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## Education

**Ph.D. in Statistics | 09/2017 – 2022 (expected) | University of Toronto**

- GPA: 4.0/4.0
- Supervisor: Prof. Stanislav Volgushev

**M.Sc. in Statistics | 09/2015 – 08/2017 | Université de Montréal**

- GPA: 4.275/4.3
- Thesis: [Convergence of a Random Walk Metropolis Algorithm for Bimodal Target Distributions](#)
- Supervisor: Prof. Mylène Bédard

**B.Sc. in Mathematics | 09/2012 – 05/2015 | Université de Montréal**

- GPA: 3.69/4.3 (Award of academic excellence)

## Publications

### Published

**Lalancette, M., Engelke, S. and Volgushev, S. (2021).** Rank-based estimation under asymptotic dependence and independence, with applications to spatial extremes. *The Annals of Statistics* 49(5), 2552–2576.

### Preprint

**Engelke, S., Lalancette, M. and Volgushev, S. (2021).** Concentration bounds for the extremal variogram. ([arXiv:2111.00840](#))

**Lalancette, M. and Zimmerman, R. (2022).** A new family of smooth copulas with arbitrarily irregular densities. ([arXiv:2204.04336](#))

### In preparation

**Engelke, S., Lalancette, M. and Volgushev, S. (2022+).** High-dimensional inference for extremal graphical models.

**Engelke, S., Lalancette, M. and Volgushev, S. (2022+).** Asymptotic analysis of the empirical variogram.

**Bücher, A., Lalancette, M., Segers, J. and Volgushev, S. (2022+).** The empirical copula process on classes of non-rectangular sets.

**Berger, D., Lalancette, M., Lefebvre, G., Keezer, M.R. and Sylvestre, M.-P. (2022+).** BoGlasso: Graphical Lasso estimation through the Bootstrap.

## Talks and presentations

**Invited talk, JSM 2022 | Washington | 08/2022**

Title: High-dimensional inference for extremal graphical models

**Invited talk, IMS 2022 | University of London | 06/2022**

Title: High-dimensional inference for extremal graphical models

**Contributed talk, SSC 2022 | Online | 06/2022**

Title: High-dimensional inference for extremal graphical models

**Invited seminar | Technical University of Munich | 11/2021**

Title: The extremal graphical lasso

**Invited seminar | Université Catholique de Louvain | 10/2021**

Title: The extremal graphical lasso

**Invited talk, Extreme Value Analysis 2021 | University of Edinburgh | 07/2021**

Title: Concentration and asymptotic normality of the empirical variogram, with application to structure learning

**Contributed talk, SSC 2021 | Online | 06/2021**

Title: Rank-based estimation under asymptotic dependence and independence, with applications to spatial extremes

**Contributed talk, SGS Research Day 2021 | Fields Institute | 04/2021**

Title: Rank-based estimation under asymptotic dependence and independence, with applications to spatial extremes

**Invited talk, SAMARI 2021 | Université de Montréal | 03/2021**

Title: La théorie des valeurs extrêmes

**Contributed talk, Extreme Value Analysis 2019 | University of Zagreb | 07/2019**

Title: Rank-based M-estimation for tail dependence and independence

**Poster presentation, SGS Research Day 2019 | Fields Institute | 04/2019**

Title: Rank-based M-estimation for tail dependence and independence

**Contributed talk, SSC 2018 | McGill University | 06/2018**

Title: Convergence of a random walk Metropolis algorithm for bimodal target distribution

## Scholarships and awards

**Arts & Science Doctoral Excellence Scholarship | University of Toronto | 06/2021**

Worth: 5 000\$

**Postgraduate Scholarship - Doctoral | NSERC of Canada | 09/2019 – 08/2021**

Worth: 42 000\$ (declined)

**Probability Section Student Research Presentation Award | SSC | 06/2018**

Awarded to the best student presentation in probability given at the 2018 SSC annual meeting. Worth: 500\$

**Ontario Graduate Scholarships | Government of Ontario | 09/2017 – 08/2021**

Awarded four (4) times. Worth: 15 000\$ each time

**Doctoral Scholarship | FRQNT | 09/2017 – 08/2020**

Worth: 60 000\$

## Teaching experience

**Instructor | University of Toronto | 05/2019 – 06/2019**

- STA247 (Probability with Computer Applications)

**Teaching Assistant | University of Toronto | 09/2018 – 12/2021**

- STA2111 (Graduate Probability I)
- STA490 (Statistical Consultation, Communication, and Collaboration)

**Instructor | Université de Montréal | 01/2017 – 04/2017**

- STT2100/STT6115 (Bayesian Decision Theory, Cross-listed graduate and undergraduate course)

**Teaching Assistant | Université de Montréal | 01/2015 – 12/2016**

- STT2000 (Survey Sampling Theory)
- MAT1978 (Probability and Statistics for Scientists and Engineers)
- STT3700 (Statistical Inference)
- STT1700 (Introduction to Statistics)
- MAT2717 (Stochastic Processes)
- STT1901 (Statistics for Social Scientists)

## Service and leadership

**Peer review work**

I have served as a reviewer for the *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, the journal *Extremes* and the *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series B*.

**President, Statistics Graduate Students' Union | University of Toronto | 09/2018 – 08/2019**

Responsibilities included supervising the executive committee's activities and communication with the department.

**Chair, Organizing committee, SGS Research Day 2019 | Fields Institute | 10/2018 – 04/2019**

Responsibilities included inviting speakers, securing space and funding, managing most of the local arrangements, supervising and animating the event. More information about the event on the [webpage](#).

**Committee Member, Association of Graduate Students in Mathematics and Statistics | Université de Montréal | 11/2016 – 08/2017**

I was in charge of organizing meetings and social activities for graduate students.

**Volunteer in various academic events**

- DataFest, University of Toronto Scarborough, 05/2019
- Canadian Undergraduate Mathematics Conference, Montréal, 07/2017
- Congrès MATH.en.JEANS, Montréal | 03/2017

## Computer knowledge

**Advanced level:** R,  $\text{\LaTeX}$

**Introductory to intermediate level:** C, C++, html/css, markdown, SAS, SPSS, MATLAB, Mathematica

## Personal information

**Languages:** French (mother tongue), English (fluent), German (introductory)

**Citizenship:** Canadian