## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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#### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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#### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

### **Postdoctoral**

2019–2023 Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Department of Biostatistics, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Advisor: Dr. Stephanie Hicks

**Degrees** 

Ph.D. (2019) Biostatistics, University of Zurich, Switzerland

Advisor: Dr. Mark D. Robinson

Thesis: Statistical and computational method development and benchmarking for analysis of

high-dimensional single-cell cytometry data

M.Sc. (2014) Statistics, ETH Zurich, Switzerland

Advisors: Dr. Mark D. Robinson, Dr. Peter Bühlmann

Thesis: Model selection techniques for detection of differential gene splicing

B.Sc. Hons (2010) Physics, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
M.Ec. (2005) Economics, University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia

B.Sc. (2002) Physics & Mathematics, University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Faculty**

Assistant Professor, Department of Biostatistics, Boston University School of Public Health (2023–current).

# Other Professional Experience

- Teaching Assistant: Institute of Molecular Life Sciences, University of Zurich, Switzerland. (2015–2019).
- Teaching Assistant: Seminar for Statistics, ETH Zurich, Switzerland. (2013–2014).
- Scientific Assistant: Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology (Eawag), Switzerland. (2014–2014).
- Policy Officer / Senior Policy Officer: Department of Climate Change, Canberra, Australia. (2011–2012).
- Policy Analyst: Department of the Treasury, Canberra, Australia. (2006–2011).
- Research Assistant: University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia. (2000–2004).

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- New England Statistical Society (NESS). (2024–current).
- American Statistical Association (ASA) Section on Statistics in Genomics and Genetics (SSGG). (2023–current).
- o American Statistical Association (ASA). (2023–current).
- Eastern North American Region (ENAR) of the International Biometric Society (IBS). (2022-current).

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- Paper on nnSVG for the identification of spatially variable genes (Weber et al., 2023) featured in **Editors' Highlights for Biotechnology and Methods** by the editors of the peer-reviewed journal *Nature Communications* (2023).
- Selection as part of 2023 Emerging Leaders in Computational Oncology symposium at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY, United States. (2023).
- Travel Awardee for attendance at *American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP) 2022*, Phoenix, AZ, United States. (2022).
- Awarded **K99/R00 Pathway to Independence Award** (NIH NHGRI) on the development of unsupervised statistical methodology for analysis of spatially-resolved transcriptomics data. (2022).
- Awarded Early Career Research Symbiont Award in recognition of efforts to create reproducible data and software resources. (2021).
- Student Travel Award for attendance at ICCABS 2018: IEEE 8th International Conference on Computational Advances in Bio and Medical Sciences; Workshop on Computational Advances for Single-Cell Omics Data Analysis (CASCODA), Las Vegas, NV, United States. (2018).
- **Student Travel Award** for attendance at CYTO 2018: 33rd Congress of the International Society for Advancement of Cytometry, Prague, Czechia. (2018).
- **Student Travel Award** for attendance at CYTO 2017: 32nd Congress of the International Society for Advancement of Cytometry, Boston, MA, United States. (2017).
- Paper on comparison of clustering algorithms in high-dimensional cytometry (Weber and Robinson, 2016) recognized as an **Editor's Choice** article in the peer-reviewed journal *Cytometry Part A*. (2016).

## **FUNDING**

#### • K99/R00 NIH Pathway to Independence Award.

National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Project title: Unsupervised statistical methods for data-driven analyses in spatially resolved transcriptomics data.

K99 mentor: Dr. Stephanie Hicks. K99 co-mentors: Dr. Keri Martinowich, Dr. Roger Peng.

Award no. K99HG012229 (K99 phase); R00HG012229 (R00 phase).

Funding duration: 02/2022-09/2023 (K99 phase); 01/2024-12/2026 (R00 phase).

#### o Forschungskredit (Candoc) der Universität Zürich.

Competitive internal grant funding for PhD research projects at the University of Zurich, Switzerland.

Award no. FK-17-100.

Funding duration: 08/2017-06/2018.

#### TRAINEES AND STUDENT RESEARCH ADVISING

#### **PhD Students**

PhD Thesis Primary Advisor

• Jingyi Yao (2024–current). PhD in Biostatistics, Boston University.

PhD Thesis Committee Member

- Xue Liu (2025-current). PhD Biostatistics, Boston University.
- Yuankai Zhang (2024–current). PhD Biostatistics, Boston University.

### **MS Students**

Master of Science (MS) Research Project Advising

- o Joshua Mann (2025). MS Applied Biostatistics (Research Experience Project), Boston University.
- o Lauren Rusnak (2024). MS Applied Biostatistics (Research Experience Project and Summer Internship), Boston University.
- o Jonathan Huang (2024). MS Applied Biostatistics (Research Experience Project), Boston University. (Joint mentorship with Dr. Huimin Cheng.)

#### **MPH Students**

Master of Public Health (MPH) Research Project Advising

o MPH Integrative Learning Experience (ILE) Projects, Boston University (2x, 2024–2025).

## **Academic Advising**

Academic advisor for students in the following programs:

- PhD in Biostatistics, Boston University (1x, 2024–2029)
- o MS in Biostatistics, Boston University (1x, 2024–2026)
- MS in Applied Biostatistics, Boston University (1x, 2024–2025)

#### OTHER SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

## Peer Review (Journals)

Peer review activities for the following journals:

- Nature Communications (2023 x1, 2022 x2, 2021 x1, 2020 x3, 2019 x1)
- o Bioinformatics (2025 x1, 2024 x4, 2023 x3, 2020 x1, 2019 x1)
- o Genome Biology (2024 x1, 2023 x3, 2022 x1, 2019 x2)
- o Cytometry Part A (2024 x2, 2020 x1, 2019 x1, 2018 x4, 2017 x1)
- o Cell Genomics (2025 x1, 2024 x1)
- Bioinformatics Advances (2024 x1)
- Communications Biology (2023 x1)
- PLOS Computational Biology (2022 x1)
- o GigaScience (2021 x2)
- Journal of Open Source Software (2020 x2, 2019 x1)
- Scientific Reports (2018 x2, 2017 x1)
- Nature Immunology (2024 x1)
- Bioinformatics Advances (2024 x1)

## **Peer Review (Funding Applications)**

- o Boston University School of Public Health, Center for Health Data Science, Pilot Awards. (2024, 4x applications).
- Boston University School of Public Health, Population Health Data Science Program, Seed Funding Awards. (2023, 3x applications).

### **Conferences**

Organizational activities for conferences:

• Session organizer for invited presentations, *Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM)* 2023. Session topic: *Statistical methods for multiple-sample spatially-resolved transcriptomics data*.

## **Departmental Committees**

- PhD Program Admissions Committee (member), Department of Biostatistics, Boston University School of Public Health. (2024-25 academic year).
- Statistical Genetics and Genomics Seminar Series (co-coordinator), Department of Biostatistics, Boston University School of Public Health. (2024-25 academic year).

## **Other Service Activities**

- Presentations on research topics for graduate student projects ("Meet the Mentor" and "Spring Research Blitz"), Department of Biostatistics, Boston University School of Public Health. (Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023).
- Evaluating applications and meeting applicants for PhD program, Department of Biostatistics, Boston University School of Public Health. (2024-25 and 2023-24 applications).
- Meeting applicants for faculty positions, Department of Biostatistics, Boston University School of Public Health. (2024-25 applications).
- Reviewing papers for Biostatistics Student Paper Competition, Department of Biostatistics, Boston University School of Public Health. (2024, 3x papers).

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

A complete list of publications is also available from Google Scholar. The \* indicates equal authorship.

## **Preprint Articles**

1 Hippen A.A., Davidson N.R., Barnard M.E., **Weber L.M.**, Gertz J., Doherty J.A., Hicks S.C., and Greene C.S. (2023). *Deconvolution reveals compositional differences in high-grade serous ovarian cancer subtypes.* bioRxiv (preprint).

### Journal Articles (Peer-Reviewed and Published)

- 1 **Weber L.M.\***, Divecha H.R.\*, Tran M.N., Kwon S.H., Spangler A., Montgomery K.D., Tippani M., Bharadwaj R., Kleinman J.E., Page S.C., Hyde T.M., Collado-Torres L., Maynard K.R., Martinowich K.\*, and Hicks S.C.\* (2023). *The gene expression landscape of the human locus coeruleus revealed by single-nucleus and spatially-resolved transcriptomics*. eLife, 12:RP84628.
- <sup>2</sup> Tippani M., Divecha H.R., Catallini II J.L., Kwon S.H., **Weber L.M.**, Spangler A., Jaffe A.E., Hyde T.M., Kleinman J.E., Hicks S.C., Martinowich K., Collado-Torres L., Page S.C., and Maynard K.R. (2023). *VistoSeg: Processing utilities for high-resolution images for spatially resolved transcriptomics data*. Biological Imaging, 3, e23.
- <sup>3</sup> Hippen A.A., Omran D.K., **Weber L.M.**, Jung E., Drapkin R., Doherty J.A., Hicks S.C., and Greene C.S. (2023). *Performance of computational algorithms to deconvolve heterogeneous bulk ovarian tumor tissue depends on experimental factors*. Genome Biology, 24, 239.
- 4 **Weber L.M.**, Saha A., Datta A., Hansen K.D., and Hicks S.C. (2023). *nnSVG for the scalable identification of spatially variable genes using nearest-neighbor Gaussian processes*. Nature Communications, 14, 4059. (Note: Article featured in "Editors' Highlights for Biotechnology and Methods".)
- <sup>5</sup> Tiberi S., Crowell H.L., Samartsidis P., **Weber L.M.**, and Robinson M.D. (2023). *distinct: a novel approach to differential distribution analyses*. Annals of Applied Statistics, 17, 2, 1681–1700.

- 6 Krieg C., **Weber L.M.**, Fosso B., Hardiman G., Mileti E., El Aidy S., Marzano M., Robinson M.D., and Guglietta S. (2022). *Complement downregulation promotes an inflammatory signature that renders colorectal cancer susceptible to immunotherapy.* Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer, 10, e004717.
- 7 Pardo B., Spangler A., **Weber L.M.**, Hicks S.C., Jaffe A.E., Martinowich K., Maynard K.R., and Collado-Torres L. (2022). *spatialLIBD: an R/Bioconductor package to visualize spatially-resolved transcriptomics data*. BMC Genomics, 23, 434.
- 8 Righell D.\*, **Weber L.M.**\*, Crowell H.L.\*, Pardo B., Collado-Torres L., Ghazanfar S., Lun A.T.L., Hicks S.C.\*, and Risso D.\* (2022). *SpatialExperiment: infrastructure for spatially-resolved transcriptomics data in R using Bioconductor.* Bioinformatics, 38(11), 3128-3131.
- 9 Petrillo M., Fabbri M., Kagkli D.M. et al. (2022). A roadmap for the generation of benchmarking resources for antimicrobial resistance detection using next generation sequencing. F1000Research, v2, 10, 80.
- Weber L.M., Hippen A.A., Hickey P.F., Berrett K.C., Gertz J., Doherty J.A., Greene C.S., and Hicks S.C. (2021). Genetic demultiplexing of pooled single-cell RNA-sequencing samples in cancer facilitates effective experimental design. GigaScience, 10, 9, giab062.
- Liechti T., **Weber L.M.**, Ashhurst T.M., Stanley N., Prlic M., Van Gassen S., and Mair F. (2021). *An updated guide for the perplexed: cytometry in the high-dimensional era*. Nature Immunology, 22, 1190–1197.
- Hippen A.A., Falco M.M., **Weber L.M.**, Erkan E.P., Zhang K., Doherty J.A., Vähärautio A., Greene C.S., and Hicks S.C. (2021). *miQC: An adaptive probabilistic framework for quality control of single-cell RNA-sequencing data*. PLOS Computational Biology, 17, 8, e1009290.
- Maynard K.R.\*, Collado-Torres L.\*, **Weber L.M.**, Uytingco C., Barry B.K., Williams S.R., Catallini J.L. II, Tran M.N., Besich Z., Tippani M., Chew J., Yin Y., Kleinman J.E., Hyde T.M., Rao N., Hicks S.C., Martinowich K.\*, Jaffe A.E.\* (2021). *Transcriptome-scale spatial gene expression in the human dorsolateral prefrontal cortex*. Nature Neuroscience, 24, 425–436.
- 14 Shaul M.E., Eyal O., Guglietta S., Aloni P., Zlotnik A., Forkosh E., Levy L., **Weber L.M.**, Levin Y., Pomerantz A., Nechushtan H., Eruslanov E., Singhal S., Robinson M.D., Krieg C., and Fridlender Z.G. (2020). *Circulating neutrophil subsets in advanced lung cancer patients exhibit unique immune signature and relate to prognosis*. FASEB Journal, 34, 3, 4204–4218.
- Weber L.M., Saelens W., Cannoodt R., Soneson C., Hapfelmeier A., Gardner P.P., Boulesteix A.-L., Saeys Y., and Robinson M.D. (2019). Essential guidelines for computational method benchmarking. Genome Biology, 20, 125.
- Weber L.M. and Soneson C. (2019). *HDCytoData: Collection of high-dimensional cytometry benchmark datasets in Bioconductor object formats.* F1000Research, 8, 1459, v2.
- Weber L.M., Nowicka N., Soneson C., and Robinson M.D. (2019). diffcyt: Differential discovery in high-dimensional cytometry via high-resolution clustering. Communications Biology, 2, 183.
- 18 Krieg C., Nowicka M., Guglietta S., Schindler S., Hartmann F.J., **Weber L.M.**, Dummer R., Robinson M.D., Levesque M.P.\* and Becher B.\* (2018). *High-dimensional single-cell analysis predicts response to anti-PD-1 immunotherapy*. Nature Medicine, 24, 2, 144–153.
- Nowicka N., Krieg C., Crowell H.L., Weber L.M., Hartmann F.J., Guglietta S., Becher B., Levesque M.P., and Robinson M.D. (2019). CyTOF workflow: differential discovery in high-throughput high-dimensional cytometry datasets. F1000Research, 6, 748, v4.
- 20 **Weber L.M.** and Robinson M.D. (2016). *Comparison of clustering methods for high-dimensional single-cell flow and mass cytometry data*. Cytometry Part A, 89A, 1084–1096. (Note: Selected as an "Editor's Choice" article.)
- Hartmann F.J., Bernard-Valnet R., Quériault C., Mrdjen D., **Weber L.M.**, Galli E., Krieg C., Robinson M.D., Nguyen X.H., Dauvilliers Y., Liblau R.S., and Becher B. (2016). *High-dimensional single-cell analysis reveals the immune signature of narcolepsy.* Journal of Experimental Medicine, 213, 12, 2621–2633.
- 22 Burger A., Lindsay H., Felker A., Hess C., Anders C., Chiavacci E., Zaugg J., Weber L.M., Catena R., Jinek M., Robinson M.D., and Mosimann C. (2016). Maximizing mutagenesis with solubilized CRISPR-Cas9 ribonucleoprotein complexes. Development, 143, 2025–2037.

- 23 Jackson K., **Weber L.M.**, and Tennant M. (2016). A retrospective study of the effectiveness of four different treatments of periodontal disease in equine cheek teeth. Journal of Veterinary Dentistry, 33, 2, 83–89.
- <sup>24</sup> Robinson M.D., Kahraman A., Law C.W., Lindsay H., Nowicka M., **Weber L.M.**, and Zhou X. (2014). *Statistical methods for detecting differentially methylated loci and regions*. Frontiers in Genetics, 5, 324, 1–7.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Presentations (Invited)**

- 1 Personalized Health 2024, ETH Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland. (2024). (Keynote presentation). *Methods for scalable R-based analysis workflows for spatial transcriptomics data.*
- <sup>2</sup> University of Zurich, Zurich Seminars in Bioinformatics, Zurich, Switzerland. (2024). *Spatially variable genes: Methods, benchmarking, and future directions.*
- 3 NESS 2024: New England Statistics Symposium, Storrs, CT, United States. (2024). *smoothclust: Identification of spatial domains by spatial smoothing in spatial transcriptomics data*.
- <sup>4</sup> University of Southern California, Division of Biostatistics, Seminar Series, Los Angeles, CA, United States. (2023). *nnSVG for the identification of spatially variable genes and unsupervised analyses of spatial transcriptomics data*.
- <sup>5</sup> Columbia University, Department of Biostatistics, Statistical Genomics and Genetics Seminar Series. (Virtual). (2023). *nnSVG for the identification of spatially variable genes and unsupervised analyses of spatial transcriptomics data*.
- 6 Boston University, Chobanian and Avedisian School of Medicine, Section on Computational Biomedicine, Spatial Biology Seminar Series. (Virtual). (2023). nnSVG for the identification of spatially variable genes and unsupervised analyses of spatial transcriptomics data.
- 7 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) 2023, Toronto, Canada. (2023). nnSVG for preprocessing, feature selection, and quality control in multi-sample spot-based spatially-resolved transcriptomics data.
- 8 Statistical Methods in Imaging Conference 2023, Annual Meeting of the ASA Statistics in Imaging Section, Minneapolis, MN, United States. (2023). nnSVG: scalable identification of spatially variable genes using nearest-neighbor Gaussian processes.
- 9 Emerging Leaders in Computational Oncology 2023, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY, United States. (2023). *Unsupervised statistical methods and data-driven analysis workflows for spatially-resolved transcriptomics*.
- European Conference on Computational Biology (ECCB), Workshop NTB-W04. (Virtual). (2022). *Scalable identification of spatially variable genes with nnSVG and Bioconductor.*
- 11 R/Medicine. (Virtual). (2022). Unsupervised analyses of spatially-resolved transcriptomics data with nnSVG and R/Bioconductor.
- 12 Sydney Bioinformatics Seminar Series, Sydney Precision Bioinformatics Alliance, University of Sydney. (Virtual). (2022). nnSVG: scalable identification of spatially variable genes in spatially-resolved transcriptomics data.
- ENAR (Eastern North American Region of the International Biometric Society) Spring Meeting, Houston, TX, United States. (2022). nnSVG: scalable identification of spatially variable genes using nearest-neighbor Gaussian processes.
- 14 ICCABS 2018 (IEEE 8th International Conference on Computational Advances in Bio and Medical Sciences): 1st Workshop on Computational Advances for Single-Cell Omics Data Analysis (CASCODA), Las Vegas, NV, United States. (2018). Methods, tools, and resources for differential discovery in high-dimensional cytometry data.
- 15 1st Swiss Cytometry Meeting, Lausanne, Switzerland. (2018). Statistical methods for differential discovery in high-dimensional cytometry data.
- <sup>16</sup> European Bioconductor Meeting 2017, Cambridge, United Kingdom. (2017). Statistical methods for differential discovery in high-dimensional cytometry data.

### **Presentations (Other)**

- 1 BioC2024: Bioconductor Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, United States. (2024). smoothclust: Identification of spatial domains by smoothing for compositional analyses in spatial transcriptomics data.
- <sup>2</sup> STATGEN 2024: Conference on Statistics in Genomics and Genetics, Pittsburgh, PA, United States. (2024). *smoothclust: Identification of spatial domains by spatial smoothing in spatial transcriptomics data.*
- 3 Boston University, School of Public Health, Department of Biostatistics, Boston, MA, United States. (2023). *Unsupervised statistical methods and data-driven analysis workflows for spatially-resolved transcriptomics*.
- 4 Ohio State University, College of Medicine, Department of Biomedical Informatics, Columbus, OH, United States. (2023). *Unsupervised statistical methods and data-driven analysis workflows for spatially-resolved transcriptomics*.
- <sup>5</sup> University of Colorado, School of Medicine, Department of Biomedical Informatics. (Virtual). (2023). *Unsupervised* statistical methods and data-driven analysis workflows for spatially-resolved transcriptomics.
- 6 Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health, Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Atlanta, GA, United States. (2023). *Unsupervised statistical methods and data-driven analysis workflows for spatially-resolved transcriptomics*.
- 7 University of Utah, School of Medicine, Department of Human Genetics, Salt Lake City, UT, United States. (2023). *Unsupervised statistical methods and data-driven analysis workflows for spatially-resolved transcriptomics.*
- 8 University of Minnesota, School of Public Health, Division of Biostatistics, Minneapolis, MN, United States. (2023). *Unsupervised statistical methods and data-driven analysis workflows for spatially-resolved transcriptomics*.
- 9 Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, Department of Cell and Developmental Biology. (Virtual). (2023). *Unsupervised statistical methods and data-driven analysis workflows for spatially-resolved transcriptomics*.
- <sup>10</sup> Bioc2022 Bioconductor annual conference, Seattle, WA, United States. (2022). *nnSVG: scalable identification of spatially variable genes using nearest-neighbor Gaussian processes*.
- BLAST Working Group seminar, Department of Biostatistics, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD, United States. (2022). nnSVG: scalable identification of spatially variable genes using nearest-neighbor Gaussian Processes.
- 12 Bioc2021 Bioconductor annual conference. (Virtual). (2021). Workshop on 'Orchestrating Spatially-Resolved Transcriptomics Analysis with Bioconductor (OSTA)'.
- Bioc2021 Bioconductor annual conference. (Virtual). (2021). Workshop on 'SpatialExperiment'. (Joint presentation with Dario Righelli and Helena L. Crowell.)
- <sup>14</sup> European Bioconductor Meeting 2020. (Virtual). (2020). *Workshop on 'SpatialExperiment'*. (Joint presentation with Dario Righelli and Helena L. Crowell.)
- 15 Bioc2020 Bioconductor annual conference. (Virtual). (2020). *Unsupervised analysis of transcriptome-scale spatial gene expression data in the human prefrontal cortex.*
- Johns Hopkins University 13th Annual Genomics and Bioinformatics Symposium and Poster Session, Baltimore, MD, United States. (2019). *Comparison of dimension reduction algorithms for visualization of single-cell data*.
- 17 European Bioconductor Meeting 2018, Munich, Germany. (2018). HDCytoData package: High-dimensional cytometry benchmark datasets in Bioconductor formats.
- 18 CYTO 2017: 32nd Congress of the International Society for Advancement of Cytometry, Boston, MA, United States. (2017). Statistical methods for differential discovery in high-dimensional cytometry data.
- 19 IMLS Scientific Retreat 2017 (Institute of Molecular Life Sciences, University of Zurich), Emmetten, Switzerland. (2017). *Comparison of clustering methods for high-dimensional single-cell flow and mass cytometry (CyTOF) data.*
- <sup>20</sup> European Bioconductor Developers' Meeting 2015, Cambridge, United Kingdom. (2015). regsplice: Lasso-based model selection for improved detection of differential exon usage.
- 21 C1omics 2015: Single-Cell Omics Methods and Applications, Manchester, United Kingdom. (2015). *Comparison of clustering methods for high-dimensional single-cell flow and mass cytometry data.*

#### **Posters**

- 1 American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP) 2023, Tampa, FL, United States. (2023). nnSVG for the identification of spatially variable genes and improved computational analyses of spatial transcriptomic data from postmortem brain tissue.
- <sup>2</sup> National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) Research Training and Career Development Annual Meeting 2023, Salt Lake City, UT, United States. (2023). nnSVG: scalable identification of spatially variable genes using nearest-neighbor Gaussian processes.
- 3 American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP) 2022, Phoenix, AZ, United States. (2022). (Travel awardee.) *The gene expression landscape of the human locus coeruleus revealed by single-nucleus and spatially-resolved transcriptomics.*
- 4 ASHG Institute for Genomic Medicine Symposium on Spatial Omics. (Virtual). (2020). *Unsupervised analysis of transcriptome-scale spatial gene expression in human dorsolateral prefrontal cortex using spatial transcriptomics data.*
- <sup>5</sup> Genome Informatics. (Poster and lightning talk.) (Virtual). (2020). *Unsupervised analysis of transcriptome-scale spatial gene expression in human dorsolateral prefrontal cortex using spatial transcriptomics data.*
- 6 CYTO 2018: 33rd Congress of the International Society for Advancement of Cytometry, Prague, Czechia. (2018). diffcyt: Differential discovery in high-dimensional cytometry via high-resolution clustering.
- <sup>7</sup> Ascona Workshop 2017: Statistical Challenges in Single-Cell Biology, Ascona, Switzerland. (2017) *Statistical methods for differential discovery in high-dimensional cytometry data.*
- 8 ICML 2016 (International Conference on Machine Learning): Workshop on Computational Biology, New York, NY, United States. (2016). *Comparison of clustering methods for high-dimensional single-cell flow and mass cytometry (CyTOF) data.*
- 9 SIB Days: Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics annual conference, Biel/Bienne, Switzerland. (2016). Comparison of clustering methods for high-dimensional single-cell flow and mass cytometry (CyTOF) data.
- 10 IMLS Scientific Retreat 2015 (Institute of Molecular Life Sciences, University of Zurich), Morschach, Switzerland. (2015). *Improving power to detect differential exon usage by L1-regularization (lasso) model selection.*

### **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

## Workshops

- *How to Build a Professional CV, Website, and Other Career Resources,* Biostatistics Department Professional Development Seminar Series, Boston University School of Public Health. (2024).
- Workshop on Data Visualization Techniques and Tools (with Dr. Prasad Patil), Population Health Data Science Program, Boston University School of Public Health. (2024).
- o *GitHub for R Projects* (with Dr. Shariq Mohammed), Biostatistics Student Association Seminar Series, Department of Biostatistics, Boston University School of Public Health. (2024).
- o Data Carpentry, University of Zurich, Switzerland. (2017).
- Mass Cytometry and Data Analysis Workshop, University of Zurich, Switzerland. (2017).
- Mass Cytometry and Data Analysis Workshop, University of Zurich, Switzerland. (2017).
- Data Carpentry, University of Zurich, Switzerland. (2016).
- o Data Carpentry, University of Zurich, Switzerland. (2016).
- o Software Carpentry, ResBaz Perth, Murdoch University, Australia. (2016).

## **Coursework Teaching Assistance**

- SPH BS 880 Biostatistics Capstone (guest lecture: "Git and GitHub for R Projects with RStudio"), Dr. Kathryn Lunetta, Boston University School of Public Health. (2024).
- SPH BS 831 Genomics Data Mining and Statistics (guest lecture on single-cell RNA sequencing and spatial transcriptomics analysis workflows), Dr. Seung Hoan Choi, Boston University School of Public Health. (2024).

- Statistical Programming Paradigms and Workflows (guest lectures on version control using git and GitHub), Dr. Stephanie Hicks, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. (2022).
- Advanced Data Science (guest lecture on resampling techniques), Dr. Stephanie Hicks, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. (2019).
- Practical Bioinformatics (session on R Markdown and R programming), Dr. Mark Robinson, University of Zurich. (2019).
- Statistical Analysis of High-Throughput Genomic and Transcriptomic Data (session on analysis of high-dimensional cytometry data), Dr. Mark Robinson, University of Zurich. (2018).
- Practical Bioinformatics (session on analysis of single-cell RNA-sequencing data), Dr. Mark Robinson, University of Zurich. (2018).
- Statistical Analysis of High-Throughput Genomic and Transcriptomic Data (session on analysis of high-dimensional cytometry data), Dr. Mark Robinson, University of Zurich. (2017).
- Practical Bioinformatics (teaching assistant), Dr. Mark Robinson, University of Zurich. (2015).
- Statistik II (applied statistics and R programming, teaching assistant for exercise sessions), ETH Zurich. (2014).
- Wahrscheinlichkeit und Statistik (probability and statistics, teaching assistant for exercise sessions), ETH Zurich. (2013).

## SOFTWARE PACKAGES AND PROJECTS

Links to additional code and data resources are available from GitHub.

## **Software Packages**

- 1 nnSVG: R/Bioconductor package to identify spatially variable genes in spatial transcriptomics data. Available from Bioconductor.
- <sup>2</sup> **SpatialExperiment**: R/Bioconductor data structure for storing spatial transcriptomics datasets. (Joint project with Dario Righelli and Helena L. Crowell.) Available from Bioconductor.
- 3 **ggspavis**: R/Bioconductor package containing visualization functions for spatial transcriptomics data. (Joint project with Helena L. Crowell.) Available from Bioconductor.
- 4 **diffcyt**: R/Bioconductor package implementing a computational framework for differential discovery analyses in high-dimensional cytometry data. Available from Bioconductor.
- <sup>5</sup> **regsplice**: R/Bioconductor package implementing statistical methodology for detection of differential splicing (differential exon usage) in RNA-sequencing data. Available from Bioconductor.

## **Other Software Projects**

- 1 **Principles of Spatial Transcriptomics Analysis with Bioconductor**: Online book containing interactive example analysis workflows for spatial transcriptomics data. Link.
- 2 CrispantCal: R/Shiny web application to calculate injection mix volumes for CRISPR-Cas9 experiments (described in: Burger et al. 2016). Link.

## **Data Packages**

- 1 **WeberDivechaLCdata**: R/Bioconductor package containing datasets from paper on analyses of single-nucleus and spatial transcriptomics data from the human locus coeruleus (Weber and Divecha et al. 2022). Available from Bioconductor.
- 2 STexampleData: R/Bioconductor package containing a collection of spatial transcriptomics datasets in SpatialExperiment Bioconductor format. Available from Bioconductor.
- <sup>3</sup> **HDCytoData**: R/Bioconductor package containing a collection of publicly available high-dimensional cytometry benchmark datasets in Bioconductor formats. Available from Bioconductor.