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Education	PhD, Statistics, North Carolina State University, expected 2026; minor in Math MS, Statistics, Miami University, 2022 BS, Mathematics, University of Houston, 2020; minor in Computer Science
Positions	Research Assistant, Dept. of Statistics, NC State Univ., Fall 2024 – Ongoing Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Statistics, NC State Univ., Aug 2022 – Aug 2024 Researcher, Dept. of Statistics, Miami Univ., Aug 2021 – Aug 2022 Graduate Assistant, Dept. of Statistics, Miami Univ., Aug 2020 – May 2022 Grader, Dept. of Mathematics, Univ. of Houston, Jan 2017 – Dec 2019 Researcher, Dept. of Mathematics, Univ. of Houston, June 2018 – Aug 2018
Research Interests	Bayesian Computation Uncertainty Quantification Bayesian Machine Learning Dimension Reduction Recursive Bayesian Estimation Computer Vision
Application Interests	Environmental Applications Epidemiological Applications Biological Applications Healthcare Applications
Awards	JSM 2025 ENVR Student Award Graduate School Diversity Enhancement Grant Award (UNC Campus) University of Houston Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship 2018
Peer-Reviewed Papers	Maceda, E., Hector, E. C., Lenzi, A., & Reich, B. J. (2024). A variational neural Bayes framework for inference on intractable posterior distributions. arXiv preprint arXiv:2404.10899. <i>In submission (Environmetrics)</i> Maceda, E., Qu, Z., Reich, B.J. (20??). A novel Approach to Nox Emission Estimates. <i>In preparation.</i> Maceda, E., Miller, J., Reyes-Roza, S., Hernandez, P., Miller, M., Sazdanovic, R., Hill, N. A., Josephs, N., Olufsen, M. S. (20??). Branching Angles in Pulmonary Arterial Networks of Control and Pulmonary Hypertensive Mice. <i>In preparation.</i>

Unpublished Projects

1. Using data from O’Keefe et. Al (2015), analyzed baseline microbiome populations in Africans and African Americans using Bayesian Hierarchical modeling with a Gibbs Sampling Algorithm
2. Conducted a Bayesian Analysis of Extreme Stream Overflows across the United States using an MCMC Metropolis-Hastings sampling algorithm with data collected by the USGS’ Hydro-Climatic Data Network.
3. Explored scalable community detection methods in networks—notably the PACE and GALE algorithm as proposed by Mukherjee et. Al (2021)
4. Wrote a blog post on the paper Becker et. Al (1997), which explored the uniqueness of the EM Algorithm’s optimization technique and how it could be used in other optimization problems.
5. Worked with Dr. Stephen Write to optimize an EMS system using R code and data from Snyder and Smucker (2022). Devised a decision-making technique to minimize the longest response times of an EMS system of any given county.
6. Collaborated on a project categorizing NASA lunar basalt samples by their trace elements to aid Aleks Gawronska with her PhD dissertation (2023).
7. Consulted Dr. Dee Kinney on a research paper to assess the effectiveness of the Maximize Life Minimize Risk Alcohol Awareness Course offered in Ohio.
8. Contributed code to an Ohio Data Visualization Application currently under development by the students in the Department of Statistics, led by Dr. Bailer
9. Developed a prototype of an interactive, electronic version of the NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards for Dr. Whittaker using R’s shiny package.
10. Inspected how widespread the American Opioid Crisis is among states, demographics, and regions using online databases and SAS.
11. Analyzed online breast cancer data by testing it for mathematical properties and by creating a logistic regression model to predict future outcomes of cancerous tumors, given the size and dimensions of a tumor.

Teaching

- Intro. to Statistics, NC State University (Fall and Spring 2022-2024, Sum 2024)
- NC State Statistics PhD Program Qualifying Exam Bootcamp (Sum 2024)
- Intro. to Statistics, Miami University (Fall and Spring 2020-2022)