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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Methodologies: online algorithms, causal discovery, statistical inference, kernel methods
- Application: precision medicine, mobile health

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, **Cornell Tech**, ORIE, NYC, NY · 2023-

Postdoctoral Fellow, **Harvard University**, Statistics, Cambridge, MA · 2022-2023

- Under the supervision of Susan A. Murphy

EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University, Tepper School of Business, Pittsburgh, PA · 2017–2022

- Ph.D. in Operations Research (Minor in Machine Learning)
- Thesis: *Modern Methods in Precision Medicine*
- Committee: Sridhar Tayur (Co-chair), Andrew A. Li (Co-chair), Zachary Lipton, Alan Scheller-Wolf, Tinglong Dai

Smith College, Northampton, MA. · 2014–2017

- B.A.s, Mathematics, Economics
- Honors: Dean's List 2014 – 2017, Elected Sigma Xi 2017, Ann Kirsten Pokora Prize (excellence in mathematics)

University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA. · 2013–2014

- Honors: Provost Honors 2013—2014

AWARDS

- Finalist, 2023 INFORMS DMDA Workshop Best Paper Competition – Theoretical Track
- Winner, 2021 INFORMS Pierskalla Best Paper Award
- Winner, 2021 CHOW Best Student Paper in the Category of Operations Research and Management Science
- Finalist, 2019 INFORMS IBM Service Science Best Student Paper Award
- Tata Consultancy Services Fellowship, 2020
- William Larimer Mellon PhD Fellowship, 2017-2019, 2021, 2022

PREPRINTS

- **Local Causal Discovery by Partitioning: Polynomial-Time Causal Discovery around Exposure-Outcome Pairs**
  Under submission to AISTATS 2024
  Jacqueline Maasch, Weishen Pan, Shantanu Gupta, Volodymyr Kuleshov, Kyra Gan, and Fei Wang
  A preliminary version is accepted at Causal Representation Learning Workshop at Neurips 2023

- **Anytime-valid inference in N-of-1 trials**
  Accepted at Machine Learning for Health (ML4H) symposium 2023
  Ivana Malenica, Yongyi Guo, Kyra Gan, Stefan Konigorski

- **Contextual Bandits with Budgeted Information Reveal.**
  Under submission to AISTATS 2024
  Kyra Gan, Esmaeil Keyvanshokooh, Xueqing Liu, and Susan A. Murphy

- **Kernel Debiased Plug-in Estimation**
  Under submission to AISTATS 2024
  Brian Cho*, Yaroslav Mukhin*, Kyra Gan, and Ivana Malenica

SELECTED
WORK IN
PROGRESS

- **Online uniform risk time sampling with predictors** with Xueqing Liu, Esmaeil Keyvanshokooh, and Susan A. Murphy

- **Causal fairness in liver transplants** with Violet Chen, Nil-Jana Akpinar, and Agni Orfanoudaki

- **A review paper: reinforcement learning in medical research and care** with Daoming Lyu, Susan Murphy, and Fei Wang

REFEREED
CONFERENCE
PROCEEDINGS

- **Greedy Approximation Algorithms for Active Sequential Hypothesis Testing.**
  NeurIPS 2021
  Kyra Gan*, Su Jia*, and Andrew Li

- **Causal Inference with Selectively Deconfounded Data.**
  AISTATS 2021
  Kyra Gan, Andrew Li, Zachary Lipton, and Sridhar Tayur

- **Machine Learning Algorithms for Predicting Hospital Readmissions in Sickle Cell Disease.**
  ASH Annual Conference 2019
  Arisha Patel*, Kyra Gan*, Andrew A. Li, Jeremy Weiss, Seyed Mehdi Nouraie, Sridhar Tayur, and Enrico M Novelli.

- **Data Visualization of Agent-Based Modeling of Virus Spread.**
  INFOCOMP 2017
  Jingyi Gan and Dominique Thiébaut.

JOURNAL
PAPERS

- **Toward a Liquid Biopsy: Greedy Approximation Algorithms for Active Sequential Hypothesis Testing.**
  Submitted to *Management Science*
  Winner, 2021 INFORMS Pierskalla Best Paper Award
  Kyra Gan*, Su Jia*, Andrew Li, and Sridhar Tayur

- **Causal Inference with Selectively Deconfounded Data.**
  Management Science 2nd round decision: major revision
  Kyra Gan, Andrew Li, Zachary Lipton, and Sridhar Tayur.

- **Personalized Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder.**
  2021 CHOW Best Paper in the Category of Operations Research and Management Science
  Finalist, 2019 IBM Service Science Best Student Paper Award
  Kyra Gan, Alan Scheller-Wolf, and Sridhar Tayur.

- **Machine Learning Algorithms for Predicting Hospital Readmissions in Sickle Cell Disease.**
  British Journal of Haematology 2020
  Arisha Patel*, Kyra Gan*, Andrew A. Li, Jeremy Weiss, Seyed Mehdi Nouraie, Sridhar Tayur, and Enrico M Novelli.

- **Awarding Additional MELD Points to the Shortest Waitlist Candidates Improves Sex Disparity in Access to Liver Transplant in the United States.**
  American Journal of Transplant 2022
  Sarah Bernards, Eric Lee, Ngai Leung, Mustafa Akan, Kyra Gan, Huan Zhao, Monika Sarkar, Sridhar Tayur, Neil Mehta

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TALKS

- **Greedy Approximation Algorithms for Active Sequential Hypothesis Testing**
  Workshop on Quantifying Uncertainty: Stochastic, Adversarial, and Beyond, *Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing*, September 2022
  Statistics Colloquium, *Harvard University*, October 2022

- **Contextual Bandits with Budgeted Information Reveal**
  IMSI workshop on Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence for Personalized Medicine, April 2023

POSTER PRESENTATIONS	**• Toward a Liquid Biopsy: Greedy Approximation Algorithms for Active Sequential Hypothesis Testing**
	Cornell Young Researchers Workshop 2021, Ithaca, NY, October 7-9
	• Causal Inference with Selectively Deconfounded Data
	AISTATS 2021,Virtual, April
	NeurIPS 2019 Causal ML Workshop, Vancouver, BC, Canada, December
	• Greedy Approximation Algorithms for Active Sequential Hypothesis Testing
	NeurIPS 2021, Virtual
	mDOT Annual Conference, November 2022, Memphis, TN
	• Machine Learning Algorithms for Predicting Hospital Readmissions in Sickle Cell Disease
	American Society of Hematology Annual Conference 2019, Orlando, FL, December
	• Data Visualization of Agent-Based Modeling of Virus Spread
	National Conference on Undergraduate Research, 2017

TEACHING AT CORNELL TECH PREVIOUS TEACHING	**• Applied Machine Learning**	Aug - Dec 2023
	• Undergraduate Mathematical Modeling for Consulting, Instructor	Jan - May 2021
	Rating: 4.33/5.0	
	Developed the course material in Jupyter Notebook and Gurobipy	
	Lectures consisted of business applications and live coding demos	
	Students were evaluated on ten homeworks, two exams and one group project	

• As Teaching Assistant at CMU

- **Machine Learning for Business Analytics** (Undergraduate),   Aug - Dec 2020
  with Prof. Andrew Li and Prof. Benjamin Moseley
  Help develop the course materials including slides, homework, and exams in R
  Held office hours and graded homework and exams
- **Machine Learning for Business Analytics** (Undergraduate),   Aug - Dec 2021
  with Prof. Andrew Li; graded and held office hours
- **Machine Learning for Business Applications** (MSBA), March - June 2019, 2020, 2021
  with Prof. Zachary Lipton; developed and graded homework and exams
- **Machine Learning for Business** (MBA),   June - July 2020
  with Prof. Zachary Lipton; developed and graded homework and exams
- **Programming in R and Python** (MSBA),   Oct - Dec 2019, 2020
  with Prof. Zachary Lipton; developed and graded homework and exams
- **Financial Optimization** (MSCF),   Aug - Oct 2019, 2020
  with Prof. Javier Peña; graded and proofread Chinese translation of the textbook
- **Six Sigma Tools and Techniques** (MBA),   Oct - Dec 2019, 2020
  with Prof. Alan Scheller-Wolf; grader
- **Advanced Stochastic Analysis and Applications** (Ph.D.),   Aug - Dec 2019
  with Prof. Mor Harchol-Balter; graded, held office hours, and led recitations
- **Business, Society & Ethics** (Undergraduate),   Jan - May 2019, 2020
  with Prof. Joseph Hornack; grader
- **Business Law** (Undergraduate),   Jan - May 2020
  with Prof. Joseph Hornack; grader

• As Teaching Assistant in Smith College

- **Number Theory, Calculus I, Abstract Algebra, Introduction to Probability**

COMMUNITY SERVICE	• Co-chairing 2022 INFORMS Pierskalla Award Competition