Louisa H. Smith Curriculum Vitae

l.smith@northeastern.edu 312 Robinson Hall Contact www.louisahsmith.com Department of Public Health & Health Sciences Information ORCID 0000-0001-9029-4644 Bouvé College of Health Sciences, Northeastern University Google Scholar 360 Huntington Avenue +1 (617) 373-7008Boston, MA 02115 Academic Bouvé College of Health Sciences, Northeastern University, Boston, MA EMPLOYMENT Department of Public Health and Health Sciences Assistant Professor August 2022 – present Roux Institute of Northeastern University, Portland, ME Affiliate Faculty August 2022 – present Postdoctoral Fellow October 2021 – August 2022 École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland Department of Mathematics, Biostatistics Group Visiting Scholar August – September 2021 MaineHealth Institute for Research, Portland, ME Affiliations Center for Interdisciplinary & Population Health Research Affiliate Faculty Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, Boston, MA Department of Epidemiology Adjunct Assistant Professor Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, GA Department of Epidemiology Adjunct Assistant Professor **EDUCATION** Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, MA PhD, Population Health Sciences (Epidemiology) 2021 SM. Biostatistics 2021 University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 2016 MS, Epidemiology Brown University, Providence, RI AB, Comparative Literature and Community Health 2011 **PUBLICATIONS** \*Gorsky KG, Keefe-Oates B, Lakshmanan A, Rogers EE, Smith LH. Maternal leave practices and health outcomes after prolonged postnatal infant hospitalization. The Journal of Pediatrics. 2025. doi:10.1016/j.jpeds.2025.114621. Sun S, Lomachinsky V, Smith LH, Newhouse JP, Westover MB, Blacker DL, Schwamm LH, Haneuse S, Moura LMVR. Benzodiazepine initiation and the risk of falls or fall-related injuries in older adults following acute ischemic stroke. Neurology

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## REPORTS

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- [2] \*Keefe-Oates B, Simmonds K, **Smith LH**, Stolow J. Rural to Referral: Assessing the Obstetric Workforce Landscape in the State of Maine. 2025.
- [3] \*Keefe-Oates B, Simmonds K, **Smith LH**, Stolow J. Needs Assessment of the Obstetric Workforce in Maine's Rural Hospitals. 2024.

### Awards

2020
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### Funding

Evaluating the Impact of Maine's Paid Family and Medical Leave Law on Postpartum Individuals

Role: PI

C2C Impact Engine (Northeastern University)

May 2024 – April 2025; \$5,000

RMOMS Assessment of the Obstetrics Workforce in Rural Maine: Follow up Studies

Role: Subaward Co-I (Subaward PI: Simmonds) Prime sponsor HRSA (PI: Mills; MaineHealth)

May 2024 – December 2024; \$34,853

Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies (RMOMS): Workforce Needs Assessment of Rural Labor and Delivery Units in Maine

Role: Subaward Co-I (Subaward PI: Simmonds) Prime sponsor HRSA (PI: Mills; MaineHealth) September 2023 – December 2023; \$73,434

# INVITED TALKS

- "allofus: an R package to facilitate use of the All of Us Researcher Workbench"
- All of Us Researcher Workbench Office Hours. November 8, 2024. (Virtual, with Rob Cavanaugh)
- Division of Medical and Scientific Research, All of Us Research Program. November 7, 2024. (Virtual, with Rob Cavanaugh)
- "Second-guessing selection bias." Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER). June 20, 2024. (Austin, TX)
- "Introduction to causal inference." MaineHealth Institute for Research. June 26 & July 17, 2023. (Portland, ME)
- "Closing remarks." Annual Symposium on Risks and Opportunities of AI in Pharmaceutical Medicine (AIPM). June 5, 2023. (Portland, ME)

<sup>\*</sup> indicates first author whom I served in a mentoring role

- "Intro to {targets}." Maine R User Group. May 31, 2023. (Portland, ME)
- "Challenges in estimating effects of time-varying exposures during pregnancy." Advanced Methods Workshop, Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research (SPER). June 16, 2022. (Chicago, IL)
- "Causal inference in epidemiology using target trial principles: Applications in pregnancy and prostate cancer." Statistics seminar, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne. September 17, 2021. (Lausanne, Switzerland)
- "Multiple-bias sensitivity analysis using bounds." Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM). August 9, 2021. (Virtual)
- "Simple sensitivity analysis for selection bias using bounds." 13th International Conference of the ERCIM WG on Computational and Methodological Statistics (CMStatistics). December 19, 2020. (Virtual)
- "Discussion of 'Selection bias in 2020.'" Online Causal Inference Seminar. December 8, 2020. (Virtual)
- "The magic of R." Master of Food and Resource Economics Program, University of British Columbia. August 20, 2020. (Virtual)
- "Data gets personal." Maine Medical Center R User Group. July 16, 2020. (Virtual)
- "Data manipulation in R." Maine Medical Center R Group. July 14, 2020. (Virtual)
- "Data gets personal." RLadies Boston, January 29, 2020. (Boston, MA)
- "Simple sensitivity analysis for selection bias"
- Koenen trauma epidemiology research group, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. December 4, 2019. (Boston, MA)
- Department of Medical Epidemiology and Biostatistics student seminar, Karolinksa Institute. November 12, 2019. (Stockholm, Sweden)
  - Monthly methods call, Vaccine Safety Datalink. September 12, 2019. (Virtual)

# CONTRIBUTED PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

- "Evaluating missingness assumptions for items in a frailty index." Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER). June 14, 2023 (Portland, OR). Oral Abstract Session.
- "Reproducible epidemiology in R." Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER). June 13, 2023 (Portland, OR). *Pre-Conference Workshop*.
- "COVID-19 and preterm birth: Understanding the relationship." Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research (SPER). June 16, 2021 (Virtual). Speed Talk Session.
- "Challenges in estimating effects of COVID-19 on preterm birth." Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER). June 23, 2021 (Virtual). Oral Abstract Session.
- "E-values, unmeasured confounding, measurement error, and selection bias." Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER). June 18, 2019 (Minneapolis, MN); December 11, 2020 (Virtual); May 21, 2021 (Virtual). Pre-Conference Workshop, with Tyler VanderWeele / Maya Mathur.
- "Simple sensitivity analysis for selection bias." Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER). June 20, 2019 (Minneapolis, MN). Concurrent Contributed Session Oral Presentation.

POSTERS (FIRST OR SENIOR AUTHOR ONLY) Bennett CR, Cavanaugh R, **Smith LH**. Challenges in evaluating the impact of CGMs on racial disparities: Design considerations for a target trial emulation using All of Us

Data. Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER). Boston, MA, June 2025.

Keefe-Oates B, Gorsky KG, **Smith LH**. Breastfeeding and parental leave duration among mothers with infants born above and below 34 weeks. Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research (SPER). Boston, MA, June 2025.

Bennett CR, Cavanaugh R, **Smith LH**. Using a target trial to estimate the causal effect of health technology on racial disparities. Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER). Austin, TX, June 2024.

Bennett CR, Cavanaugh R, **Smith LH**. Social and structural determinants of diabetes technology use: A descriptive analysis. Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER). Austin, TX, June 2024.

Gorsky KG, Keefe-Oates B, Lakshmanan A, Rogers EE, **Smith LH**. Leave practices and association with breastfeeding and postpartum depression among mothers of infants with prolonged postnatal hospitalization. Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting (PAS). Toronto, Canada, May 2024.

Gorsky KG, Keefe-Oates B, Lakshmanan A, Rogers EE, **Smith LH**. Leave practices and postpartum return-to-work plans among mothers of infants with prolonged postnatal hospitalization. Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting (PAS). Toronto, Canada, May 2024.

Smith LH, Bu F, Nishimura A, Kostka K, McLeggon J, Ryan PB, Hripcsak G, Madigan D, Suchard MA. Bayesian evidence synthesis with bias correction. Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics (OHDSI) Global Symposium. East Brunswick, NJ, October 2023. Finalist: Best Community Contribution.

**Smith LH**, Zaidi J. Identifying direct effects of in vitro fertilization on placental disease. Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Poster Day. Boston, MA, April 2019. Runner-up: Best graduate student poster.

Smith LH, Deardorff J, Petito L, Kim H, & Abrams BF. Maternal prepregnancy weight and children's behavioral and emotional outcomes. Society For Research in Child Development (SCRD). Austin, TX, April 2017.

Smith LH, Petito L, Cohen A, Deardorff J, & Abrams B. Gestational weight gain and math and reading achievement among U.S. children. Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research (SPER). Miami, FL, June 2016.

SOFTWARE & ONLINE TOOLS

Cavanaugh R, **Smith LH**. allofus: R package to streamline use of the All of Us Researcher Workbench. R Package on CRAN.

**Smith LH**. Simple sensitivity analysis for selection bias. *Online tool available at selection-bias.louisahsmith.com*.

Mathur MB, **Smith LH**, Ding P, VanderWeele TJ. EValue: Sensitivity analyses for unmeasured confounding or selection bias in observational studies and meta-analyses. R Package on CRAN.

**Smith LH**. PHS Summer Prep. Online introduction to R, probability, and statistics for incoming PhD students available at bit.ly/phs-prep.

TEACHING: PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR Northeastern University, Boston, MA

PHTH 2210: Foundations of Biostatistics

Fall 2024, Spring 2025

4 Credits; ~120-180 students

PHTH 6800: Causal Inference in Public Health Research

Spring 2023, 2024

3 Credits: ~10 students

Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, GA

EPI590R: R Bootcamp

Summer 2023, 2024

1 Credit; ~50 students

Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, MA

ID 543: Introduction to R

Summer 2023-2025

1.25 Credits; ~20 students

Guest lectures

HSCI 6110: Advanced Population Characterization, Northeastern University.

PHS 2000B: Quantitative Research Methods, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

SBS 245: Social and Behavioral Research Methods, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

MPH 677: Regression Models in the Health Sciences, University of Southern Maine.

PHTH 5202: Epidemiology, Northeastern University.

## Mentoring

Postdoctoral advising

Brianna Keefe-Oates, PhD

Doctoral advising

Natalia Coriano-Díaz

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Catherine Saltus

 $Doctoral\ committee\ member$ 

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Darien Mather

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Michael Williams, PhD 2024 (*Currently*: Postdoc, Center for Health Outcomes and Interdisciplinary Research, Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School)

Master's committee member

Salome Goglichidze, MPH 2023 (*Currently*: PhD student, Population Health, Northeastern)

Undergraduate

Rohin Nyugen (Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research intern, 2024-2025)

Sanjana Sinha (Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research intern, 2024-2025)

Alexandra Blaise (Health Sciences capstone, Spring 2025)

## External

Chelsea Wong, MD, T32 Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard Translational Research in Aging Training Program

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OTHER.

Member, Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER), 2019-

- Education Committee, 2020-2023

Member, Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research (SPER), 2016-

Co-Lead, OHDSI Perinatal and Reproductive Health Group (PRHeG), 2022-

Faculty, NIH Inspire Maternal Health OHDSI Data Network Fellowship, 2024-

Planning Committee, Annual Symposium on Risks and Opportunities of AI in Pharmaceutical Medicine (AIPM), 2023-2024

Early Career Reviewer, NIH Analytics and Statistics for Population Research Panel A (ASPA) Study Section, 2025

Ad-hoc Reviewer: American Journal of Epidemiology, Biometrika, BMC Medical Research Methodology, BMJ Open, Epidemiologic Methods, Epidemiologic Reviews, Epidemiology, European Journal of Epidemiology, International Journal of Epidemiology, JAMA Network Open, JAMA Psychiatry, Journal of Causal Inference, Journal of Epidemiology, Journal of Open Source Software, Patient Preference and Adherence, Paediatric and Perinatal Epidemiology, Scientific Reports, Sociological Methods and Research

OTHER

Little Wound School, Kyle, SD

Professional Experience

Elementary school teacher

3rd grade teacher of 10-20 students

Taught reading, writing, math, science, social studies

2011 - 2014