

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **EDUCATION**

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2028 (est.)	MD (Student)		University of Pennsylvania, Perelman School of Medicine
2026 (est.)	PhD (Student)	Biostatistics <i>GPA: 4/4</i>	University of Pennsylvania  Committee: Drs. Kristin Linn and Ravi B. Parikh, Taki Shinohara, Atheendar Venkataramani, & Nandita Mitra
2018	B.S. ( <i>summa cum laude</i> )	Biology (with Honors) and Computational & Applied Mathematics & Statistics	William & Mary

### **POSTGRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS AND APPOINTMENTS**

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2018-2019	NIDCD/NIH IRTA Postbaccalaureate Research Training Program
2019-2027	Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) Fellow, University of Pennsylvania
2021-2027	Associate Fellow, Leonard Davis Institute (LDI) of Health Economics
2022-2027	Innovation Fellow, Penn Center for Cancer Care Innovation (PC3I)

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Statistics, Algorithm Fairness, AI/ML, Bioethics, Risk Prediction, Big Data, Health Policy, Implementation Science

### **SKILLS**

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Technical: SAS, R, Python, Stata

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2023-2027    NRSA F31 Pre-Doctoral Award, National Library of Medicine / National  
\$47,694/yr    Institute of Health (Primary PI)  
                  *“Addressing Algorithmic Unreliability and Dataset Shift in EHR-based Risk  
                  Prediction Models”*
- 2017-2018    Charles Center Honors Fellowship, William & Mary  
                  *“Investigating and Modeling Stromal-Cancer Interactions on Autophagy  
                  Activity in Renal Carcinomas”*  
                  <https://scholarworks.wm.edu/honorstheses/1213/>
- 2017            National Science Foundation (NSF) REU Summer Fellowship Award, Cold  
                  Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL) Undergraduate Research Program (URP)  
                  *“Mapping the Immune Landscape for Breast Cancer Subtypes”*
- 2016            Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Summer Fellowship, William & Mary  
                  *“Circuit Control: Creating a Toolbox Allowing for Precision Circuit Control”*  
                  [https://2016.igem.org/Team:William\\_and\\_Mary](https://2016.igem.org/Team:William_and_Mary)
- 2016            Mary E. Ferguson Memorial Research Award, William & Mary  
                  *“Nucleophagy Regulation in the Tumor Microenvironment”*

## OTHER AWARDS

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- 2024            Symposium on Artificial Intelligence for Learning Health Systems Travel  
                  Award
- 2023            Biomedical Graduate Student Travel Award, University of Pennsylvania
- 2023            Center for Global Health Travel Award, University of Pennsylvania, Rwanda
- 2019-22        NIH Medical Scientist Training Program T32 GM007170
- 2019, Declined    UVA Biomedical Sciences Outstanding Candidate (BIMS-OC) Award
- 2019            NIDCD/NIH Annual Retreat, Best 10-Minute Talk Award
- 2018            Letter of recognition from U.S. Representative Barbara Comstock for  
                  academic achievement
- 2018            Thomas Jefferson Prize in Natural Philosophy, William & Mary, *Press:*  
                  [https://www.wm.edu/news/stories/2018/likhitha-kolla-18-awarded-thomas-  
                  jefferson-prize-in-natural-philosophy.php](https://www.wm.edu/news/stories/2018/likhitha-kolla-18-awarded-thomas-jefferson-prize-in-natural-philosophy.php)
- 2017            Phi Beta Kappa, William & Mary
- 2017            Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Honorable Mention, U.S. Government
- 2017            Trainee Award for Best Presentation, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Commonwealth of VA  
                  Cancer Research Conference. Only undergraduate awardee.
- 2016            International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) Competition, Gold  
                  Medalist Team, Nominated for Best Foundational Advances & Best Poster
- 2015-18        James Monroe Scholar, William & Mary
- 2014-18        Dean’s List, William & Mary
- 2014            AP Scholar with Distinction

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2024-	<sup>a</sup> Health Equity and Clinical Risk Prediction, UPenn Biostatistics	MD-PhD Student; Dissertation Research	Drs. Kristin Linn and Ravi B. Parikh
2021-23	<sup>b</sup> Human Algorithm Collaboration Lab (HACLab), UPenn Biostatistics	MD-PhD Student; Pre-dissertation	Drs. Jinbo Chen and Ravi B. Parikh
2023	Partners in Health, Rwanda, Clinical and Operations Research	MD-PhD Visiting Student, Statistician	Dr. Larry Shulman
2019-20	Complex Systems Lab, UPenn, Computational Neuroscience	MD-PhD Rotating Student	Dr. Dani Bassett
2018-19	<sup>c</sup> Lab of Cochlear Development, National Institute for Deafness and Other Communication Disorders	Quantitative researcher; NIH IRTA Postbac	Dr. Matt Kelley
2018	<sup>c</sup> Honors Thesis (Biology), W&M	Undergraduate Honors Student	Drs. Liz Allison & William Buchser
2017	<sup>c</sup> Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL), Undergraduate Research Program (URP)	Quantitative URP Researcher, 1 of 20 selected from >2000 international applicants	Dr. Mickey Atwal
2015-17	Buchser Lab, Biology, W&M	Undergraduate Researcher	Dr. William Buchser
2016	International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM), Synthetic Bioengineering, W&M	iGEM Team Member; Quantitative Modeling	Dr. Margaret Saha
2013-14	Eleftherianos Lab, Entomology, George Washington University	High School Researcher	Dr. Ioannis Eleftherianos

a. Investigating role of social determinants of health data in clinical risk prediction. Developing statistical methodologies to improve algorithmic reliability and equity of deployed risk prediction models, specifically Veteran Health Administration's (VHA) Care Assessment Needs (CAN) models for hospitalization and mortality risk. Collaborating with Dr. Amol Navathe and the Parity Center.

b. Evaluated extent, mechanisms, and resource allocation impacts of model performance drift in deployed clinical risk prediction models, including a Penn mortality prediction model and VHA CAN models. Collaborated with Drs. Kristin Linn and Amol Navathe.

c. Analyzed high-dimensional sequencing and/or imaging data to discern disease heterogeneity.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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- 2024 Member, Penn BGS RCR Committee, collaborated to revise current RCR modules (Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity & Responsible Authorship) to update and create ethics case studies relevant for computational students (with Dr. Mary Putt)
- 2022-23 Program Representative, Graduate Group in Epidemiology and Biostatistics (GGEB), University of Pennsylvania, responsible for spending BGS budget for GGEB students
- 2021- Interviewer and Student Panelist, Perelman School of Medicine and Penn MSTP

## INDUSTRY / NON-PROFIT COLLABORATIONS

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- 2023- Mendel.ai (with Ravi Parikh) Student Consultant, Statistics
- 2023-24 Partners in Health (with Larry Shulman) Student Consultant, Operations
- 2023-24 Gilead Sciences (with Larry Shulman) Student Consultant, Statistics & Informatics
- 2021 GNC Healthcare (with Ravi Parikh) Medical Student Consultant, Writing

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL / LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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- 2022-23 Student writer, Last Writers Program, Penn Medicine Hospice
- 2019-20 Board Member & Editor, Apenndx.com, PSOM student run medical magazine
- 2019-20 Student leader, Global Oncology, Perelman School of Medicine (with Dr. L. Shulman)
- 2020 Student organizer, MD-PhD Computational Biology Journal Club, PSOM/Penn
- 2015-18 Student leader, Branch Out Community Service, William & Mary
- 2015-18 President, Biology Club, William & Mary

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

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- 2023- Student Member American Statistical Association
- 2023- Student Member American Medical Informatics Association
- 2022- Student Member American Society for Clinical Oncology
- 2022- Student Member American Physician Scientists Association
- 2022- Student Member American College of Physicians

## TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

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|-----------------|------------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| Fall 2023, 2024 | <i>BIOM 6100</i> | Foundations in Statistics   | Graduate TA             | University of Pennsylvania, Biomedical Graduate Studies |
| Summer 2023-    | <i>PIH/IMB</i>   | + Statistical Methods for Clinical and Public Health Research, Rwanda | Curriculum Development, | Partners in Health / Ishuti Mu Buzima (PIH / IMB)       |

Spring 2023	HCIN 6026	Using Data for Transformation	Facilitator, Guest Lecture Curriculum Development, Supervising TA	University of Pennsylvania, Medical Ethics and Health Policy
Fall 2022	EPID 5260	Biostatistics for Epidemiology Methods I	Graduate TA	University of Pennsylvania, Biostatistics
Fall 2021	PSOM Core 2	*Internal Medicine Clerkship	Medical Student Liaison	Perelman School of Medicine, Internal Medicine
Spring 2018	BIOL 356	Random Walks in Biology	Undergraduate TA	William & Mary, Mathematics
Fall 2017	BIOL 306	Microbiology	Undergraduate TA	William & Mary, Biology
Spring 2017	BIOL 432	Animal Physiology	Undergraduate TA	William & Mary, Biology

\* Selected for displaying academic and professional excellence in the Internal Medicine clerkship. Advise incoming clerkship students on transitioning into the wards, studying for the shelf exam, and presenting patient reports.

+ Prepared and led a week-long quantitative/statistics training session to build computational research capacity in Rwanda. Fifteen students participated. Topics covered include building test statistics, nonparametric and parametric hypothesis tests, regression models

TA = Teaching Assistant

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Kolla, L.**, Parikh, R. (2024). Uses and limitations of artificial intelligence in oncology. *Cancer*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cncr.35307>

Lee, J., **Kolla, L.**, Chen, J. (2024) Active Prediction Model Revision and Evaluation with Application to Electronic Health Records. *Scientific Reports*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-024-58633-3>

Parikh, RB, Zhang, Y, **Kolla, L.**, Chivers, C, Courtright, KR, Zhu, Z, Navathe, AS, Chen, J. (2023) Performance Drift in a Mortality Prediction Algorithm among Patients with Cancer during the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. *JAMIA*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jamia/ocac221>

**Kolla, L.**, Chen J, Parikh RB. Time of Clinic Appointment and Serious Illness Communication in Oncology (2023). *Cancer Control*. doi:[10.1177/10732748231170488](https://doi.org/10.1177/10732748231170488).

Rando, H, Lordan, R, **Kolla, L.**, Sell, E, Lee, A, Wellhausen, N, Naik, A, Kamil, J, COVID-19 Review Consortium, Gitter, A, Greene, C. (2023) The Coming of Age of Nucleic Acid

Vaccines during COVID-19. *mSystems*.  
<https://journals.asm.org/doi/full/10.1128/msystems.00928-22>

Rando, HM., Lordan, R., Lee, AJ, Naik, A., Welhausen, N., Sell, E., **Kolla, L.**, Gitter, A., Greene, CS. (2023) Application of Traditional Vaccine Development Strategies to SARS-CoV-2. *mSystems*. <https://doi.org/10.1128/msystems.00927-22>

**Kolla, L.**, Gruber, FK, Khalid, O, Hill, C, Parikh, RB. (2021) The case for AI-driven cancer clinical trials – The efficacy arm in silico. *BBA-Reviews on Cancer*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bbcan.2021.188572> (with GNC Healthcare)

Brill, K.T., Taiber, S., Anaya, A., Bordeynik-Cohen, M., Rosen, E., **Kolla, L.** et al. (2021) Identification and characterization of key long non-coding RNAs in the auditory system. *RNA Biology*. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15476286.2020.1836456>

**Kolla, L.**,\* Kelly, M.\*, Mann, Z., Anaya-Rocha, ... Burns, J., Hertzano, R., Driver, E., Kelley, M. (2020) Characterization of cochlear hair cell development at the single cell level. *Nature Communications*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-020-16113-y> \*Co-first authors.  
Press: <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/nih-research-matters/researchers-create-developmental-map-mouse-cochlea>

Skelley, A., **Kolla, L.**, Tamburro, M., Bar, K. (2020) Science over stigma: The Need for Evidence-Based MSM Blood Donation Policies in the USA. *Lancet Haematology*.  
[https://doi.org/10.1016/S2352-3026\(20\)30326-4](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2352-3026(20)30326-4)

Rosenberg, D., **Kolla, L.**, Heo, D., Cassio, E., Veenstra, M., Zhang, Z., Allison, L, and Buchser, W. Modulating Intra-Nuclear LC3 with SmallMolecules Rescues Cells from a Docetaxol- Induced Phenotype. Submitted to *bioRxiv* in 2020.  
<https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.10.28.355826v1>

**Kolla, L.**,\* Heo, D.\*, Rosenberg, D., Barlow, S., Maxinova, A., Cassio, E., and Buchser, W. (2018) High content screen for identifying small nuclear LC3 modulators in a renal cancer cell line. *Scientific Data*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2018.116> \*Co-first authors

Peek J, Harvey C, Gray D, Rosenberg D, **Kolla L**, Levy-Myers R, Yin R, McMurry JL, Kerscher O (2018) SUMO targeting of a stress-tolerant Ulp1 SUMO protease. *PLoS ONE* 13:e0191391. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0191391>

Jacob Beal, Traci Haddock-Angelli, Geoff Baldwin, Markus Gershater, Ari Dwijayanti, Marko Storch, Kim De Mora, Meagan Lizarazo, Randy Rettberg, with **the iGEM Interlab Study Contributors**. (2018) Quantification of bacterial fluorescence using independent calibrants. *PloS One*. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0199432>

## MANUSCRIPTS, IN PROGRESS

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**Kolla, L.,** ... Parikh, RB. Extent and Impact of Performance Drift in a Nationally Deployed Population Health Risk Algorithm in the Veterans Health Administration. *In Review*

Parikh, RB.\*, **Kolla, L.,\*** ... Emanuel, EJ. Human-AI Teaming to Improve Accuracy and Efficiency of Eligibility Criteria Prescreening for Oncology Trials: A Randomized Controlled Trial. *In Review at a biomedical journal* \*co-first authorship

**Kolla, L.,** Park, S., Roberts, CB, Kreisler, C., Linn, K., Navathe, A., Chen, J., Parikh, RB. Heterogeneity in performance drift in national population health risk prediction models. *In Preparation.*

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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**Kolla, L.,** Parikh, R., Chapter 12- Digital Health in Oncology. Part of *The Digital Doctor* textbook, Elsevier publishing, pages 167–177. Academic Press. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-443-15728-8.00018-5>

## PRESENTATIONS

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2023-24	<i>Algorithmic reliability and dataset shift in a national mortality prediction algorithm</i>	Podium Talk, at Academy Health Annual Meeting 2024 & at AMIA Annual Symposium 2023
2024	<i>Can Machines Think (Like Doctors): The Case for AI Literacy in Medical Education</i>	Penn Talks Teaching Competition, University of Pennsylvania
2024	<i>Algorithmic reliability and dataset shift in the VA CAN 2.5 Models</i>	VHA Modeling Group, Veterans Health Administration
2023	<i>Algorithmic reliability and dataset shift in EHR-based risk prediction models</i>	Lightning Talk, Penn ASSET/IBI Symposium on Trustworthy AI for Health Care
2021	<i>Human-machine collaboration: improving mortality predictions</i>	Works in Progress, Biostatistics, University of Pennsylvania
2019	<i>Characterization of Cochlear Development using Single-cell RNA-seq.</i>	National Institute for Deafness and Other Communication Diseases, Annual Retreat
2017	<i>Modulating Intra-Nuclear LC3 with Small Molecules Rescues Cells from a Docetaxel- Induced Phenotype.</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Virginia Annual Cancer Research Conference, William & Mary's Undergraduate Science Research Symposium
2017	<i>Mapping the Immune Landscape for Breast Cancer Subtypes</i>	Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Undergraduate Research Program Symposium
2016	<i>The Circuit Control Toolbox</i>	International Genetically Engineered Machine Competition (iGEM)

## SELECTED POSTERS AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

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**Kolla, L.,** Park, S., Roberts, CB, Kreisler, C., Linn, K., Navathe, A., Chen, J., Parikh, RB. (2024) Characterizing performance drift and dataset shift in a national population health risk prediction model. *Symposium on Artificial Intelligence for Learning Health Systems, May 2024.*

Parikh, R., Guido, M., Laventure, B., Beothy, L., Girard, A., Yang, **Kolla, L.,** Chen, J., Emanuel, EJ (2024) Human-AI Teaming to Improve Accuracy and Timeliness of Common Trial Eligibility Criteria from Electronic Health Record (EHR) Data: Interim Analysis of a Randomized Trial. *American Society for Clinical Oncology, Conference 2024* (contributed to statistical design, collaborated with Mendel.ai)

**Kolla, L.,** Parikh, RB, Chen, J. (2023) Algorithmic reliability and dataset shift in EHR-based risk prediction models. *Presented at ENAR (Eastern Northern American Region) Spring Meeting 2023; Penn ASSET/IBI Symposium on Trustworthy AI for Health Care, Fall 2023; and Penn MSTP (Medical Scientist Training Program) Annual Retreat 2023*

**Kolla, L.,** Chen, J., Parikh, R. (2022) Appointment time and serious illness conversation rate in oncology. *Presented at American Society for Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting 2022; National MD-PhD Student Conference 2022; and Penn MSTP (Medical Scientist Training Program) Annual Retreat 2022*

**Kolla, L.,** Kelly, M., Mays, J., Palemo, A., So, K., Nguyen, M., Burns, J., Kelley, M. (Feb 2019) *Characterization of Cochlear Development using Single-cell RNA-seq.* Association for Research in Otolaryngology (Feb 2019).

**Kolla, L.,** Rosenberg, D., Heo, D., Cassio, E., Barlow, S., Maximova, A., Buchser, W., (2017) *Modulating Intra-Nuclear LC3 with Small Molecules Rescues Cells from an Docetaxel-Induced Phenotype.* CellPress Symposia: Cancer, Inflammation, and Immunity. **Received a William and Mary Travel grant to attend conference (Jun 2017).**

Clifton, K., Gao, C., Jones, E., **Kolla, L.,** Maniaci, J., Marken, J., Monnette, C., Reiss, A., Halleran, A., Smith, G., and Saha, M. (November 2016) *The Circuit Control Toolbox.* Oral presentation and poster session at iGEM 2016 Giant Jamboree. **Gold medalist team and nominated for Best Undergraduate Poster and Best Foundational Advance Project.**



## REFERENCES

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Matthew Kelley, PhD	Chief, Laboratory of Cochlear Development, NIDCD/NIH	<a href="mailto:kelleymt@nidcd.nih.gov">kelleymt@nidcd.nih.gov</a>
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