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## Education

2019-      PhD student, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
2017 - 2019      MSc in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology <sup>1</sup>  
2015 - 2016      MA in Statistics and Applied Mathematics, with distinction, Collegio Carlo Alberto  
2015 - 2016      MA in Quantitative Finance, 110/110 magna cum laude, Università degli Studi di Torino  
2012 - 2014      BA in Economics, 110/110 cum laude, Università degli Studi di Torino

## Scholarships and Awards

2020      SBSS Best Student Paper Award (ASA)  
2020      Bayes Comp Travel Award  
2018      BNP@NeurIPS Award  
2017      Andrew (1956) and Erma Viterbi Fellowship  
2016      Best Graduate Student of the Year (ATLEC)  
2015 - 2016      Graduate Allievi Honors Program Scholarship, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Moncalieri  
2012 - 2014      Undergraduate Allievi Honors Program Scholarship, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Moncalieri

## Other Relevant Experience

2020      Applied Research Intern, Amazon CoreAI under the supervision of Professor Guido Imbens, Professor Thomas Richardson and Dr. James McQueen

## Research and Theses

- **“Scaled process priors: Improved predictions and uncertainties for new-feature counts via random scaling in Bayesian nonparametrics”**; In preparation. Manuscript available on arXiv [[poster](#); <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2106.15480.pdf>]. Featured in ISBA 2021; (with F. Camerlenghi, S. Favaro and T. Broderick)
- **“More for Less: Predicting and maximizing genetic variant discovery via Bayesian nonparametrics”**; to appear in Biometrika. **Best Student Paper Award**, awarded by the American Statistical Association, Section in Bayesian Statistical Science. Featured in SMEEB 2021, ASHG 2020, AABI 2019 [[poster](#); [presentation \(YouTube\)](#)]; <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1912.05516.pdf>; (M., Camerlenghi, Favaro and Broderick)

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<sup>1</sup>**Completed coursework**: Dynamic Programming and Stochastic Control (6.231) [final project], Fundamentals of Probability (6.436), Inference and Information (6.437), Algorithms for Inference (6.438), Algorithmic aspects of Machine Learning (18.408) [final project], Bayesian modeling and inference (6.882), Advanced stochastic processes (6.265), Mathematical Statistics: A Non-Asymptotic Approach (9.S914), Learning-Augmented Algorithms (6.890)

- **“Independent finite approximations for Bayesian nonparametric inference: construction, error bounds, and practical implications”**, in submission. Manuscript available at <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2009.10780.pdf>; (Nguyen, Huggins, M., Mackey and Broderick)
- **“Posterior representations of hierarchical completely random measures in trait allocation models”** (M., Camerlenghi, Favaro and Broderick), **Spotlight**, *BNP@NeurIPS2018* [[poster](#)]
- **“Sensitivity of Bayesian inference to data perturbations”** (M., Stephenson and Broderick), *AABI 2018* [[poster](#)]
- **“Generic finite approximations for practical Bayesian nonparametrics”** (Huggins, M., Mackey and Broderick), **Spotlight**, *NIPS 2017 Workshop on Advances in Approximate Bayesian Inference* [[poster](#)]
- **“An asymptotic analysis of Gibbs-type priors”** - Master’s thesis in Bayesian nonparametrics, Supervisors: prof. Pierpaolo de Blasi and prof. Igor Prünster
- **“Econometrics of the Big Data”** - Undergraduate thesis in Econometrics. Supervisor: prof. Alessandro Sembenelli

## Skills

- Proficient in Python (numpy, scipy, pandas, matplotlib, scikit-learn),  $\LaTeX$
- Past experience in C++, Matlab, R, RStudio

## Talks, Poster sessions and Conference Presentations

2021

- ISBA: 2021 World Meeting of the International Society for Bayesian Analysis, “Scaled process priors for Bayesian nonparametric estimation of the unseen genetic variation” [Contributed session]
- SMEEB: Stochastic Models and Experiments in Ecology and Biology, “More for less: predicting and maximizing genomic diversity via Bayesian nonparametrics” [Contributed session]

2020

- American Society of Human Genetics meeting, “More for less: predicting and maximizing genomic diversity via Bayesian nonparametrics” [Poster session]
- Learning under complex structure, MIFODS workshop, *Cambridge (MA)*, “More for less: predicting and maximizing genomic diversity via Bayesian nonparametrics” [Poster session]
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- Bayes Comp 2020, *Gainesville (FL)*, “More for less: predicting and maximizing genomic diversity via Bayesian nonparametrics” [Poster session]

2019

- Advances in Bayesian Nonparametric Methods and Its Applications, *Denver (CO)*, *JSM 2019*, “Genomic variety prediction via Bayesian nonparametrics” [Topic-contributed session]
- Advances in Approximate Bayesian Inference, *Vancouver, Canada*, “More for less: Predicting and maximizing genetic variant discovery via Bayesian nonparametrics”
- Statistics and Data Science Conference 2019, *Cambridge (MA)*. “Genomic variety prediction via Bayesian nonparametrics”
- MLxMIT, *Cambridge (MA)*, “Genomic variety prediction via Bayesian nonparametrics”
- LIDS & Stats seminar, *Cambridge (MA)*, “Genomic variety prediction via Bayesian nonparametrics”
- CSAIL-MSR Trustworthy and Robust AI (TRAC) Workshop, *Cambridge (MA)*, “Getting the most bang for your buck: Predicting and maximizing the number of new genetic variants in a future experiment”

2018

- BNP@NeurIPS 2018, Montreal (Canada) “Posterior representations of hierarchical completely random measures in trait allocation models” [**Spotlight**]

## Professional Service

2020	Reviewer for AAAI 2020, AISTATS 2020
2019	Reviewer for AISTATS 2019, NeurIPS 2019, AABI 2019
2018	Reviewer for BNP@NeurIPS2018