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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University PhD, Statistics & Data Science	2022 – present
Loyola University Chicago MS, Applied Statistics	2020 – 2021
Wittenberg University BS, Mathematics & Data Science	2017 – 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Carnegie Mellon University Graduate Researcher (Advisor: Ron Yurko)	2023 – present
Carnegie Mellon University Advanced Data Analysis Project (Advisor: Nynke Niezink)	2022 – 2023
Loyola University Chicago Graduate Research Assistant (Advisor: Gregory J. Matthews)	2020 – 2021
Wittenberg University Senior Honors Thesis Research (Advisor: Douglas M. Andrews)	2019 – 2020

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Carnegie Mellon University Instructor Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) in Statistics	Summer 2024
Teaching Assistant 36-460/660: Sports Analytics	Spring 2024
36-468/668: Text Analysis	Fall 2023
Carnegie Mellon Sports Analytics Camp (CMSACamp)/ Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) in Statistics	Summer 2023
36-402/608: Advanced Methods for Data Analysis	Spring 2023
36-401/607: Modern Regression	Fall 2022
Loyola University Chicago Instructor STAT 103: Fundamentals of Statistics (3 sections)	Spring 2022
Wittenberg University Math Workshop Head Tutor	2018 – 2020
Faculty Aide	2018 – 2020
Clarkston Senior High School S.U.M. (Student Understanding Math) Assistant	2017

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Q. Nguyen, R. Yurko, G. J. Matthews. Here Comes the STRAIN: Analyzing Defensive Pass Rush in American Football with Player Tracking Data. *The American Statistician* **78**(2), 199–208, 2024. [doi:](#)

[10.1080/00031305.2023.2242442](https://doi.org/10.1080/00031305.2023.2242442); [arXiv: 2305.10262](https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.10262).

Editors' Choice Collection.

Q. Nguyen, G. J. Matthews. Filling the Gaps: A Multiple Imputation Approach to Estimating Aging Curves in Baseball. *Journal of Sports Analytics* **10**(1), 77–85, 2024. [doi: 10.3233/JSA-240744](https://doi.org/10.3233/JSA-240744); [arXiv: 2210.02383](https://arxiv.org/abs/2210.02383).

B. S. Baumer, G. J. Matthews, **Q. Nguyen**. Big Ideas in Sports Analytics and Statistical Tools for their Investigation. *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Computational Statistics* **15**(6). 2023. [doi: 10.1002/wics.1612](https://doi.org/10.1002/wics.1612); [arXiv: 2301.04001](https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.04001).

Q. Nguyen, H. Butler, G. J. Matthews. An Examination of Olympic Sport Climbing Competition Format and Scoring System. *Journal of Data Science* **20**(2), 156–167, 2022. [doi: 10.6339/22-JDS1042](https://doi.org/10.6339/22-JDS1042); [arXiv: 2111.05310](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.05310).

Q. Nguyen. Poisson Modeling and Predicting English Premier League Goal Scoring. *New England Journal of Statistics in Data Science* **1**(1), 95–101. 2023. [doi: 10.51387/21-NEJSDS1](https://doi.org/10.51387/21-NEJSDS1); [arXiv: 2105.09881](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.09881).

Submitted

Q. Nguyen, R. Jiang, M. Ellingwood, R. Yurko. Fractional Tackles: Leveraging Player Tracking Data for Within-Play Tackling Evaluation in American Football. 2024. (Under review.) [arXiv: 2403.14769](https://arxiv.org/abs/2403.14769).

Other

Q. Nguyen, L. Jiang, M. Ellingwood, R. Yurko. Momentum-based fractional tackles. NFL Big Data Bowl 2024. <https://www.kaggle.com/code/tindata/momentum-based-fractional-tackles>

G. J. Matthews, **Q. Nguyen**. STRAIN: Sacks, Tackles, Rushing, Aggression INdex. NFL Big Data Bowl 2023. <https://www.kaggle.com/code/statsinthewild/strain-sacks-tackles-rushing-aggression-index>

B. S. Baumer, **Q. Nguyen**, G. J. Matthews. CRAN Task View: Sports Analytics. The Comprehensive R Archive Network. 2022. <https://cran.r-project.org/web/views/SportsAnalytics.html>

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Invited

Q. Nguyen. Advances in pass rush and tackling evaluation in American football with player tracking data. 2024 *Joint Statistical Meetings*. August 2024.

Q. Nguyen, L. Jiang, M. Ellingwood, R. Yurko. Fractional tackles. *UConn Sports Analytics Symposium*. April 2024.

Q. Nguyen, L. Jiang, M. Ellingwood, R. Yurko. Momentum-based fractional tackles. *NFL Big Data Bowl 2024 Final*. February 2024.

Finalist (Top 5 + \$12,500 prize)

Q. Nguyen. Opportunities in sports analytics with player tracking data: A case study of NFL pass rush evaluation. *Data Science Seminar, Loyola University Chicago*. November 2023.

Q. Nguyen, R. Yurko, G. J. Matthews. Here Comes the STRAIN: Analyzing Defensive Pass Rush in American Football with Player Tracking Data. *New England Symposium on Statistics in Sports*. September 2023.

Featured talk

G. J. Matthews, **Q. Nguyen**. STRAIN: Sacks, Tackles, Rushing, Aggression INdex. *NFL Big Data Bowl 2023 Final*. March 2023.

Finalist (Top 8 + \$10,000 prize)

Q. Nguyen, G. J. Matthews. Estimating Aging Curves: Using Multiple Imputation to Examine Career Trajectories of MLB Offensive Players. *Carnegie Mellon Sports Analytics Conference*. October 2022.

Third Place, Open Methodology Track, Reproducible Research Competition

Q. Nguyen, H. Butler, G. J. Matthews. An Examination of Olympic Sport Climbing Competition Format and Scoring System. *Cascadia Symposium on Statistics in Sports*. September 2022.

Q. Nguyen, H. Butler, G. J. Matthews. An Examination of Sport Climbing's Competition Format and Scoring System. *Carnegie Mellon Sports Analytics Conference*. November 2021.

Winner, Open Methodology Track, Reproducible Research Competition

Posters

Q. Nguyen, H. Butler, G. J. Matthews. Concerns Regarding Sport Climbing Competition Format and Scoring System: Who's Suffering? *UConn Sports Analytics Symposium*. October 2021.

Winner, Student Poster Award.

Q. Nguyen. Poisson Modeling and Predicting English Premier League Goal Scoring. *NextGen: Data Science Day - New England Statistical Society*. November 2020.

Co-Winner, Poster Competition, Undergrad/MS Group.

Q. Nguyen. Poisson Modeling and Predicting English Premier League Goal Scoring. *Carnegie Mellon Sports Analytics Conference*. October 2020.

Q. Nguyen. Poisson Modeling and Predicting English Premier League Goal Scoring. *UConn Sports Analytics Symposium*. October 2020.

Workshops

Q. Nguyen. Big Data Bowl Workshop. *Carnegie Mellon Sports Analytics Conference*. November 2023.

Guest Lectures

Q. Nguyen. Big Data Bowl: Overview, Getting Started, My Experience, and more. *Summer Undergraduate Research Experience in Statistics (Carnegie Mellon Sports Analytics Camp)*. July 2023.

Q. Nguyen. Web Scraping: A Primer. *Summer Undergraduate Research Experience in Statistics (Carnegie Mellon Sports Analytics Camp)*. July 2023.

HONORS & AWARDS

UCSAS 2024 Student Travel Support 2024
UConn Sports Analytics Symposium 2024

University of Toronto Sports Analytics Group (UTSPAN) Scholarship 2022
Cascadia Symposium on Statistics in Sports (CASSIS) 2022

Merit Award 2020 – 2021
MS in Applied Statistics Program, Loyola University Chicago

Summa Cum Laude 2020
Graduated with the highest distinction, Wittenberg University

Departmental Honors 2020
Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Wittenberg University

Phi Beta Kappa 2020
Omicron of Ohio Chapter, Wittenberg University

Pi Mu Epsilon 2020
Ohio Upsilon Chapter, Wittenberg University

The Charles and Elsie Little Mathematics Award 2020
Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Wittenberg University
Awarded to the most outstanding senior majoring in mathematics and data science

Pick and Pen Wittenberg University	2019
Mathematics 202 Award Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Wittenberg University Awarded to an outstanding first-year student in the introductory calculus sequence	2018
Textbook Award Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Wittenberg University	2018
Phi Eta Sigma Wittenberg University	2018
Dean's List Wittenberg University	All semesters; 2017 – 2020

SKILLS

Computing: R/RStudio (expert); Python, SQL, SAS, Git/GitHub (basic)

Typesetting: markdown, L^AT_EX (proficient)

Bilingual: Vietnamese (native language) and English (proficient)

SERVICES

Organizer

Statistics in sports reading/research group
Department of Statistics & Data Science, Carnegie Mellon University 2023 – present

Program Committee

UConn Sports Analytics Symposium 2024

Reviewer

Journal of Quantitative Analysis in Sports 2022, 2023
Machine Learning 2024

Judge

USOPC Data Challenge 2024
UCSAS 2024 Student Poster Award 2024

Mentoring

Women in Data Science (WiDS) Chicago Datathon 2022

Statistical Consulting

Loyola University Chicago 2021 – 2022
Clients: Stritch School of Medicine; Department of Biology; City of Milwaukee Assessor's Office

MEDIA

Committee Collaboration Yields Editors' Choice Collection 2024
Amstat News (American Statistical Association)

<https://magazine.amstat.org/blog/2024/01/02/editors-choice-collection>

An Examination of Sport Climbing with Quang Nguyen 2022
Open Source Sports Podcast, Episode IX Guest

<https://opensourcesports.substack.com/p/an-examination-of-sport-climbing-a1e>

Viz Buzz 2022

Episodes 2, 3, 4, 5 Contestant (Episodes 3 & 4 Lap Winner)

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2rVQ3cmgOyx_CdtKOA0oX2pikOcc_xu-

Can you pick the AFL's Brownlow Medal winner without knowing the first thing about Australian rules?

2021

ABC News (Australia)

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-09-19/afl-trying-to-predict-the-2021-brownlow-medal-winner/100472246>

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