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## RESEARCH

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- Bayesian estimation of spatio-temporal models.
- Space-State models and applications to Paleoclimate Reconstructions.
- Bayesian estimation of Dynamical Systems. Applications to epidemiological models.
- Applications of Statistical Learning techniques to epidemiological and climate modeling.
- Parameter Estimation of Long-Memory Processes.
- Functional data analysis.

## EDUCATION

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- **Purdue University** (West Lafayette, Indiana, USA)  
PhD Statistics, December 2012.  
Dissertation: New Methods of Estimation of Long-Memory Models with an Application in Climatology.  
Advisors: Frederi G. Viens, Bo Li.
- **Purdue University** (West Lafayette, Indiana, USA)  
MS Statistics with Specialization in Computational Finance, August 2011.
- **Universidad de Costa Rica** (San José, Costa Rica)  
MSc Applied Mathematics, July 2007.  
Dissertation: Interest Rate Swaps. Losses Estimation Model.  
Advisor: Jose A. Ramírez.
- **Universidad de Costa Rica** (San José, Costa Rica)  
Bachelor degree, Actuarial Science, December 2003.

## ACADEMIC HONORS

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- **UCREA Grant** for the research project: “LaBsiq: Medidas de educación comunitarias para la prevención de arbovirosis en un cantón modelo (Siquirres)”, Collaborator. 2022-2024.

- University of California at Davis - **Seed Grant Biostatistics, Public Health Sciences**. For the research project: Mathematical Models for Dengue Surveillance: Challenges and Opportunities. 2022.
- **UCREA Grant** for the research project: “Mathematical Models for the Development of Prevention/Control Strategies of *Aedes aegypti* in Costa Rica”, Collaborator. 2018-2020.
- **Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship**  
Graduate School. Purdue University. May-December 2012.
- **Summer Research Grant**  
Graduate School. Purdue University. June-August 2009.
- **PhD Scholarship**  
Oficina de Asuntos Internacionales. Universidad de Costa Rica. August 2007-May 2012.
- **Academic Excellence Diploma**  
Universidad de Costa Rica. “Highest GPA: Actuarial Science Major”. 2003.
- **Academic Excellence Diploma**  
Universidad de Costa Rica. “Highest GPA: Sciences Area”. 1999.

## RESEARCH PAPERS

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1. Gómez, M. J., Barboza, L. A., Vásquez, P., and Moraga, P. (2023). Bayesian spatial modeling of childhood overweight and obesity prevalence in Costa Rica. *BMC Public Health*, 23(1), 651. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-023-15486-1>.
2. Barboza, L. A., Chou-Chen, S.-W., Vásquez, P., García, Y. E., Calvo, J. G., Hidalgo, H. G., and Sanchez, F. (2023). Assessing dengue fever risk in Costa Rica by using climate variables and machine learning techniques. *PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases*, 17(1), e0011047. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pntd.0011047>.
3. Calvo, J. G., Sanchez, F., Barboza, L. A., García, Y. E., and Vásquez, P. (2022). An implementation of a multilayer network model for the Covid-19 pandemic: A Costa Rica study. *Mathematical Biosciences and Engineering: MBE*, 20(1), 534–551. <https://doi.org/10.3934/mbe.2023024>.
4. Vásquez, P., Sanchez, F., Barboza, L., García, Y. E., Calvo, J. G., Chou-Chen, S.-W., and Mery, G. (2022). Mathematical and statistical models for the control of mosquito-borne diseases: the experience of Costa Rica. *Revista Panamericana de Salud Publica [Pan American Journal of Public Health]*, 46, 1. <https://doi.org/10.26633/rpsp.2022.113>
5. Sanchez, F., Calvo, J. G., Mery, G., García, Y. E., Vásquez, P., Barboza, L., Pérez, M. D., and Rivas, T. (2022). A multilayer network model of Covid-19: Implications in public health policy in Costa Rica. *Epidemics*, 39(100577), 100577. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.epidem.2022.100577>

6. García, Y., Mery, G., Vásquez, P., Calvo, J.G., Barboza, L., Rivas, T., Sanchez, F. Projecting the Impact of Covid-19 Variants and Vaccination Strategies in Disease Transmission using a Multilayer Network Model in Costa Rica. (2022). *Scientific Reports* 12:2279.
7. Montesinos-López JC, Daza-Torres ML, García YE, Barboza.L., Sanchez F, Schmidt AJ, Pollock BH, Nuño M. The Role of SARS-CoV-2 Testing on Hospitalizations in California. *Life*. 2021; 11(12):1336. <https://doi.org/10.3390/life11121336>
8. Barboza, L., Vásquez, P., Mery, G., Sánchez, F., García, Y., Calvo, J.G., Rivas, T., Salas, D. The Role of Mobility and Sanitary Measures on the Delay of Community Transmission of COVID-19 in Costa Rica (2021). *Epidemiologia* 2021, 2(3), 294-304; <https://doi.org/10.3390/epidemiologia2030022>.
9. Lucke, O., Vega, A., Varela, M. Barboza, L., Garbanzo, J. The improvements of the Costa Rican ground-based gravity dataset as a result of a comprehensive attribute and spatial assessment of the historical databases (2021). *Applied Geomatics* 12(4). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12518-021-00356-5>
10. Vazquez, P., Loría, A., Sánchez, F., Barboza, L. Climate-driven statistical models as effective predictors of local dengue incidence in Costa Rica: A Generalized Additive Model and Random Forest approach (2020). *Revista de Matemática: Teoría y Aplicaciones*, 27(1): 1-21.
11. Barboza, L., Emile-Geay, J., Li, B. and He, W. Efficient Reconstructions of Common Era Climate via Integrated Nested Laplace Approximations (2019). *Journal of Agricultural, Biological and Environmental Statistics (JABES)*, 24(3) 535-554.
12. Neukom, R., Barboza, L., Erb, M., Shi, F., Emile-Geay, J., Evans, M., Franke, J., Kaufman, D., Lücke, L., Rehfeld, K., Schurer, A., Zhu, F., Brönnimann, S., Hakim, G., Henley, B., Charpentier, F., McKay, N., Valler, V., von Gunten, L. Consistent multi-decadal variability in global temperature reconstructions and simulations over the Common Era (2019). *Nature Geoscience* 12, 643-649.
13. Sánchez, F., Barboza, L., Vázquez, P. Parameter estimates of the 2016-2017 Zika outbreak in Costa Rica: An Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC) Approach (2019). *Mathematical Biosciences and Engineering* 16(4): 2738-2755.
14. Arroyo, J., Sánchez, F. and Barboza, L. Infection model for analyzing biological control of coffee rust using bacterial anti-fungal compounds. (2019) *Mathematical Biosciences*. 307, 13-24.
15. Sanchez, F., Barboza, L., Burton, D., Cintrón-Arias, A. Comparative Analysis of Dengue versus Chikungunya Outbreaks in Costa Rica. (2018) *Ricerche di Matematica*. Springer. 67: 163. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11587-018-0362-3>.
16. Sibaja, R., Barboza, L., Rojas, C. Can mycetozoans be used as health indicators of soil in the agricultural context of Costa Rica? (2018) *Revista de Ciencias Ambientales (Tropical Journal of Environmental Sciences)* 52(1): 161-174.

17. Barboza, L. and Viens, F. Parameter Estimation of Gaussian Stationary Processes using the Generalized Method of Moments. Volume 11, Number 1, 401-439. *Electronic Journal of Statistics*. (2017).
18. Li, B., Barboza, L., Tingley, M. and Viens, F., Discussion on Temperature Reconstruction with Sediment Core Data in Ilvonen et al. (2016), *Environmetrics*. 27, 428-430.
19. Barboza, L., Li, B., Tingley, M. and Viens, F. Reconstructing Past Climate from Natural Proxies and Estimated Climate Forcings using Long Memory Models. *Annals of Applied Statistics*. Volume 8, Number 4, 1966-2001. (2014).

## TECHNICAL REPORTS

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1. Arias, R. Barboza, L. Ramírez, José A. Estudio Actuarial del Seguro de Invalidez, Vejez y Muerte administrado por la Caja Costarricense de Seguro Social. 2016.
2. Barboza, L. Solís, M. Víquez, Juan J. Informe Técnico. Convenio CCSS-SUPEN-UCR. 2015.
3. Barboza, L., Hernández, G. Evaluación Actuarial del Fondo de Socorro Mutuo de COOPEJUDICIAL R.L. 2014.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- *Mathematics Department, Universidad de Costa Rica*  
Profesor Asociado (January 2013-)
  - Actuarial Science courses. Level: third and fourth year, bachelor degree.
  - Calculus and linear algebra courses for Engineering and Economics.
  - Creation of optative course in Time Series and Space-State processes.
  - Courses of the Master's program in Applied Mathematics.
- *Statistics Department, Universidad de Costa Rica*  
Professor of graduate-level courses: Master's academic program in Statistics (January 2014-December 2015).
- *Statistics Department, Purdue University*  
Teaching Assistant (TA) (August 2007-May 2012)
  - Undergraduate courses (recitations and lectures) of Probability and Statistics: STAT 113, STAT 225, STAT 301.
  - Graduate course (lectures) of Financial Algorithms and Applications: STAT 598W.
  - Help Sessions related to statistical software (SAS, SPSS)
  - Grader in different courses for the Master and PhD programs in Statistics (Statistical Methods, Statistical Theory and Probability, Financial Mathematics)

- *Mathematics Department, Universidad de Costa Rica*  
Profesor Instructor (August 2003-June 2007)
  - Actuarial Science Courses and Calculus courses for students in Engineering and Economics majors.
  - MATLAB and VBA Labs with Actuarial Applications.
  - Teaching Assistant in Probability, Stochastic Processes and Real Analysis courses.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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- *Centro de Investigación en Matemática Pura y Aplicada, UCR*  
Director (2021-2025).

#### CONFERENCES

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- International Conference on Malliavin Calculus and Stochastic Analysis. University of Kansas (March 2011) **Poster Session.**
- Coloquios de Matemática. Escuela de Matemática. Universidad de Costa Rica (June 2011) **Invited Talk.**
- TIES Third North American Regional Meeting. La Crosse, Wisconsin, USA. (July 2011) **Invited Talk.**
- XII Latin American Congress of Probability and Mathematical Statistics. Viña del Mar, Chile. (March 2012) **Contributed Talk.**
- AMS 2012 Spring Central Section Meeting. University of Kansas. Lawrence, KS, USA. (April 2012) **Invited Talk.**
- 8th International Purdue Symposium on Statistics. Purdue University. West Lafayette, IN, USA. (June 2012) **Invited Talk.**
- Probability Seminar. Purdue University. West Lafayette, IN, USA. (October 2012) **Contributed talk.**
- Graduate Student Organization (GSO-Statistics). Purdue University. West Lafayette, IN, USA. (November 2012) **Contributed talk.**
- XXXVIII Mini-Congreso. Centro de Investigaciones Geofísicas (CIGEFI). Universidad de Costa Rica. San José, Costa Rica. (April 2013) **Contributed talk.**
- Primer Simposio Centroamericano de Estadística Bayesiana. Escuela de Estadística, Universidad de Costa Rica. San José, Costa Rica (July 2013) **Contributed talk.**
- I Congreso Regional de Estadística y Matemática. Universidad de El Salvador. San Salvador, El Salvador. (July 2014) **Invited talk.**

- XIII Latin American Congress of Probability and Mathematical Statistics. Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. (September 2014) **Contributed Talk.**
- Pre-World Congress Meeting of New Researchers in Statistics and Probability. Fields Institute. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (July 2016) **Poster Session.**
- World Congress in Probability and Statistics. Fields Institute. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (July 2016) **Contributed Talk.**
- XIV Latin American Congress of Probability and Mathematical Statistics. San José, Costa Rica. (December 2016) **Contributed Talk.**
- 28th Annual Conference of the International Environmetrics Society (TIES 2018). CIMAT. Guanajuato, México. (July 2018). **Invited Talk.**
- Mini-Congreso. Centro de Investigaciones Geofísicas (CIGEFI). Universidad de Costa Rica. San José, Costa Rica. (April 2019) **Contributed Talk.**
- Division of Applied Mathematics. Brown University, Providence, RI, USA. (October 2019) **Invited Talk.**
- II Semana de Riesgos. Instituto Nacional de Seguros. San José, Costa Rica (October 2020) **Invited Talk.**
- Workshop: Climate Change, Human Behavior, and Vector-Borne Diseases. University of California, Davis (UCDavis). (May 2022). **Invited Talk.**
- Mini-Congreso. Centro de Investigaciones Geofísicas (CIGEFI). Universidad de Costa Rica. San José, Costa Rica. (May 2022) **Contributed Talk.**
- Seminario Divisional de Ciencia de Datos. Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Iztapalapa, Ciudad de México, México. (July 2022) **Invited talk** (on-line)

#### MAJOR ADVISOR OF:

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- Fabio Santamaría. Tesis: Aplicación de Series de Tiempo en la Evaluación de Regímenes de Pensiones. *Licenciatura en Ciencias Actuariales*. 2016.
- Greivin Hernández González. Tesis: Modelo Espacial Bayesiano para la Incidencia de Dengue en la Isla Principal de Puerto Rico para el Año 2014. *Maestría Académica en Matemática Aplicada*. 2017.
- Andrés Quirós Granados. Tesis: Estimación de Parámetros en un Modelo de Volatilidad Estocástica con Memoria Larga usando Filtro de Partículas. *Maestría Académica en Matemática Aplicada*. 2021.
- Siviany Araya Vargas. Tesis: Aplicación de la Teoría Bayesiana en la Tarificación de un Seguro de Aviación. *Licenciatura en Ciencias Actuariales*. 2021.
- Luis Diego Fernández. Tesis: Efecto de la Dependencia entre Retornos Financieros en la Optimización de Portafolios de Inversión: un Abordaje mediante el Uso de Cópulas. *Maestría Académica en Estadística*. 2021.

- Yenny Rodriguez Campos and Ricardo Venegas Oses. Tesis: Tabla de Mortalidad para Riesgos de Trabajo aplicando Modelos de Supervivencia. *Licenciatura en Ciencias Actuariales*.2022.

#### REVIEWER OF:

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- **Academic Journals:** Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Journal of Time Series Analysis, Environmetrics, Plos One, SIAM Journal of Control and Optimization, Stochastics and Dynamics, Electronic Journal of Statistics, Revista de Matemática: Teoría y Aplicaciones.
- **Risk Models and coding:** Banco Nacional de Costa Rica.

#### INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE

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- *Dirección Corporativa de Riesgo, Banco Nacional de Costa Rica*  
Quantitative Analyst and Actuary (2005-2007)
  - Quantitative modeling (Finance) and implementation.
  - Actuarial studies.
- *Dirección Actuarial, Caja Costarricense de Seguro Social*  
Actuary (2002-2005)
  - Actuarial studies of retirement and healthcare funds.

#### TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- Mathematical and statistical software: R, MATLAB, Python.
- General Programming languages: C++, Visual Basic.

#### PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIP

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- The International Environmetrics Society (TIES)
- Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS)
- International Statistical Institute (ISI)
- Colegio de Profesionales en Ciencias Económicas de Costa Rica.