

Curriculum Vitae, October 2025
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2 Summary of Academic Profile

- PhD in Statistics experienced in the Irish University system.
- Successful leader at departmental, faculty and statistical community levels.
- Enthusiastic Statistics educator, renowned worldwide for my innovative teaching methods.
- Highly ambitious and driven researcher, having built an international reputation as an expert in Statistics and its applications to Ecology, Biology and Agriculture over the past 16 years.
- A total of 109 peer-reviewed journal publications (33 as lead/senior author), 84 conference publications (42 as lead/senior author), 5 book chapters, 1 edited book, 1 complete book, and 10 software packages. Citations: 2270, h-index: 20, i10-index: 47 (source: Google Scholar 10 October 2025).
- A career total of €1.2M awarded directly in research funding, from projects with €2.3M total value; currently awaiting outcomes of major grant proposals.
- Recognised in Ireland and abroad for my involvement with Statistics outreach, with over 200,000 views of my educational videos and over 1 million views of my Science Communication videos.
- Leader of the worldwide education efforts of the International Biometric Society as Chair of the Education Committee, and member of executive committees of societies in Ireland and the UK.

3 Education and Employment

Jul/2025 – present	Professor of Statistics at Maynooth University
Jul/2023 – Jun/2025	Associate Professor of Statistics at Maynooth University
Sep/2018 – Jun/2023	Assistant Professor of Statistics (permanent) at Maynooth University
Jan/2018 – Aug/2018	Assistant Professor of Statistics (contract) at Maynooth University
Jan/2016 – Jan/2017	Visiting scholar, University of Galway
Feb/2014 – Dec/2017	PhD in Statistics, University of São Paulo, Brazil
Mar/2013 – May/2013	Visiting scholar, University of Galway
Feb/2012 – Jan/2014	MSc in Statistics, University of São Paulo, Brazil
Jul/2010 – Dec/2010	Visiting scholar, Penn State University, USA
Feb/2007 – Jan/2013	BSc and BEd in Biology, University of São Paulo, Brazil

4 Prestigious Awards

2022 Maths Week Award for Outstanding Contributions in Raising Public Awareness of Mathematics
2021 A-mu-sing Competition, 1st place, United States Conference on Teaching Statistics, Consortium for the Advancement of Undergraduate Statistics Education, USA

- 2021 Teaching Hero Award, National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education and the Union of Students in Ireland
- 2018 Young Statistician Showcase Award, International Biometric Society
- 2018 Certificate of Recognition, Piracicaba City Council, São Paulo, Brazil
- 2016 Best student oral presentation at the 31st International Workshop on Statistical Modelling, Statistical Modelling Society
- 2013 “Luiz de Queiroz” award for highest academic average, University of São Paulo

5 Leadership

Leadership Roles (Administration)

Chair and Lead Statistician at the Biomedical & Life Sciences Ethics Committee

I have served as lead statistician in the University's Ethics Committee (Biomedical) since October/2019. I am responsible for examining experimental design, sample size calculation, proposed statistical treatment of the data, and data protection plans. This is a significant and impactful administrative role, in which I serve all faculty members, which is pivotal to allowing researchers in the faculty to obtain approval from other ethics boards (such as the Health Products Regulatory Authority) and establish their experiments. My work in this committee makes a difference in terms of animal welfare, assurance of data protection standards, and compliance with GDPR, and I took over the role of Chair of this committee in January/2023.

Chair of the Education Committee of the International Biometric Society

The International Biometric Society is one of the largest statistics societies in the world. I have been elected chair of the Education Committee in January/2024. This committee implements the educational vision of the society, fostering biostatistics and the biometry profession worldwide by financially supporting and promoting events, courses, workshops and distinguished lecture series.

Course Coordination

I acted as the Coordinator of the Higher Diploma Data Analytics at Maynooth University from 2019 until 2024. My duties included securing funding from HEA's Springboard+ initiative, advertising the programme, assessing applicant academic eligibility, making sure registered students activate the payment from Springboard+, and following up with graduates to register outcomes in the Springboard+ system. I led the application for Springboard+ funding in January/2020, and was successful in obtaining funding for three consecutive years, for a total of €515,500 in student tuition fees. I am also the main point of contact with industry, and since assuming the position in 2019 I have made contact with representatives from Meta/Facebook, Allied Irish Banks, British Telecom, Real World Analytics, Clavis Insight, Derilinx, the HSE, Accenture, Pfizer, Crème Global, Compass Informatics, and Danone. This has brought direct internship and employment opportunities to many students, who thereby finished their degree having already secured employment.

Chair of the Young Statisticians's Section of the Irish Statistical Association

I have co-founded the executive committee of the Young Statisticians' Section of the Irish Statistical Association in December/2018. Since then, I have led the organisation of nationwide webinars, workshops, poster competitions and three full-day events aimed at early career statisticians in Ireland. I have also represented Ireland at the Young Statisticians Europe meeting in Romania in 2019. Under my leadership, the Young-ISA has recently flourished into the most active section of the ISA, cultivating a network and supporting the development of career-young statisticians in Ireland. I was Chair of this committee from May/2021 – May/2023

President of the North Kildare Maths Problem Club

I led the promotion of access to wider participation in higher education as the President of the North-Kildare Maths Problem Club (NKMPC), serving as Vice-President from 2019 – 2021, and as President from 2021 – 2023. I led the organisation of the training sessions and preparation for the Irish Mathematical Olympiad exams for secondary school students.

Organiser of the Colloquium Series

I was the organiser of the Mathematics and Statistics Colloquium Series for the 2018-19 academic year, which took place weekly during term. I invited 30 academics, 14 based in Ireland and 16 abroad.

Leadership Roles (Research)

Founder and Director of the Theoretical and Statistical Ecology Group

In 2021 I founded the Theoretical and Statistical Ecology Research Group. Through this initiative, I have established an internationally recognised webinar series, and have drawn the attention of several prospective graduate students who wish to undertake a PhD in the area as part of the group. Currently, the group includes both national and international collaborators, as well as PhD researchers working on the interface between Statistics, Mathematics and Ecology. Under my leadership we are developing new statistical methods aimed at improving animal conservation and management strategies worldwide.

Associate Editorship of Statistical Journals

I have served as an Associate Editor for the R Journal since 2020 and for the Brazilian Journal of Probability and Statistics from 2021 to 2025. The R Journal is the open-access journal of the R Foundation, and is a leading journal in the area of statistical computing. The R software is the most widely used statistical software in the world, and therefore editorship of the R Journal is a significant leadership role in the statistics community, which speaks to my reputation and skill in the area.

Lead Editorship/Authorship of Books

I led the production of the book “Modelling Insect Populations in Agricultural Landscapes”, published by Springer in January/2024, involving 24 researchers from 11 institutions worldwide. I am the senior author of a book on Generalized Linear Models (launched in August/2024 at the Brazilian Symposium of Probability and Statistics), written in Portuguese with two globally respected researchers on the field (Prof Gauss Cordeiro and Prof Clarice Demétrio), who are based in Brazil. I am currently co-editing a book approved by Springer on “Wildlife monitoring: Integrating conservation and innovation in human-altered landscapes”, to be finalised in 2025.

Lead Statistician in Grant Proposals

I am the Lead Statistician in live projects and grant proposals under review. I am responsible for designing all experiments or observational studies, and analyse the data resulting from them.

Lead Organiser of Events

I have led the organisation of several events, including the Workshop on Ecological Data Analysis at Maynooth University, the Young-ISA webinar series, three Young-ISA live events, and poster competitions, and virtual conferences on statistics education in collaboration with academics from the USA, all with a great level of engagement with both the Irish and international statistics community.

Lead Statistician for Risk Assessment Analysis

I have led the risk assessment analysis for the commercial release of nine strains of yeast that were genetically modified to be more efficient when producing biofuels. This was in collaboration with multinational companies based in Brazil. Since Brazil uses ethanol as a fuel countrywide, my leadership in these analyses had enormous impact on ethanol availability and price.

Leadership Roles (Teaching)

Led Teaching Innovation at Maynooth University

By creating new and innovative teaching methods based on music, my efforts have established me as a recognised international leader in teaching innovation. My methods have drawn institutional, national and international attention. I write and record songs using professional-grade equipment and software, having had over 200,000 views on Youtube and X/Twitter. From this exposure I was invited by the Department of Health to produce videos for their Science Communication initiative, which have accumulated over 1 million views to date. My innovative work with the Department of Health was featured by the Irish Times and the Irish Independent, and recently my academic work was featured by the Irish Times.

6 Research Achievements

Research Profile

- International reputation as leading expert in statistical modelling and computing, validated by Associate Editorship of the R Journal, a leading international statistical computing journal; production of 9 open-source R packages and 1 Python package used worldwide, having been downloaded more than 274,000 times as of September 2025.
- Leader and expert in statistical software development, and statistical modelling applied to ecology, biology and agriculture, especially involving extensions of generalized linear mixed models, and novel hierarchical models. This has been demonstrated by many invitations to speak at renowned international conferences and events.
- Exceptionally experienced in leading the development of novel statistical methods and publishing in top statistical journals, such as *International Statistical Review*, *Journal of Statistical Software*, *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, *Journal of Agricultural, Biological, and Environmental Statistics*, and *Bayesian Analysis*.
- Well-versed in leading the experimental design and analysis of data arising from biological studies, and publishing the results in top applied journals, such as *Nature Communications*, *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, *Journal of Ecology*, *Journal of Pest Science*, and *Science of the Total Environment*.

Research Funding

- Career total of €1.2M awarded directly, from projects with €2.3M total value.

- 2026 – 2026 National Parks & Wildlife Service Tender in collaboration with Queen's University Belfast – *National Irish Hare Survey 2025–28*. **Role:** Co-PI. **Award:** €200K total, €45K directly to my group.
- 2025 – 2028 Brazilian Electricity Regulatory Agency RD&I project with Norte Energia S.A. (“Belo Monte” Hydroelectric Power Plant) – *A standardised monitoring protocol for the biotic and abiotic media in areas under the influence of hydroelectric powerplants*. **Role:** Co-PI. **Award:** 3M BRL, approx. €500K as of September/2025 when the award was granted.
- 2025 – 2027 Teagasc-Walsh MSc Award – *Adaptation Potential of Plant Diversity in Intensively Managed Grasslands*. **Role:** PI. **Award:** €62K.
- 2024 – 2028 IRC Enterprise Partnership Scheme PhD, Ireland – *Assessing variation in biodemographic components with improved statistical tools for fisheries management purposes*. PhD Student: Rachel McInerney. **Role:** Main Supervisor. **Award:** €120K. Enterprise Partner: Ministry for the Environment, Canada.
- 2023 – 2025 DAFM PSSRC Grant, Ireland – *DETER-BVD: Early Warning Models for Detecting Re-emergence of BVD*. **Role:** PI. **Award:** €350K total, €150K directly to my group.
- 2023 – 2026 NIBIO Internal Grant, Norway – *Weeds vs. Crops: The Winner of Climate Change*. **Role:** Co-PI. **Award:** €400K total, €25K directly to my group.
- 2022 Local Youth Club Grant Scheme, Ireland – Funding towards the North Kildare Maths Problem Club, to aid the organisation of maths enrichment sessions for secondary school students. **Role:** President. **Award:** €3K.
- 2022 ISA Short Course Grant, Ireland – Received funding from the Irish Statistical Association to organise in-person events as Chair of the Young-ISA Committee. **Award:** €2.5K.
- 2021 SPARK Initiative Award, Ireland – *Teaching statistics through music*. MU Teaching & Learning funded my teaching innovation initiative to produce music videos based on parodies of well-known songs to teach statistical concepts to students. **Role:** PI. **Award:** €1K.
- 2020 – 2024 IRC GOIPG PhD scholarship, Ireland – *Statistical modelling applied to the spatio-temporal dynamics of the Heliothine moth*. PhD Student: Blake McGrane-Corrigan. **Role:** Main Supervisor. **Award:** €110K.
- 2020 – 2024 SFI Frontiers for the Future, Ireland – *STRIVE: Achieving Sustainable agri-ecosystems ThRough advances In modelling and Visualising the biodiversity and Ecosystem multifunctionality relationship*. **Role:** Team Member. **Award:** €395K total, €2K to me.

- 2020 – 2023 NIBIO, Norway. **Role:** Associate Scientist. **Award:** €23K.
- 2020 – 2024 BT Ireland Innovation Centre, Northern Ireland. **Role:** Visiting Researcher. **Award:** €7K.
- 2020 – 2022 FAPESP, Brazil – *Spatio-temporal dynamics of Lepidoptera communities and their parasitoids at landscape under restoration process*. **Role:** Team Member. **Award:** €33K.
- 2020 Connolly's Red Mills, Ireland – Received funding to work with data on horse forage quality and mare reproduction. **Role:** Co-PI. **Award:** €3K.
- 2020 SFI COVID-19 Rapid Response Call, Ireland – *Computational tools for medium-term impact and recovery forecasting from COVID-19*. **Role:** Co-PI. **Award:** €70K.
- 2019 ISA Short Course Grant, Ireland – Received funding from the Irish Statistical Association to organise in-person events as Vice-Chair of the Young-ISA Committee. **Award:** €2.5K.
- 2018 Jomakol Ltd., Brazil – Received funding to carry out risk assessment on newly developed genetically modified organisms. **Role:** PI. **Award:** €4K.
- 2018 IBS Travel Grant – Awarded the Young Statistician Showcase Prize for the paper *Conditional and marginal models for analysing light interception data*. **Role:** Awardee. **Award:** €3K.

Keynote and Invited Talks (2016 – 2025)

Delivered 71 invited talks at 30 different universities and institutions, in 15 different countries (40 as part of academic seminar series/visiting seminars, and 31 keynote/invited talks at national and international conferences and events)

- *Bayesian Hierarchical Modelling Applied to Wildlife Monitoring*, delivered at the Institute of Statistical Mathematics in Tokyo, Japan, and at the Young-ISA Event on Statistical Ecology, Ireland.
- *Do Statisticians Have Superpowers?*, presented online to >2,500 students from >70 schools all across Ireland.
- *Finding the Breakpoint in Hematopoietic Stem Cell Production, and Other Statistical Challenges*, delivered at Institut Pasteur, France.
- *Notes and Tricks for Teaching Statistics using Music and Magic*, delivered at the Federal University of Lavras, Brazil, and as a keynote talk for the CETL-MSOR event in Limerick, Ireland.
- *Profiling Television Watching Behaviour Using Bayesian Hierarchical Models*, delivered at Ulster University BTIC Workshop, UK, and Hamilton Research Day, Ireland.
- *Making High Quality Music Recordings on the Cheap*, delivered at the VOICES Conference 2022: Virtual Ongoing Interdisciplinary Collaborations on Educating with Song.
- *Teaching Statistics with Music (and Other Strategies)*, delivered at MathsFest 2021, 1st International Meeting in Psychometry and Neuropsychological Assessment, at the University of São Paulo, Brazil, and at the University of Galway, Ireland.
- *Statistical Ecology: A Very Brief Introduction*, delivered at the University of São Paulo multiple times and at the Federal University of Paraná, Brazil.
- *Estimating Animal Abundance in Three Difficulty Levels*, delivered at Maynooth University, the 65th meeting of the Brazilian Region of the IBS, the XXIX Chilean Conference in Mathematics (COMCA), the Annual Conference of the Western North American Region of the IBS.
- *Global Short-Term Forecasting of COVID-19 Cases*, delivered at Durham University, the Statistics Thematic Week of the Federal University of Bahia, the BT Ireland Innovation Centre at Ulster University, and the 2nd Operational Research Week, organised by the Brazilian Centre for Operational Research.
- *Image Analysis*, delivered at Dell Data Science Week, online.
- *Topics in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence*, delivered at the Brazilian Centre for Operational Research, the VII Mathematics Week at the Federal University of Acre, and broadcast live through the Estadidados YouTube channel.
- *Statistical Modelling Applied to Entomology*, delivered at the II Workshop on Computational and Mathematical Modelling Applied to Entomology.

- *How do birds compose their music? Modelling ecological and evolutionary patterns in bird song data*, delivered at the Federal University of Uberlândia, Maynooth University, Federal University of Alfenas, University of São Paulo, Loughborough University, University of Limerick, University College Dublin, and University College Cork.
- *Mixed and marginal models for analysing light interception data*, delivered at University of Galway and the XVI School of Regression Models.
- *Models for overdispersed data in Entomology*, delivered at the Norwegian Institute for Bioeconomy Research, Norway.
- *Joint N-Mixture Models to Estimate Animal Abundance*, delivered at Maynooth University, University of Canterbury, the 62nd meeting of the Brazilian Region of the IBS, University of São Paulo, the 9th International Conference of the ERCIM WG on Computational and Methodological Statistics, University of Kent, University of Galway, and broadcast live at the Omega Talks Data Science YouTube channel.
- *Bivariate residual plots with simulated polygons*, delivered at the R Meetup at the Warsaw University of Technology, Poland, the University of São Paulo, Brazil, and the University of Galway, Ireland.
- *Statistical modelling of competition and intraguild predation in an integrated pest management scenario*, delivered at the University of Galway and the University of São Paulo.

Contributed Oral Communications in Conferences

- 2024 Estimating the uncertainty of the L50 in fish: A comparison of 13 methods, *32nd International Biometric Conference, Atlanta, USA*, 10 December 2024
- 2021 Teaching Statistics Through Musical Parodies, *VOICES Conference 2021: Virtual Ongoing Interdisciplinary Collaborations on Educating with Song*, 26 September 2021
- 2019 How do birds compose their music? Modelling ecological and evolutionary patterns in bird song data, *2nd Young Statisticians Europe Meeting, Bucharest, Romania*, 1 November 2019
- 2018 Conditional and marginal models for analysing light interception data, *29th International Biometric Conference, Barcelona, Spain*, 10 July 2018
- 2018 Modelling bounded data in plant ecology, *38th Conference on Applied Statistics in Ireland, Galway, Ireland*, 17 May 2018
- 2017 A diagnostic plot for bivariate models, *37th Conference on Applied Statistics in Ireland, Mullingar, Ireland*, 16 May 2017
- 2016 N-mixture models applied to zero-inflated insect abundance data, *31st International Workshop on Statistical Modelling, Rennes, France*, 5 July 2016 (awarded the Best Student Oral Presentation prize)
- 2016 Diagnostic checking for N-mixture models applied to mite abundance data, *36th Conference on Applied Statistics in Ireland, Limerick, Ireland*, 17 May 2016
- 2015 Assessing goodness-of-fit for accelerated failure rate models: An insect ecology case-study, *30th International Workshop on Statistical Modelling, Linz, Austria*, 7 July 2015
- 2014 hnp: Half-normal plotting in R, *I Workshop on Experimental Statistics, Piracicaba, Brazil*, 9 September 2014
- 2014 Half-normal plots and overdispersion in R, *27th International Biometric Conference, Florence, Italy*, 8 July 2014

7 Publications

Summary

- A total of 109 peer-reviewed journal publications (33 as lead/senior author), 84 conference publications (42 as lead/senior author), 5 book chapters, 1 edited book, 1 complete book, 9 R packages, and 1 Python package.

- Citations: 2270, h-index: 20, i10-index: 47 (source: Google Scholar 10 October 2025).
- The software packages have accrued over 274,000 downloads as of September 2025.

Software (lead/senior developer denoted by *)

- * 1 Mimmagh, N., **Moral, R.A.** (2024) MultiNMix: A Package for Multispecies N-Mixture Models. **R package version 0.1.0**
- 2 Monaghan, C., **Moral, R.A.**, McHugh-Power, J. (2024) lwc2022: Langa-Weir Classification of Cognitive Function for 2022 HRS Data. **R package version 1.0**
- 3 Byrne, L., Vishwakarma, R., **Moral, R.A.**, Brophy, C. (2024) DImodelsMulti: Fit Multivariate Diversity-Interactions Models with Repeated Measures. **R package version 1.1.1** (<https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=DImodelsMulti>)
- * 4 **Moral, R.A.**, Connolly, J., Brophy, C. (2022) DImodels: Diversity-Interactions (DI) Models. **R package version 1.3.2** (<https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=DImodels>)
- * 5 Palma, G.R., **Moral, R.A.** PyPBP: Outbreak prediction. <https://pypbp-documentation.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>
- * 6 **Moral, R.A.**, Fealy, R. (2019) phenModel: Insect phenology model evaluation based on daily temperatures. **R package version 1.0** (<https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=phenModel>)
- * 7 Oliveira, T.P., **Moral, R.A.**, Zocchi, S.S., Demétrio, C.G.B., Hinde, J. (2018) lcc: Longitudinal concordance correlation. **R package version 1.1.4** (<https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=lcc>)
- * 8 **Moral, R.A.**, Hinde, J. and Demétrio, C.G.B. (2018) hnp: Half-normal plots with simulation envelopes. **R package version 1.2-6** (<https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=hnp>)
- * 9 **Moral, R.A.**, Hinde, J. and Demétrio, C.G.B. (2018) bivrp: Bivariate residual plots with simulation polygons. **R package version 1.2-2** (<https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=bivrp>)
- * 10 **Moral, R.A.**, Demétrio, C.G.B. and Hinde, J. (2016) jointNmix: Joint N-mixture models for site-associated species. **R package version 1.0** (<https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=jointNmix>)

Books (lead/senior author/editor denoted by *)

- * 1 Verdade, L.M., **Moral, R.A.** (*in preparation*) Wildlife Monitoring: Integrating Conservation and Innovation in Human-Altered Landscapes. Springer.
- * 2 Cordeiro, G.M. Demétrio, C.G.B., **Moral, R.A.** (2024) Modelos Lineares Generalizados e Aplicações. Blucher. 296 p. (*A textbook on generalized linear models written in Portuguese, targeting the Brazilian statistical community.*)
- * 3 **Moral, R.A.**, Godoy, W.A.C. (2024) Modelling Insect Populations in Agricultural Landscapes. Springer, 238 p.

Book Chapters (lead/senior author denoted by *)

- * 1 Godoy, W.A.C., **Moral, R.A.** (2024) Introduction. In *Modelling Insect Populations in Agricultural Landscapes* (Eds. **Moral, R.A.** and Godoy, W.A.C.), Springer.
- * 2 Godoy, W.A.C., **Moral, R.A.** (2024) Introducing different modelling scenarios to entomologists. In *Modelling Insect Populations in Agricultural Landscapes* (Eds. **Moral, R.A.** and Godoy, W.A.C.), Springer.
- * 3 Jayakumari, D., Hinde, J., Einbeck, J., **Moral, R.A.** (2024) Tools for assessing goodness-of-fit in GLMs: Case studies in Entomology. In *Modelling Insect Populations in Agricultural Landscapes* (Eds. **Moral, R.A.** and Godoy, W.A.C.), Springer.
- 4 Reis, S.F., Costa, C.L.N., Von Zuben, F.J., **Moral, R.A.**, Clemente-Carvalho, R.B.G., Santos, W.L., Vieira, C. (2023) Scale, Concept and Effects of. *Encyclopedia of Biodiversity*.
- * 5 Demétrio, C.G.B., Hinde, J., **Moral, R.A.** (2014) Models for overdispersed data in entomology. In *Ecological Modelling Applied to Entomology* (Eds. Ferreira, C.P. and Godoy, W.A.C.), Springer, p. 219–259.

Preprints Under Review (lead/senior author denoted by *)

- 1 Bueno, I., Palma, G.R., Lara, I.A.R., **Moral, R.A.**, Delalibera Jr., I., Godoy, W.A.C. Understanding Social Immunity in Ants: A Markovian Approach to Collective Cleaning Strategies. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.05924>
- 2 Hung, R.L. Ng, W.W., Chung, P.K., Li, A.B.S., Luk, T.H.Y., Fong, R., Lee, A., Mok, R., Yung, H., Tse, V., Cheng, R., Schneider, A., Telford, R.L., Dubois, F., Bourayou, E., Milieu Interieur, **Moral, R.A.**, Doisne, J.M., Hasan, M., Leung, G.M., Ni, M.Y., Tse, M., Peiris, M., Di Santo, J., Bruzzone, R., Rouilly, V., Duffy, D. The Healthy Human Global Project-Hong Kong: a community-based cross-sectional study of a healthy Asian population. <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2024.09.12.24313504v1>
- * 3 Jayakumari, D., Einbeck, J., Hinde, J., Mainguy, J., **Moral, R.A.** A goodness-of-fit diagnostic for count data derived from half-normal plots with a simulated envelope. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.05121>
- * 4 Silva, G.P., **Moral, R.A.** Frame by frame completion probability of an NFL pass. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.08051v1>

Peer Reviewed Journal Publications (lead/senior author denoted by *)

- 1 Gomes, M.P., Lira, E.W., Lara, I.A.R., **Moral, R.A.**, Rebollo, R., Baril, R., Cônsoli, F.L. (2025) Genomic structure and life history variation of isofemale lineages of *Myzus persicae* with different levels of parasitization by *Diaeretiella rapae*. *Scientific Reports*, 15:35515.
- 2 McGrane-Corrigan, B., **Moral, R.A.**, Mason, O. (2025) Observations on robust diffusive stability and common Lyapunov functions. *Systems & Control Letters*, 205:106263.
- 3 Cislaru, A., Saldova, R., Heggenstaller, A., Nigrovic, P.A., Harlin, E., Greville, G., **Moral, R.A.**, Bojar, D., Awan, A., O'Flaherty, R. (2025) Serum N-Glycosylation is Altered in Nephropathic Cystinosis. *Glycobiology*, 35, cwaf047.
- 4 McGrane-Corrigan, B., **Moral, R.A.**, Mason, O. (2025) Effects of costly and density-dependent dispersal on metapopulation dynamics: a mathematical and numerical analysis. *Theoretical Ecology*, 18:29.
- * 5 Mainguy, J., Paradis, Y., **Moral, R.A.** (2025) Limited demographic effects one decade after implementation of a harvest-slot length limit for walleye (*Sander vitreus*) in the St. Lawrence River, Québec, Canada. *Fisheries Management and Ecology*, 32, 388–400.
- * 6 Lara, I.A.R., Palma, G.R., Bon, V.J., Reigada, C., **Moral, R.A.** (2025) Multi-state models for double transitions associated with parasitism in biological control. *Environmental and Ecological Statistics*, 32, 735–752.
- * 7 Oltra-Cucarella, J., Pérez-Elvira, R., Bonete-López, B., Lñesta, C., Sitges-Maciá, E., **Moral, R.A.** (2025) Regression-based normative data in neuropsychology: using raw scores as observed response variable outperforms transforming for normality. *Psychological Assessment*, 37(9), 442–453.
- 8 Santos, J.R., Takahashi, T.A., Palma, G.R., **Moral, R.A.**, Parra, J.R.P. (2025) Parasitism by *Aleiodes ceres* Shimbori, 2023 (Hymenoptera: Braconidae) of three species of *Spodoptera* Guenée, 1852: Effects of preferential instar and host diet. *BioControl*, 70(1), 45–55.
- * 9 Paula, L.V.T., Lara, I.A.R., Taconeli, C.A., Reigada, C., **Moral, R.A.** (2025) Gradient test to assess homogeneity of probabilities in discrete-time transition models with application in agricultural science data. *Journal of Applied Statistics*, 52(11), 2172–2190.
- 10 Hackett, C., **Moral, R.A.**, Mishra, G., McCarthy, T., Markham, C. (2025) An efficient method to simulate wildfire propagation using irregular grids. *Natural Hazards and Earth System Sciences Discussions*, 25, 2909–2928.
- 11 Mainguy, J., Ouellet, P., Bujold, J., Giacomazzo, M., Dallaire, X., **Moral, R.A.**, Power, M. (2025) Marine primary productivity and life-history trait variation in anadromous Nunavik Arctic charr. *Environmental Biology of Fishes*, 108:1325–1348.
- 12 Bitarafan, Z., Kaczmarek-Derda, W., **Moral, R.A.**, Rivier, P., Berge, T.W., Andreasen, C. (2025) Steaming and composting eliminate barnyardgrass (*Echinochloa crus-galli*) seeds in infested biowaste substrates. *Weed Science*, 73(e52), 1–7.

- 13 Bitarafan, Z. Magerøy, M.H., **Moral, R.A.**, Salehan, N., Nielsen, K.S., Andreassen, C. (2025) The effect of climate change on glyphosate control of *Avena fatua*, *Brassica napus*, and *Echinochloa crus-galli*. *Science of the Total Environment*, 983, 179682.
- 14 Prado, E.B., Parnell, A.C., **Moral, R.A.**, McJames, N., O'Shea, A., Murphy, K. (2025) Accounting for shared covariates in semi-parametric Bayesian Additive Regression Trees. *Annals of Applied Statistics*, 19(1), 302–328.
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8 Teaching

Teaching Philosophy

My teaching practice is student-centred, and focussed on helping students achieve their objectives and maximise their potential. I always strive to bring real world examples and applications to my lectures, and encourage student interaction so that we can all develop our knowledge and skills continuously within a non-judgmental environment. Especially in the fields of Statistics and Data Science, which require specialist knowledge in Mathematics, it is extremely important to relate the taught content to the real world. This is because many students will not specialise in Statistics, but they will make use of the techniques I teach professionally and in their personal lives.

Lecturing Experience

- I have accumulated over 17 years of teaching experience overall, and 10 years experience teaching in 3rd level (as a tutor and lecturer).
- Delivered and assessed 28 modules at Maynooth University.
- Created and delivered the module LCE5873-1 Statistical Machine Learning, as a visiting lecturer at the University of São Paulo, Brazil, associated to the postgraduate programme in Statistics and Agricultural Experimentation.
- Developed the modules DS151 and DS152 (Introduction to Data Science I and II), and ST306 (Time Series), and revamped the modules ST221 (Introduction to Statistics) and ST203 (R for Data Science and Statistics) to better suit the new denominated-entry BSc Data Science programme at Maynooth University.

- Developed and taught 28 short courses at 10 different institutions, including Maynooth University, University of Galway, University College Dublin, University of São Paulo, Institut Pasteur, Laimburg Research Centre, and the Norwegian Institute for Bioeconomy Research.

Teaching Evaluations

Average scores from 2018 – 2024 ($n = 938$ students): Preparation: 3.90/4.00, Ability to make the content interesting: 3.87/4.00, Helpfulness: 3.87/4.00, Clear presentation: 3.73/4.00, Student stimulation and engagement: 3.71/4.00.

The student feedback I receive is consistently overwhelmingly positive. Below I present a selection of quotes from a range of modules:

- “Thanks Rafael for teaching us in such a wonderful way that I started kind of **applying stats to every aspect of my life.**”
- “Thanks for everything Rafael, you were by far one of the **best lecturers I’ve ever had!**”
- “I just wanted to say thank you so much Rafael. I really appreciate all the time and effort you have put into all the extra resources for us, **you really went over and beyond for us** and I wanted you to know that it has helped so much! I really struggle with maths and actually for once **found maths enjoyable** and not something that is scary or unachievable.”
- “I definitely think this module has made me a lot more interested in statistics as a subject, to the point where I’m **considering picking it up next year as part of my degree.** Thank you Rafael!”
- “Rafael is the **best lecturer I’ve had** and it’s not even close.”
- “**Your effort was unlike any other** to help explain even in terms of videos and songs.”
- “Rafael was very approachable and was always happy to answer any questions without judging. **This is why everybody likes him** :) Thank you, Rafael! You rock!”
- “Rafael is **extremely good at explaining concepts** and keeping the material interesting.”

9 Supervision

- Postdoctoral supervisions concluded: 2
- PhD supervisions concluded: 11
- MSc by research supervisions concluded: 2
- MSc summer theses supervised: 21
- Undergraduate projects supervised: 7

Post-doctoral research supervision

- 2025 – 2028 Dr. Maïke Lovatto, *project: Optimisation of wildlife survey indicators in Northern Brazil*, funded by the Brazilian Electricity Regulatory Agency.
- 2023 – 2025 Dr. Niamh Mímnagh, *project: DETER-BVD: Early Warning Models for Detecting Re-emergence of BVD*, funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine.
- 2023 – 2023 Prof. Idemauro Antonio Rodrigues de Lara, *project: Advances in Transition models for Polytomous Data*, funded by the CAPES-PrInt Programme.

PhD supervision – ongoing

- 2024 – pres. Rachel McInerney, *title: Assessing variation in biodemographic components with improved statistical tools for fisheries management purposes*, funded by the IRC Enterprise Partnership Scheme (proc. no. EPSPG/2024/48); Maynooth University, Statistics Programme. Enterprise Partner: Ministry for the Environment, Canada.
- 2023 – pres. Ida Dybing, *primary supervisor: Dr Zahra Bitarafan, title: TBC*, funded by the Norwegian Research Council, NIBIO, Norway.

- 2022 – pres. Cormac Monaghan, *jointly supervised by Prof. Joanna McHugh-Power, title: TBC*, funded by SFI (Centre for Research Training in Foundations of Data Science); Maynooth University, Foundations in Data Science Programme.
- 2021 – pres. Guilherme Cavicchioli da Silva, *jointly supervised by Prof. Luciano Verdade, title: The Effects of Sampling Effort in the Phylogenetic and Functional Diversity of Birds from Passive Acoustic Monitoring*, funded by Coordination of Superior Level Staff Improvement (CAPES, Brazil), University of São Paulo, Applied Ecology Programme.
- 2020 – pres. Jéssica Abonizio Gouvea, *jointly supervised by Prof. Luciano Verdade, title: Determining Giant Anteater Demography and Population Genetics from Vestiges*, funded by Coordination of Superior Level Staff Improvement (CAPES, Brazil), University of São Paulo, Applied Ecology Programme.

PhD supervision – concluded

- 2021 – 2025 Luciano Ribeiro Galvão, *title: Hybrid Machine Learning Algorithms in High-Dimensional Settings*, University of São Paulo, Statistics and Agricultural Experimentation Programme.
- 2021 – 2025 Conor Hackett, *jointly supervised by Prof. Charles Markham, title: Novel Developments in Physical and Computational Methods for Wildfire Modelling and Analysis*, funded by SFI (Centre for Research Training in Foundations of Data Science); Maynooth University, Foundations in Data Science Programme (CH was also offered a John Hume Award).
- 2021 – 2025 Gabriel Rodrigues Palma, *title: Statistical modelling and machine vision applied to automating animal monitoring systems*, funded by SFI (Centre for Research Training in Foundations of Data Science); Maynooth University, Statistics Programme
- 2020 – 2024 Darshana Jayakumari, *title: Topics in Model Evaluation and Comparison*, funded by SFI (Centre for Research Training in Foundations of Data Science); Maynooth University, Foundations in Data Science Programme
- 2020 – 2024 Blake McGrane-Corrigan, *title: Coupled Models of Structured Ecological Systems: Patch Dynamics, Population Demography and Stochastic Interactions*, funded by the IRC (proc. no. GOIPG/2020/939); Maynooth University, Statistics Programme (BMC was also offered a John Hume Award, 1st place)
- 2019 – 2023 Niamh Mimnagh, *title: Novel Developments in Bayesian Modelling Applied to Estimating Abundance in Animal Communities*, funded by SFI (Centre for Research Training in Foundations of Data Science); Maynooth University, Foundations in Data Science Programme (NM was also offered a John Hume Award for Women in STEM, 1st place)
- 2022 – 2025 Sandra Cristina Deodoro, *jointly supervised by Prof. Rowan Fealy, title: Estimating Soil Particle-Size Fractions and Predicting Soil Texture from Microwave Remote Sensing Techniques with Applications in Ireland*, funded by Maynooth University, John & Pat Hume Award.
- 2019 – 2023 Antonia Alessandra Lemos dos Santos, *jointly supervised by Prof. Andrew Parnell, title: Latent Tensor Bayesian Models for Estimating Complex Interactions in Plant Variety Testing*, funded by SFI; Maynooth University
- 2019 – 2022 Patricia Peres Araripe, *jointly supervised by Prof. Idemauro A.R. de Lara, title: Residual and diagnostic analyses for models with polytomous response variables*, funded by PrInt – USP/CAPES (Brazil); University of São Paulo, Statistics and Agricultural Experimentation Programme
- 2018 – 2022 Estevão Prado, *jointly supervised by Prof. Andrew Parnell, title: Generalisations on Bayesian additive regression trees*, funded by SFI; Maynooth University
- 2016 – 2020 Maira Blumer Faretto, *jointly supervised by Prof. Clarice G.B. Demétrio, title: Hierarchical models applied to the natural sciences*, funded by CNPq, proc. no. 141117/2018-4; University of São Paulo, Statistics and Agricultural Experimentation Programme

MSc Supervision – MSc by Research

- 2025 – pres. Louis Shibu Thomas, *title: Adaptation Potential of Plant Diversity in Intensively Managed Grasslands*; Maynooth University, Statistics Programme, co-supervisor: Dr John Finn, Teagasc, funded by the

Teagasc Walsh programme (proc. no. 2023012).

- 2020 – 2022 Gustavo Pompeu da Silva, *title: Frame by Frame Completion Probability of an NFL Pass*; University of São Paulo, Statistics and Agricultural Experimentation Programme, funded by CAPES proc. no. 88887.483407/2020-00.
- 2019 – 2024 Cathal Flood, *title: Forecasting the Emergence of the Pine Weevil in Present and Future Climates*; Maynooth University, joint supervision with Dr Christine Griffin and Dr Rowan Fealy, funded by DAFM.

MSc Supervision – Taught MSc Summer Project

- 2025 Shishir Ashoka Chandra Mouli, *title: Optimizing Class-Imbalanced Chest X-Ray Disease Classification with Class-Balanced Learning*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2025 Sumayya Ali, *title: A Multi-Agent Medical Diagnosis Assistant*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2025 Akhil Prasad Dara, *title: House Price Prediction Using TensorFlow Decision Forests*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2025 Pavan Kalyam Kumbam, *title: Predicting Late Delivery Risk in Supply Chain Management*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2025 Anakha Vazheliparambil Sivan, *title: Survival Analysis of Breast Cancer Data Using Classical and Machine Learning Methods*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2024 Bimal Oommen John, *title: Time Series Insights into JP Morgan's Market Dynamics*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2024 Longxiang Wu, *title: Statistical Modelling Applied to Global Health Expenditure*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2023 Ben Butler, *title: From Data to Glory: Exploring Predictive Factors for Advancement in the FIFA World Cup through Statistical Analysis*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2023 Abhishek Kellaka, *title: Machine Learning Based Credit Risk Assessment: A Focus on Transparency and Decision Making Through Model Interpretation*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2023 Giridharan Sridharan, *title: Anomaly detection in financial transactions using unsupervised methods*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2022 Vincent Tennanty, *title: The Effect of Lameness on Milk Yield & Quality and a Genome Wide Association Study to Identify new Genetic Markers for Lameness in Dairy Cows*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2022 Srishti Mishra, *title: Time series modelling of Serengeti bird species abundance*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2022 Jinsee Payyeri, *title: Time series modelling applied to greenhouse gas emissions from New York City*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2021 Adam Mills, *title: Bayesian modelling of wildfire burn severity*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2021 Chenlin Liu, *title: Forecasting the number of daily COVID-19 infections in the UK*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2020 Amol Nanaware, *title: Brazilian vegetation type prediction using a Shiny dashboard*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2020 John Dunne, *title: Classification of Brazilian biomes*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2020 Subhranshu Mohanty, *title: Classification of bat species using gradient boosting*; Maynooth University,

sity, Data Science & Analytics programme

- 2020 Japneet Singh, *title: Hierarchical identification of bats from call acoustics using deep neural networks*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2020 Sathishkumar Ravichandran, *title: A Shiny app to classify bats based on acoustic data*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2020 Shubham Kamitkar, *title: Mexican bat species classification using supervised statistical machine learning techniques*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2020 Anurag Chaturvedi, *title: Clustering methods and comparison with phylogeny of bat species*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2019 Paula McMahon, *title: Behavioural analytics and prediction with eCommerce transactional data*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2019 Ganesh Sharma, *title: Statistical modelling of insect resistance management data*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2018 Niamh Mimnagh, *title: Statistical modelling of the population size of mites in contrasting ecosystems*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme
- 2018 Mohammad Sabir Abdul Bari Shaikh, *title: DecisionTree: a Shiny app for classification and regression trees*; Maynooth University, Data Science & Analytics programme

Undergraduate Project Supervision

- 2025 Julie Fonteneau, Generalized linear mixed models applied to French bird abundance data, Final Year Project as an internship abroad. JF is based at the University of Rennes.
- 2025 Martin Hammel, Leveraging ARCH, GARCH, and Stochastic Volatility Models with Machine Learning for Enhanced Momentum Strategies, Final Year Project in the Dept of Mathematics and Statistics, Maynooth University.
- 2025 Naoise McManus, Optimising Strategies for the Diplomacy Board Game and Developing an AI Bot, Final Year Project in the Dept of Mathematics and Statistics, Maynooth University.
- 2023 Rachel McInerney, Generalized Linear Mixed Models Applied to Ecological Data on Wildlife Monitoring, Summer Internship in the Dept of Mathematics and Statistics, Maynooth University, €1500.
- 2019 Gabriel Rodrigues Palma, funded by the University of São Paulo Innovation Agency (Agência USP de Inovação), 3 months, Maynooth University, €4000.
- 2019 Stephen Nolan, *joint supervision with Prof Joe Timoney, title: Processing bird song files*, funded by the SPUR programme, 2 months, Maynooth University
- 2014 – 2015 Angélica Borges de Sousa, *joint supervision of Scientific Initiation project with prof. Clarice G.B. Demétrio, title: Population dynamics models applied to insect ecology*, funded by CNPq, proc. no. 2014-3091, 12 months, University of São Paulo, Brazil

10 Outreach

I firmly believe outreach activities are key to establishing a successful and internationally recognised statistics group, as well as to bringing more prospective students, staff and funding.

- Produced 24 music videos posted to YouTube and Twitter, aimed at teaching Statistics to secondary school students, undergraduates and postgraduates, which have accumulated **over 200,000 views** to date.
- Participated in the Science Communication Collective organised by the Department of Health, in collaboration with the CMO Dr Tony Holohan, and produced videos aimed at young adults in Ireland to inform of risk during the pandemic. Videos accumulated **over 1 million views** to date.
- My innovative approaches have reached the level of national and international impact. I have been

featured by newspapers such as the Irish Times and Irish Independent, as well as international societies such as the Consortium for the Advancement of Undergraduate Statistics Education. I have also received awards from the National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning and the Union of Students in Ireland.

- Pioneered the series of STEM talks delivered to secondary school students with the talk "Do Statisticians Have Superpowers?", attended by more than 2,500 students from over 70 schools across 17 counties in the Republic of Ireland.
- Heavily involved in outreach events and activities, such as Open Days and Orientation Talks, promoting the Statistics, Data Science, and omnibus Science programmes.
- Organised several webinar series in Statistics, Data Science and Theoretical and Statistical Ecology.
- Organised online poster conferences and competitions, and live events through the Young-ISA.
- Organised maths enrichment classes to train secondary school students to sit the Irish Mathematics Olympiad.
- Represented Ireland in Romania at the 2nd Young Statisticians Europe Meeting, organised by the Federation of European National Statistical Societies.

11 Administration

Positions in Wider Community

- 2025 – 2027 Education Officer of the Irish Statistical Association (ISA).
- 2024 – 2027 Chair of the Education Committee of the International Biometric Society (IBS).
- 2024 Member of the organising committee of the LegacyNet Conference, aimed at training researchers involved in the LegacyNet consortium of 32 experiments spread across 16 different countries.
- 2023 – 2025 Ordinary member of the Irish Statistical Association (ISA).
- 2022 – 2023 Member of the Education Committee of the International Biometric Society (IBS).
- 2022 Chair of the organising committee of the 2nd Young-ISA Meeting: Communication & Reproducibility in Statistics (Funding obtained from the ISA: €2,500, 56 participants).
- 2021 – pres. Founder and Leader of the Theoretical and Statistical Ecology Research Group.
(<https://rafamoral.github.io/tse>)
- 2021 – 2025 Associate Editor for the Brazilian Journal of Probability and Statistics.
- 2021 – 2023 Chair of the Young Statisticians' Section of the Irish Statistical Association.
- 2021 – 2023 President of the North Kildare Maths Problem Club.
- 2021 Member of the Science Communication Collective from the Department of Health of the Government of Ireland.
- 2021 Member of the Scientific Committee of the IEEE Smart Worlds Conference.
- 2021 Member of the Scientific Committee of the 65th Meeting of the Brazilian Region of the IBS.
- 2021 Member of the organising committee of the 41st Conference on Applied Statistics in Ireland - CASI 2021 (354 participants).
- 2020 – pres. Associate Editor for the R Journal.
- 2020 – pres. Associate Scientist at the Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research, Norway.
- 2020 – pres. Visiting Researcher at the BT Ireland Innovation Centre, Northern Ireland.
- 2020 – 2021 Vice-President of the North Kildare Maths Problem Club.
- 2020 Member of the organising committee of the Young-ISA Twitter Poster Conference (Sponsored by Zurich Ireland Insurance Group Ltd.)
- 2019 Vice-chair of the Young Statisticians' Section of the Irish Statistical Association.
- 2019 Chair of the organising committee of the Inaugural Young-ISA Meeting: Statistics in Academia and Industry (Funding obtained from the ISA: €2,500, 70 participants).
- 2019 Chair of the organising committee of the Workshop on Ecological Data Analysis (Maynooth University,

27 participants)

Roles at Maynooth University

- 2025 – pres. Member of the Teaching and Learning Committee of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.
- 2023 – pres. Chair of the Biomedical & Life Sciences Research Ethics Committee.
- 2022 – 2025 Member of the Public Relations Committee of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.
- 2021 – pres. Member of the STEM Promotion Committee.
- 2021 – pres. Member of the Finance Committee of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.
- 2020 – 2024 Coordinator of the Higher Diploma in Data Analytics.
2020 Departmental Final Year Statistics Coordinator.
- 2019 – 2025 Lead statistician of the Biomedical & Life Sciences Research Ethics Committee.
- 2018 – 2019 Organiser of the Colloquium Series in Mathematics and Statistics.

12 Professional Consultancy

Risk assessment for commercial production of genetically modified organisms

- 2012 Amyris Biotechnologies, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain, BRL 5,000.00
- 2013 – 2017 Solazyme/TerraVia, 5 strains of *Prototheca moriformis*, BRL 28,000.00
- 2015 Mascoma/Lallemand, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain, BRL 6,000.00
- 2016 Lesaffre, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain, BRL 6,000.00
- 2018 Evonik Industries, undisclosed yeast strain, EUR 3,944.00

Analysis of nutritional content in horse feed

- 2020 Connolly's Red Mills, EUR 1,036.00 (PIs: Dr Rafael Moral and Prof John Stephens, MU)

Analysis of mare reproduction data

- 2020 Connolly's Red Mills, EUR 1,688.00 (PIs: Dr Rafael Moral and Prof John Stephens, MU)

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