

# Elizabeth W. Eisenhauer

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## EDUCATION

### PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. in Statistics, GPA 3.84 / 4.00

University Park, PA

2017 – August 2022 (Expected)

- **Dissertation:** Advances in Stochastic Models for Animal Movement and Assessment of Probability Attitudes
- **Co-Advisors:** Ephraim Hanks and Matthew Beckman

### THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

B.A. in Mathematics with a Statistics specialization, GPA 3.77 / 4.00

Ewing, NJ

2013 – 2017

- **Honors Thesis:** Structural Equation Modeling of Signaling Networks in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma
- **Advisor:** Michael Ochs
- **Honors:** magna cum laude, Departmental Honors, Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Mu Epsilon Mathematics Honor Society

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## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- **Eisenhauer, Elizabeth**, Ephraim Hanks, Matthew Beckman, Robert Murphy, Tricia Miller, and Todd Katzner. "A Flexible Movement Model for Partially Migrating Species." *Spatial Statistics* (2022): 100637.
- Wijeyakulasuriya, Dhanushi A., **Elizabeth W. Eisenhauer**, Benjamin A. Shaby, and Ephraim M. Hanks. "Machine learning for modeling animal movement." *PloS one* 15.7 (2020): e0235750.
- **Eisenhauer, Elizabeth**, and Ephraim Hanks. "A lattice and random intermediate point sampling design for animal movement." *Environmetrics* (2020): e2618.

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate Researcher

University Park, PA

2018 – present

- **Project 1:** Proposed a novel sampling design called lattice and random intermediate points (LARI) for animal movement data inspired by an existing sampling design in geostatistics. Compared LARI and regular samples in a stochastic differential equation model framework with three examples: (1) a carpenter ant dataset estimating spline representations of potential and motility surfaces; (2) guppy dataset with regression; (3) a simulated example using Bayesian analysis.
- **Project 2:** Proposed a flexible model for a partially migrating species, demonstrated using yearly paths for golden eagles. Compared our proposed approach using varying coefficients to a latent-state model, which we define differently for migrating, dispersing, and local individuals. All models rely on a time-varying potential surface defined by several attractors.
- **Project 3:** Developed the Survey of Probability Attitudes (SPA) to measure students' attitudes toward probability. Obtained Penn State IRB exempt status. Administered the pre and post SPA in 20 Penn State course sections in Spring 2021 through collaboration with 15 instructors.

### THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

Undergraduate Researcher

Ewing, NJ

2016 – 2017

- Creation of structural equations and graphical models to understand the limits of learnability of cell signaling networks based on high-throughput biological measurements with a focus on cell signaling networks in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma.

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## ADVISING EXPERIENCE

### PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Research Advisor

University Park, PA

May – December 2021

- Co-advised an undergraduate researcher with Dr. Ephraim Hanks via weekly meetings
- The project involved archetypal analysis of yearly golden eagle movement data to identify dominant movement patterns and assess consistency of movement behavior across years for the same individual

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

University Park, PA

#### Instructor of Record

- **STAT 401: Experimental Methods** (In Person, 52 students) Fall 2021
- **STAT 401: Experimental Methods** (Online, 56 students) Spring 2021
- **STAT 200: Elementary Statistics** (Online, 24 students) Summer 2021
- **STAT 200: Elementary Statistics** (Online, 34 students) Summer 2020
- **MATH/STAT 318: Elementary Probability** (Online, 58 students) Fall 2020
- **MATH/STAT 318: Elementary Probability** (In Person and Online, 69 students) Spring 2020
- **MATH/STAT 318: Elementary Probability** (In Person, 68 students) Fall 2019

#### Lab Instructor

- **STAT 200: Elementary Statistics** (In Person, >50 students) Fall 2018

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY CONSULTING CENTER

University Park, PA

#### Statistical Consultant

Spring 2021

- Advised clients from a variety of research fields on appropriate statistical methods and participated in weekly discussions with other consultants in a graduate course

### TERRACYCLE, INC.

Ewing, NJ

#### Operations Intern

2015 – 2016

- Analyzed shipping operations through manipulation of Excel spreadsheets
- Improved zero-waste office collection program

### THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Ewing, NJ

#### Graphic Designer

2014 – 2016

- Consulted with faculty and student organizations on how best to meet their design goals
- Completed individual graphic design projects and packages (logos, posters, t-shirt designs, and murals)

### THE RAINBIRD FOUNDATION

Madison, WI

#### Statistics Project Manager

2014 – 2015

- Compiled a national child abuse database through collaboration with state agencies

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## AWARDS & HONORS

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### WINNER OF HARKNESS AWARD

2021

*For outstanding efforts in teaching and scholarly approaches to teaching and learning, especially at the 300 level.*

Pennsylvania State University Department of Statistics

### STUDENT AWARD FOR ORAL PRESENTATION (2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE)

2021

*Modeling Yearly Patterns in Golden Eagle Movement*

EURING Analytical Meeting & Workshop | \$481

### RUNNER-UP FOR HARKNESS AWARD

2020

*For showing excellence in teaching as well as innovation in developing an assessment of student attitudes toward probability.*

Pennsylvania State University Department of Statistics

### STUDENT PRIZE FOR CONTRIBUTED TALK

2020

*A Lattice and Random Intermediate Point Sampling Design for Animal Movement*

Virtual International Statistical Ecology Conference (vISEC)

### GRADUATE STUDENT ONLINE TEACHING CERTIFICATE

2019

Penn State World Campus

### SAS CERTIFIED BASE PROGRAMMER FOR SAS 9

2015

SAS Institute

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## FELLOWSHIPS

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### VOLLMER-KLECKNER SCHOLARSHIP IN SCIENCE

Pennsylvania State University | \$ 28,750

2018 – 2019

### DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Pennsylvania State University | \$ 28,750

2017 – 2018

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## TRAVEL AWARDS

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### STUDENT & EARLY CAREER FUNDING AWARD

*A Lattice and Random Intermediate Point Sampling Design for Animal Movement*  
Symposium on Data Science and Statistics (SDSS) | \$185

2020

### TRAVEL FUNDING BY STATMOS GRANT

STATMOS Spatial Statistics Workshop | \$478

2019

### TRAVEL FUNDING BY NSF GRANT

American Statistical Association's Statistics for the Environment (ENVR) Workshop | \$1,000

2018

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## RESEARCH FUNDING

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### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SUPPORT FOR ADVISEE

Office of Science Engagement, Eberly College of Science, Pennsylvania State University | \$1,000

2021

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## LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### PENN STATE STATISTICS DEPARTMENT CLIMATE AND DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

*Committee Member*

2019 – present

- Collaborated with departmental leadership to develop and deploy departmental climate survey
- Distributed resources and encouraged difficult conversations within the department on issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Held community-building departmental events such as virtual game night

### METHODS IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION

*Reviewer*

2021 & 2022

### JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURAL, BIOLOGICAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL STATISTICS

*Reviewer*

2020

### PENN STATE SCIENCE POLICY SOCIETY

*Executive Chair*

2019 – 2020

- Helped organize, publicize, and host monthly science on tap events at a local restaurant featuring researchers who discussed their work with attendees in a friendly setting
- Worked collaboratively with other graduate students to write and submit public comments

### PENN STATE STATISTICS GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

*Wellness Chair*

2018 – 2019

- Organized yoga sessions for department members one or two days a week

### TCNJ ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

*President*

2016 – 2017

- Led weekly meetings and organized events such as weekly campus clean-ups, educational film screenings, and recycling presentations

*Secretary*

2015 – 2016

- Sent weekly reminders and meeting minutes

### TCNJ VEG LIFE CLUB

*Vice President & Co-Founder*

2016 – 2017

- Co-founded an official campus club for students interested in vegetarian and vegan food

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## PRESENTATIONS

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### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Guest lecture for STAT 592 (Teaching Statistics) at Penn State	2020
• <b>Topic:</b> Implementing the 2016 GAISE Guidelines	
Pennsylvania State University Probability and Financial Mathematics Seminar	2020
• <b>Topic:</b> Modeling COVID-19 with an SIR model accounting for temperature	
Muhlenberg College Math/CS Colloquium Series	2020
• <b>Topic:</b> A lattice and random intermediate point sampling design for animal movement	
Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Seminar	2019
• <b>Topic:</b> A lattice and random intermediate point sampling design for animal movement	

### CONTRIBUTED PRESENTATIONS

Joint Statistical Meeting (JSM)	2021
• <b>Topic:</b> Survey of Probability Attitudes	
EURING Analytical Meeting & Workshop	2021
• <b>Topic:</b> Modeling yearly patterns in golden eagle movement	
Joint Statistical Meeting (JSM)	2020
• <b>Topic:</b> Modeling migratory and residential movement of golden eagles	
Virtual International Statistical Ecology Conference	2020
• <b>Topic:</b> A lattice and random intermediate point sampling design for animal movement	
Pennsylvania State University Statistics Department SMAC Talk	2020
• <b>Topic:</b> A lattice and random intermediate point sampling design for animal movement	
Joint Statistical Meeting (JSM)	2019
• <b>Topic:</b> An irregular sampling design for animal movement.	

### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

United States Conference on Teaching Statistics (USCOTS)	2021
• <b>Topic:</b> Survey of Probability Attitudes	
Symposium on Data Science and Statistics (SDSS)	2020
• <b>Topic:</b> A lattice and random intermediate point sampling design for animal movement	
Rao Prize Conference	2019
• <b>Topic:</b> Comparing sampling designs for carpenter ant movement data	
American Statistical Association's Statistics for the Environment (ENVR) Workshop	2018
• <b>Topic:</b> Optimal sampling schemes for animal movement modeling	
TCNJ Celebration of Student Achievement Poster Session	2017
• <b>Topic:</b> Structural equation modeling of protein signaling networks in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma	
Eastern North American Region (ENAR) International Biometric Society Spring Meeting	2017
• <b>Topic:</b> Structural equation modeling of protein signaling networks in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma	
TCNJ Mentored Undergraduate Summer Experience Poster Session	2016
• <b>Topic:</b> Structural equation modeling of protein signaling networks in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma	

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## WORKSHOP & CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

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International Association for Statistical Education (IASE) Satellite Conference	2021
Electronic Conference on Teaching Statistics (eCOTS)	2020
Preparing for Careers in Teaching Statistics and Data Science Workshop	2020
STATMOS Spatial Statistics Workshop	2019
United States Conference on Teaching Statistics (USCOTS)	2019
5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Summer School on Sustainable Climate Risk Management	2017

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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- **Computer Programming:** Advanced in R (tidyverse and base R), Stan, Git, GitHub, & Latex; Exposed to MATLAB, SAS, C++, HTML, & CSS
- **Software:** Adobe Creative Suite, Microsoft Office Suite, Keynote, SPSS, & Minitab