of the Twenty Third International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS 2020)*. [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Code\]](#)  
- **Top 6** AI conference (H5-index: 85)

## Patents

1. Paik, M.C.‡, **Kim, Y.-G.**, and Lee, K., Method and apparatus for conditional data generation using conditional Wasserstein generator. Republic of Korea Patent. [\[Info\]](#)
2. Paik, M.C.‡, **Kim, Y.-G.**, and Chang, H., Learning method and learning device for high-dimension unsupervised anomaly detection using kernalized Wasserstein autoencoder to lessen too many computations of Christophel function, and testing method and testing device using the same. Republic of Korea Patent. [\[Info\]](#)

## Preprints

1. **Kim, Y.-G.\***, Lee, K., Choi, Y., Won, J.-H., and Paik, M.C.‡ (2023). Wasserstein geodesic generator for conditional distributions (under *Major Revision* at Journal of Machine Learning Research). [\[ArXiv\]](#)[\[Code\]](#)

2. Kim, S.\*, **Kim, Y.-G.**, and Wang, Y.<sup>‡</sup> (2023). Temporal generative models for learning heterogeneous group dynamics of ecological momentary data (under *Revision Invited* at Biometrics). [\[BioRxiv\]](#)
3. **Kim, Y.-G.\***, Brandt, L., Cheung, K., Nunes, E. V., Roll, J., Luo, S. X.<sup>‡</sup>, and Liu, Y.<sup>‡</sup> (2024). Optimizing contingency management with reinforcement learning. [\[MedRxiv\]](#)[\[Code\]](#)

## GRANTS & FUNDING

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I submitted the following grant proposal as the **PI**, and am preparing resubmission.

- **Development of reinforcement learning-based tools for evaluating contingency management intervention in substance use disorder treatments** *Apr. 2025 - Mar. 2030*  
*(if accepted)*  
NIH/NIDA K99/R00: Pathway to Independence Award

I participated the following projects as a **research scientist**.

- **A data science framework for empirically evaluating and deriving reproducible and transferrable RDoC constructs in youth (R01)** *Jul. 2021 - Present*  
Funded by NIH/NIMH
- **Deep learning with incomplete and sequential data: Application to biomedical data** *Mar. 2020 - Jun. 2021*  
Funded by National Research Foundation of Korea
- **Development of low-yield trackers via causal inference** *May 2019 - Nov. 2019*  
Funded by SK Telecom
- **Statistical approaches to deep learning: New methods for convolutional neural networks in application to medical imaging data** *Mar. 2017 - Feb. 2020*  
Funded by National Research Foundation of Korea
- **Deep Learning for the CT based Acute Cerebral Infarction Classification and Lesion Segmentation** *July 2016 - May 2019*  
Collaborated with Seoul National University Bundang Hospital  
Funded by National Research Foundation of Korea
- **New Robust Methods for Missing or Censored Covariates** *Mar. 2016 - Nov. 2016*  
Funded by National Research Foundation of Korea

## SELECTED TALKS

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### Invited Talks

- (Scheduled) **Kim, Y.-G.**, Luo, S. X., Brandt, L., Cheung, K., Nunes, E. V., Roll, J., and Liu, Y. (2024). Optimizing contingency management interventions in substance use disorder treatment with reinforcement learning. *The Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), Portland, OR.*
- (Scheduled) **Kim, Y.-G.** and Liu, Y. (2024). Deep Identifiable Generative Models for Multi-Modal Data Analysis. *The 2024 International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA) Applied Statistics Symposium, Nashville, TN.*
- **Kim, Y.-G.** (2024). Explaining patterns in high-dimensional multi-modal data using deep generative models, *the Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.*

- **Kim, Y.-G.**, Liu, Y., and Wei, X. (2023). Covariate-informed representation learning to prevent posterior collapse of iVAE. *The Twenty Third International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS 2023)*, Palau de Congressos, Valencia, Spain.<sup>†</sup>
- Liu, Y, **Kim, Y.-G.**, and Wei, X (2023). Covariate informed identifiable variational autoencoder to learn representations from brain imaging measures. *Eastern North American Region (ENAR)*, Nashville, TN.
- Kim, M., **Kim, Y.-G.**, Kim, D., Kim, Y., and Paik, M.C. (2021). Kernel-convoluted deep neural networks with data augmentation. *The 35th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-21)*, Virtual conference due to COVID-19.
- **Kim, Y.-G.**, Kwon, Y., Chang, H., and Paik, M.C. (2020). Lipschitz continuous autoencoders in application to anomaly detection. *The 23rd International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS 2020)*, Virtual conference due to COVID-19.
- **Kim, Y.-G.**, Kwon, Y., Chang, H., and Paik, M.C. (2019). Lipschitz continuous autoencoders in application to anomaly detection. *IMS-China International Conference on Statistics and Probability*, Dalian, China.

### Contributed Talks

- **Kim, Y.-G.** and Liu, Y. (2024). Explaining Nonlinear Patterns in Children’s Structural MRI with Multi-modal Identifiable VAE. *The ABCD Insights & Innovations Meeting*, MD.<sup>†</sup>
- **Kim, Y.-G.**, Liu, Y., Brandt, L., Cheung, K., Nunes, E. V., Roll, J., and Luo, S. X. (2023). Optimizing contingency management in substance use disorder treatment using off-policy policy evaluation. *Eastern North American Region (ENAR) 2023 Spring meeting*.
- **Kim, Y.-G.**, Kwon, Y., and Paik, M.C. (2017). Handling imbalance in medical imaging data using convolutional neural network. *Spring Korea Statistical Conference 2017*, Seoul, Republic of Korea.

<sup>†</sup> indicates a poster presentation.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Statistical Practice and Research for Interdisciplinary Sciences (SPRIS)** *Spring 2024*  
Columbia University (role: **Guest Lecturer**)

- Graduate-level course on interdisciplinary research topics in Biostatistics.
- Gave the lecture “Recent Topics on Conditional Generative Models”

**Statistics Lab** *Fall 2015*

Seoul National University (role: **Instructor**)

- Freshman course to introduce R programming.
- Taught and oversaw progress for 17 students, including providing the whole 13 lectures, writing exam problems, and giving final grades.

**Mathematical Statistics 1** *Spring 2016, Summer 2016, Spring 2017, Summer 2017*

Seoul National University (role: **Teaching Assistant**)

- Major core course to focus on conditional probability, stochastic independence, and the distributions of random variables.
- Held office hours and graded homework and exams.

**Mathematical Statistics 2** *Fall 2016, Winter 2016, Fall 2017*

Seoul National University (role: **Teaching Assistant**)

- Major core course to provide a deeper understanding of limit distributions, statistical estimation, and

statistical inferences.

- Held office hours and graded homework and exams.

### Statistics

*Spring 2015, Spring 2020*

Seoul National University (role: **Teaching Assistant**)

- Freshman course to introduce Statistics.
- Held office hours and graded homework and exams.

### Deep Learning: A Statistical Perspective

*Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020*

Seoul National University (role: **Teaching Assistant**)

- Graduate-level course on deep learning.
- Lectured about deep learning programming languages and deep learning-based object detection algorithms in English.

### Seminar in Recent Development of Applied Statistics

*Fall 2017*

Seoul National University (role: **Teaching Assistant**)

- Graduate-level course on missing data analysis.
- Lectured about the application of expectation-maximization algorithm in incomplete data in English.

### Deep Learning: A Statistical Perspective

*Fall 2021*

Seoul National University (role: **Guest Lecturer**)

- Graduate-level course on deep learning.
- Gave the lecture “Conditional Image Synthesis and Its Applications” in English.

## MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

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### Co-mentoring Graduate Students at Columbia University

- Soohyun Kim, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Biostatistics Mar. 2022 - Present
  - Conducted regular weekly meetings with the student and Dr. Yuanjia Wang.
  - Provided mentorship on the doctoral dissertation and the following paper:  
*Kim, S.<sup>\*</sup>, **Kim, Y.-G.**, and Wang, Y.<sup>‡</sup> (2023). Temporal generative models for learning heterogeneous group dynamics of ecological momentary data (under Revision Invited at Biometrics).*
- Zekai Jin, Master Student, Department of Biostatistics Dec. 2022 - Present
  - Conducted regular bi-weekly meetings with the student and Dr. Seonjoo Lee.
  - Provided mentorship on deep learning-based EEG denoising methods

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### Conference Organizer

- (Accepted) Invited Session at JSM 2024 (role: **Organizer & Speaker**); Title: Reliable and Cost-effective Mental Health Care with Reinforcement Learning
- (Accepted) Invited Session at 2024 ICSCA (role: **Speaker**); Title: Recent Advances in Precision Medicine and Adaptive Experiments
- Invited Session at ENAR 2023 (role: **Chair**); Title: Advanced Methods for Analyzing Large-Scale Neuroimaging Data from Nationwide Consortia for Mental Health Research [\[Info\]](#)
- Oral Presentation Session at ICML 2022 (role: **Chair**); Title: Theory [\[Info\]](#)

### Reviewer

- JAMA Psychiatry

- Expert Systems with Applications
- Pattern Recognition Letters
- International Journal of Computer Assisted Radiology and Surgery
- International Conference on Machine Learning
- International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics