Louisa H. Smith Curriculum Vitae

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POST-PHD EMPLOYMENT

École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland

Department of Mathematics, Biostatistics Group Visiting Scholar, hosted by Mats Stensrud

August – September 2021

**EDUCATION** 

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

PhD, Population Health Sciences

2021

Concentration: Epidemiologic methods

Thesis: Bias bounds and target trials for causal inference in observational epidemiology

Committee: Miguel Hernán, Tyler VanderWeele, Sonia Hernández-Díaz

MS, Biostatistics 2021

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

MS, Epidemiology 2016

Brown University, Providence, RI

BA, Comparative Literature and Community Health

2011

Publications

- [9] **Smith LH**, Mathur MB, VanderWeele TJ. Multiple-bias sensitivity analysis using bounds. *Epidemiology*. 2021;32(5):625-34. doi:10.1097/ede.000000000001380.
- [8] **Smith LH**, Schwartz GL. Mediating to opportunity: The challenges of translating mediation estimands into policy recommendations (commentary). *Epidemiology*. 2021;32(3):347-50. doi:10.1097/ede.0000000000001335.
- [7] **Smith LH**. Selection mechanisms and their consequences: Understanding and addressing selection bias. *Current Epidemiology Reports*. 2020;7(4):179–89. doi:10.1007/s40471-020-00241-6.
- [6] Farland LV, Correia KFB, Dodge LE, Modest AM, Williams PL, Smith LH, Toth TL, Hacker MR, Missmer SA. The importance of mediation in reproductive health studies. *Human Reproduction*. 2020;36(6):1262–6. doi:10.1093/humrep/deaa064.
- [5] Smith LH, VanderWeele TJ. Simple sensitivity analysis for control selection bias (research letter). Epidemiology. 2020;31(5):e44-e45. doi:10.1097/ede.000000000001207.
- [4] **Smith LH**, VanderWeele TJ. Mediational E-values: Approximate sensitivity analysis for unmeasured mediator-outcome confounding. *Epidemiology*. 2019;30(6):835–7. doi:10.1097/ede.000000000001064.
- [3] **Smith LH**, VanderWeele TJ. Bounding bias due to selection. *Epidemiology*. 2019;30(4):509–16. doi:10.1097/ede.000000000001032.

- [2] Deardorff J, Smith LH, Petito L, Kim H, Abrams BF. Maternal prepregnancy weight and children's behavioral and emotional outcomes. American Journal of Preventive *Medicine*. 2017;53(4):432–40. doi:10.1016/j.amepre.2017.05.013.
- [1] Cohen AK, Richards T, Allen BL, Ferrier Y, Lees J, Smith LH. Health issues in the industrial port zone of Marseille, France: the Fos EPSEAL community-based crosssectional survey. Journal of Public Health. 2017;26(2):235-43. doi:10.1007/s10389-017-0857-5.

#### Awards

Harvard Biostatistics Certificate of Distinction in Teaching	2020
Harvard Epidemiology Teaching Assistant Award	2020
Winner, Harvard Epidemiology Student Podcast Competition	2020
Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching $(\times 3)$	2017, 2018, 2019
Runner-up, Harvard T.H. Chan School Poster Day	2019
Ralph & June Catalano Award Scholarship	2015
Reshetko Scholarship	2014
U.C. Berkeley Graduate Division Block Grant	2014
Phi Beta Kappa	2011
Magna cum laude; Brown University departmental honors	2011
C.V. Starr Fellowship for Public Service	2008

# Manuscripts

Smith LH, Dollinger C, VanderWeele TJ, Wyszynski DF, Hernández-Díaz S. Timing and UNDER REVIEW severity of COVID-19 during pregnancy and the risk of preterm birth in the International OR IN REVISION Registry of Coronavirus Exposure in Pregnancy.

> Mathur MB, Smith LH, Yoshida K, Ding P, VanderWeele TJ. E-values for effect modification and conservative approximations for causal interaction. Pre-print available.

> Hernández-Díaz S, Smith LH, Dollinger C, Schisterman E, Bellocco R, Wyszynski DF. International Registry of Coronavirus Exposure in Pregnancy (IRCEP) – Cohort description and methodological considerations.

> Modest AM, Smith LH, Toth TL, Collier AY, Hacker MR. Multifetal gestations mediate the effect of in vitro fertilization (IVF) on ischemic placental disease in autologous oocyte IVF more than donor oocyte IVF. Abstract available.

Ramjee D, Smith LH, Doanvo A, McNulty A, Charpignon ML, Lett E, Desai AN, Majumder MS. Evaluating criminal justice reform during COVID-19: The need for a novel sentiment analysis package. Pre-print available.

#### INVITED TALKS

"Causal inference in epidemiology using target trial principles: Applications in pregnancy and prostate cancer." Statistics seminar, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne. September 17, 2021.

"Multiple-bias sensitivity analysis using bounds." Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM). August 9, 2021.

"Simple sensitivity analysis for selection bias using bounds." 13th International Conference of the ERCIM WG on Computational and Methodological Statistics (CMStatistics). December 19, 2020.

"Discussion of 'Selection bias in 2020'." Online Causal Inference Seminar. December 8, 2020.

"The magic of R." Master of Food and Resource Economics Program, University of British Columbia. August 20, 2020.

"Data gets personal." Maine Medical Center R User Group. July 16, 2020.

"Data manipulation in R." Maine Medical Center R User Group. July 14, 2020.

"Data gets personal." RLadies Boston, January 29, 2020.

"Simple sensitivity analysis for selection bias." Koenen trauma epidemiology research group, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. December 4, 2019.

"Simple sensitivity analysis for selection bias." Department of Medical Epidemiology and Biostatistics student seminar, Karolinksa Institute. November 12, 2019.

"Simple sensitivity analysis for selection bias." Monthly methods call, Vaccine Safety Datalink. September 12, 2019.

# CONTRIBUTED PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

"COVID-19 and preterm birth: Understanding the relationship." Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research (SPER). June 16, 2021. Speed Talk Session.

"Challenges in estimating effects of COVID-19 on preterm birth." Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER). June 23, 2021. Oral Abstract Session.

"E-values, unmeasured confounding, measurement error, and selection bias." Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER). June 18, 2019; December 11, 2020; May 21, 2021. Online Pre-Conference Workshop, with Tyler VanderWeele / Maya Mathur.

"Simple sensitivity analysis for selection bias. Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER)." Minneapolis, MN, June 20, 2019. Concurrent Contributed Session Oral Presentation.

# POSTERS (FIRST AUTHOR)

- [1] **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 25, 2019. Runner-up: Best graduate student poster.
- [2] 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 8, 2017.
- [3] 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 20, 2016.

# SOFTWARE & ONLINE TOOLS

- [1] **Smith LH**. Simple sensitivity analysis for selection bias. *Online tool available at http://selection-bias.louisahsmith.com.*
- [2] 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*.
- [3] Smith LH. PHS Summer Prep. Online introduction to R, probability, and statistics for incoming PhD students available at bit.ly/phs-prep.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

## EPI 207: Advanced Epidemiologic Methods

2018 - 2020

Head teaching fellow *Instructor*: James Robins

#### BST 256: Theory and Methods for Causality I

2020

Teaching fellow

Instructor: Andrea Rotnitzky

Introduction to R

Instructor

Introduction to Epidemiology 2019 – 2020

Co-instructor

Co-instructor: David Cote

### PHS 2000: Quantitative Research Methods

2017 - 2019

2019 - 2020

Teaching fellow

Instructors: Tyler VanderWeele, Jarvis Chen, Michael Hughes, Jessica Cohen

## University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

#### PH 150A: Introduction to Epidemiology and Human Disease

2016

Graduate student instructor

Instructors: Lisa Barcellos and Mahasin Mujahid

#### PH 250A: Epidemiologic Methods

2015

Graduate student instructor Instructor: Sandra McCoy

#### Guest lectures

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.

#### OTHER.

Ad-hoc reviewer: American Journal of Epidemiology, Biometrika, Epidemiologic Reviews, Epidemiology, International Journal of Epidemiology, Journal of Causal Inference, Journal of Epidemiology, Paediatric and Perinatal Epidemiology

Member, Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER), SER Education Committee

Member, Society for Perinatal Epidemiologic Research (SPER)

Member, American Statistical Society (ASA)

#### OTHER

### Little Wound School, Kyle, SD

# Professional Experience

Elementary school teacher

2011 - 2014

- 3rd grade teacher of 10-20 students
- Taught reading, writing, math, science, social studies
- Lesson planning, curriculum mapping, analysis of student progress