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Current position

PhD student in Statistical Sciences, *University of Padova, Dept. of Statistical Sciences*, Padova, under the supervision of prof. [Bruno Scarpa](#).

Education

- 2013–2015 **Master in Statistical Sciences**, *University of Padova, Dept. of Statistical Sciences*, *Final Mark*: 110/110 cum laude,
Thesis: *Olfactory perception differences in Italian regions: a nonparametric Bayesian approach to tensor factorization*.
Advisor: [Bruno Scarpa](#); Co-advisor: Giancarlo Ottaviano
- 2009 – 2013 **Bachelor in Statistical and Actuarial sciences**, *Università degli studi del Sannio, Benevento*, *Final Mark*: 110/110 cum laude,
Thesis: *Multivariate robust estimation*.
Advisor: [Luca Greco](#)

Academic experience

- Published **Cabassi, A., Casa, A., Fontana, M., Russo, M., and Farcomeni, A.**, *Three testing perspectives on connectome data*, Springer Proceedings in Mathematics & Statistics, vol 257, 37–55. Springer, Cham, 2018.
- Russo, M., Durante, D. & Scarpa, B.**, *Bayesian Inference on Group Differences in Multivariate Categorical Data*, Computational Statistics & Data Analysis. 126, 136-149, 2018.
- Cantone E., Ciofalo A., Vodicka J., Iacono V., Mylonakis I., Scarpa B., Russo M., Iengo M., de Vincentiis M., Martini A. and Ottaviano G.**, *Pleasantness of olfactory and trigeminal stimulants in different Italian regions.*, European Archives of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology, 1–7, 2017.
- Russo, M.**, *Detecting Group Differences in Multivariate Categorical Data*, Proceedings the Italian Statistical Society, Firenze University Press, 2017.
- Submitted **Russo, M., Singer, B. H. & Dunson, D. B.**, *Multivariate mixed membership modeling: Inferring domain-specific risk profiles*, arXiv preprint, arXiv:1901.05191.
- Presentations **Soft classification tree ensemble of Higgs pair production**, *Advanced Statistics for Physics Discovery*, Padova, Italy, September 24, 2018, (Poster).
- Scalable inference for network factor model**, *Advanced Statistics for Physics Discovery*, Padova, Italy, September 24, 2018, (Speed Talk).
- Multivariate mixed membership modeling: Inferring domain-specific risk profiles**, *IBC2018*, Barcellona, Spain, July 10, 2018, (Contributed talk).

Multivariate mixed membership modeling: Inferring domain-specific risk profiles, *ISBA2018*, Edinburgh, United Kingdom, June 29, 2018, (Poster).

A multivariate mixed membership model for malaria risk detection, *Obayes2017*, Austin, Texas, December 11, 2017, (Poster).

Detecting Group Differences in Multivariate Categorical Data, *SIS2017*, Florence, Italy, June 28, 2017, (Poster).

Bayesian Inference on Group Differences in Multivariate Categorical Data, *COBAL V*, Cimat, Guanajuato, Mexico, June 8, 2017, (Contributed talk).

Bayesian Inference on Group Differences in Multivariate Categorical Data, *ISBA2016*, Sardinia, Italy, June 16, 2016, (Poster).

Teaching **Parallel Computing for big data analysis**, 16 & 23 March 2018, Specialist lectures during the class of *Statistical Methods for Big Data Analysis* of Prof. Bruno Scarpa, University of Padova, Dept. of Statistical Sciences, Padova, Italy.

Research interests Bayesian nonparametrics, Tensor Factorization, Categorical variables, Hierarchical models, Models for Latent Variables, Machine Learning and Data Mining, Computational Statistics.

Awards

Winner of the *3 minutes thesis competition* selection of Dept. of Statistical Sciences, University of Padova, October 19, 2018.

Young researcher travel award *ISBA2018*, Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

Young researcher travel award *ISBA2016*, Sardinia, Italy.

Work experience

Oct. 2014 – Jul. 2015 **Tutor**, *University of Padua, Dept. of Statistical Sciences*, Padova.
Small lectures and homework assistance for undergraduate/graduate students.

Study visits

Nov. 2016 – June 2017 **Visiting Research Scholar**, *Duke University, Department of Statistical Science*, Durham, NC, USA, under the supervision of prof. [David B. Dunson](#).
Sept. 2017 – Mar. 2018

Languages

Italian: native; English: fluent; French: basic; Spanish: basic.

Computing skills

Programming languages R (advanced) practice of Rcpp, plyr/dplyr, ggplot2, shiny libraries, C/C++, JAVA, Python, Julia, Matlab.

Operative System Linux (Fedora/Ubuntu), Windows, OSX and relative softwares.

Software SPSS, PSPP, Office, SQL/MYSQL, BUGS/JAGS/STAN, NIMBLE.

Other L^AT_EX, Sweave, Knitr, Markdown, git/github, vim & emacs.

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