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Education

- 2012–2017 Ph.D., Biostatistics, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- 2010–2012 Master, Statistics, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China
- 2006–2010 Bachelor, Statistics, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China

Appointments and Positions

- 2020/1–Present Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), Department of Biostatistics, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2023/7–Present Assistant Professor (Secondary), Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI), University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2017–2019 Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Statistics and Data Science, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

Publications/Preprints

+: corresponding author; *: co-first author; _ : PhD advisee

- [1] P. Huang, M. Cai, X. Lu, C. McKennan, and **J. Wang**⁺, “Accurate estimation of rare cell type fractions from tissue omics data via hierarchical deconvolution,” *bioRxiv*, 2023.
- [2] M. Cai, M. Yue, T. Chen, J. Liu, E. Forno, X. Lu, T. Billiar, J. Celedón, C. McKennan, W. Chen⁺, and **J. Wang**⁺, “Robust and accurate estimation of cellular fraction from tissue omics data via ensemble deconvolution,” *Bioinformatics*, vol. 38, no. 11, pp. 3004–3010, 2022.
- [3] **J. Wang**⁺, K. Roeder⁺, and B. Devlin⁺, “Bayesian estimation of cell type-specific gene expression with prior derived from single-cell data,” *Genome research*, vol. 31, no. 10, pp. 1807–1818, 2021.
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variants disrupting protein–protein interactions affect risk for autism through gene co-expression and protein networks in neuronal cell types,” *Molecular autism*, vol. 11, no. 1, pp. 1–16, 2020.

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- [8] **J. Wang***, Q. Liu*, B. Pierce, D. Huo, O. Olopade, H. Ahsan, and L. Chen, “A meta-analysis approach with filtering for identifying gene-level gene-environment interactions,” *Genetic epidemiology*, vol. 42, no. 5, pp. 434–446, 2018.
- [9] **J. Wang**, E. R. Gamazon, B. L. Pierce, B. E. Stranger, H. K. Im, R. D. Gibbons, N. J. Cox, D. L. Nicolae, and L. S. Chen, “Imputing gene expression in uncollected tissues within and beyond GTEx,” *The American Journal of Human Genetics*, vol. 98, no. 4, pp. 697–708, 2016.
- [10] J.-M. Pyun, Y. H. Park, **J. Wang**, P. J. Bice, D. A. Bennett, J. P. Kim, S. Kim, A. J. Saykin, and K. Nho, “Transcriptional risk score in alzheimer’s disease: from pathology to cognition,” *Alzheimer’s & Dementia*, 2023.
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Funding

As Principal Investigator

- 2023/2-2027/11 **R01AG080590** (Role: **Contact PI**), NIH, "Statistical methods for population-level cell-type-specific analyses of tissue omics data for Alzheimer's disease", Total: \$1,891,625
- 2022/9-2023/9 **R03OD034501** (Role: **Contact PI**), NIH, "Integration of GTEx and HuBMAP data to gain population-level cell-type-specific insights", \$314,739
- 2021/7-2023/6 Competitive Medical Research Fund (CMRF) (Role: PI), UPMC, \$25,000
- 2022/1-2023/12 Health Sciences Bridge Funding (Role: PI), University of Pittsburgh Schools of Health Sciences, \$48,720
- 2022/1-2023/12 Brain Institute's Assault on Alzheimer's Seed Grant (Role: PI), University of Pittsburgh Brain Institute, \$25,000
- 2022/6-2023/5 Exploring Existing Data Resources Pilot Award (Role: PI), University of Pittsburgh Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI), \$25,000
- 2022/5-2023/4 Public Health Trans-Disciplinary Collaboration Pilot Award (PIs: Wang and Talisa), Pitt CTSI, "Precision Health Methods for Alzheimer's Disease", \$45,000

As Co-Investigator/Subcontract PI

- 2020/5-2024/2 R01MH123184: Computational methods to integrate and interpret the transcriptome from single cell and tissue level data (PI: Roeder), NIH, 1.2 months support per year
- 2020/7-2025/6 R01HL153058: Mucin sialylation drives epithelial cell senescence and severe asthma (PI: Wenzel), NIH, 1.2 months
- 2020/10-2025/8 U19AG068054: Alzheimer's Biomarker Consortium - Down Syndrome (ABC-DS) (PI: Handen), NIH, 1.2 months
- 2022/4-2027/4 P01AI106684: Immune airway-epithelial interactions in steroid-refractory severe asthma (PIs: Ray and Wenzel), NIH, 1.2 months
- 2022/7-2026/4 R01DK133454: Vinyl chloride modifies the risk for nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (PI: Beier), NIH, 1.2 months
- 2023/3-2028/2 R01AI164968: Functional consequences of intergenic autoimmune disease risk variants (PIs: Niewold and Demerci), NIH, 1.86 months and 1/2 GSR

Presentations

Invited Presentations

- 2023 The 16th International Conference on Computational and Methodological Statistics (CMStatistics 2023), Berlin, Germany
- 2023 Biostatistics Seminar, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2023 Accurate estimation of rare cell type fractions from tissue omics data via hierarchical deconvolution, JSM, Toronto, Canada
- 2023 Cross-Pollination Meeting, NIH Common Fund Data Ecosystem
- 2023 Joint Seminar Series of CMDB (Cell, Molecular, and Developmental Biology) - GGB (Genetics, Genomics, and Bioinformatics) - MCBL (Microbiology), University of California, Riverside
- 2023 Robust and accurate estimation of cellular fraction from tissue omics data via ensemble deconvolution. ENAR Spring Meeting, Nashville, TN
- 2023 Biostatistics Research Day, University of Pittsburgh

- 2022 Robust and accurate estimation of cellular fraction from tissue omics data via ensemble deconvolution. The 15th International Conference on Computational and Methodological Statistics (CMStatistics 2022), King's College London, UK
- 2021 Robust estimation of cell type fractions from bulk data via ensemble of various deconvolution approaches. ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium
- 2021 Detecting cell-type-specific eQTLs Using Bayesian estimates of cell-type-specific gene expression from tissue samples with single-cell prior. ENAR Spring Meeting
- 2020 Bayesian estimation of cell-type-specific gene expression for each tissue sample with prior derived from single-cell data. Department of Statistics Seminar Series, University of Pittsburgh
- 2020 Gene expression deconvolution implicates cell-type-specific gene expression and co-expression in autism. The 75th Anniversary of the Society of Biological Psychiatry (SOBP) Meeting (Canceled due to COVID-19)
- 2019 High-dimensional mixed-effects models for multi-omics data. Department of Biostatistics Seminar Series, University of Pittsburgh
- 2018 A random-effects model for multi-tissue deconvolution to estimate individual-level cell-type-specific gene expression. ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium
- 2017 High-Dimensional Multivariate Selection Models for Proteomics Data with Nonignorable Missingness. Department of Human Genetics, University of Pittsburgh
- 2017 A high-dimensional multivariate selection model for proteomics data with nonignorable missingness. Department of Biomedical Informatics, Arizona State University
- 2017 Statistical methods for genomics data with clustered structure and missingness. Division of Biostatistics, Medical College of Wisconsin
- 2016 A high-dimensional multivariate selection model for proteomics data with batch-level missingness. Workshop on Quantitative Research Methods in Education, Health and Social Sciences, University of Chicago

Contributed Presentations

- 2020 Bayesian Subject-Level Bulk Expression Deconvolution and Application to Cell-Type-Specific Differential Expression Analysis, Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM)
- 2019 An empirical Bayes method for deconvolving multi-measure bulk gene expression, JSM
- 2018 Using multi-tissue gene expression to estimate individual- and cell-type-specific expression via deconvolution, American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) Annual Meeting (Platform talk)
- 2017 A High-Dimensional Multivariate Selection Model for Proteomics Data with Batch-Level Missingness, JSM
- 2016 A multivariate selection model for cluster-level outcome-dependent missing data, JSM
- 2016 Mixed-effects models for multivariate clustered data with nonignorable missing outcomes, ENAR Spring Meeting
- 2015 Imputing the transcriptome in inaccessible tissues in and beyond the GTEx project, JSM
- 2015 A mixed-effects model for incomplete data with experiment-level abundance-dependent missing-data mechanism, ENAR Spring Meeting

Software Packages

EnsDeconv Ensemble Deconvolution to robustly estimate cellular fractions from bulk omics data: <https://github.com/randel/EnsDeconv>

- MIND Using bulk gene expression to estimate cell-type-specific gene expression via deconvolution: <https://github.com/randel/MIND>
- MixRF A random-forest-based approach for imputing clustered incomplete data: <https://github.com/randel/MixRF>
- mvMISE A general framework for multivariate mixed-effects selection models with potential missing data: <https://github.com/randel/mvMISE>
- ofGEM A meta-analysis approach with filtering for identifying gene-level gene-environment interactions: <https://github.com/randel/ofGEM>

Honors and Awards

- 2018 Outstanding Performance Award in the Field of Public Health Sciences, Division of the Biological Sciences, University of Chicago
- 2023 Nominated for James L. Craig Endowed Excellence in Education Award, School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh

Mentoring and Advising

As Ph.D. Dissertation Advisor

- 2021-Present Manqi Cai: won **Best Research Presentation Award**, Graduate Student Research Conference 2022, National Institute of Statistical Sciences; **Best PhD Poster Award**, Pitt Biostatistics Research Day 2023

As Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member

- 2020 Dongjing Liu (Human Genetics)
- 2021-2022 Xinjun Wang
- 2022-2023 Yang Ou
- 2022-2023 Jian Zou
- 2022-Present Hai-Wei Liang (Epidemiology)
- 2023-Present Shuangjia Xue (Environmental and Occupational Health)
- 2023-Present Xiangning Xue
- 2023-Present Rain Katz (Epidemiology)

As Ph.D. Academic Advisor

- 2020-2022 Lingyi Peng
- 2021-Present Gehui Zhang
- 2022-Present Penghui Huang: won **Research Poster Award & Student Paper Award Honorable Mention**, ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium 2023; **Student Research Award**, New England Statistics Symposium 2023; **Best PhD Poster Award**, Pitt Biostatistics Research Day 2023

As MS Academic Advisor

- 2022-Present Michelle Sun: won Best Master's Poster Award Honorable Mention, Pitt Biostatistics Research Day 2023

Teaching

Instructor

- Fall 2022 BIOST 2068, Introduction to Causal Inference, 3 credits, 11 enrolled
- Fall 2021 BIOST 2068, Introduction to Causal Inference, 3 credits, 35 enrolled

Guest Lecturer

- Spring 2022 HUGEN 2080: Statistical Genetics
- Spring 2020 HUGEN 2080: Statistical Genetics
- Spring 2020 EPID 2620: Application of Molecular Biomarkers in Epidemiology

Coordinator

- Spring 2022 BIOST 2025, Biostatistics Seminar, 1 credit, 18 enrolled
- Fall 2021 BIOST 2025, Biostatistics Seminar, 1 credit, 27 enrolled
- Spring 2021 BIOST 2025, Biostatistics Seminar, 1 credit, 28 enrolled
- Fall 2020 BIOST 2025, Biostatistics Seminar, 1 credit, 22 enrolled
- Spring 2020 BIOST 2025, Biostatistics Seminar, 1 credit, 9 enrolled

Service

Journal Editorship

- 2020-2022 Guest Associate Editor, Frontiers in Genetics
- 2022-Present Review Editor, Frontiers in Genetics & Frontiers in Psychiatry

Manuscript Review

- 2014-Present Journal of the American Statistical Association, Biometrics, Biostatistics, Annals of Applied Statistics, Nature Communications, Genome Research, Genome Biology, Bioinformatics, American Journal of Human Genetics, PLOS Genetics, PLOS One, PLOS Computational Biology, Psychological Methods, Statistics and Computing, American Journal of Epidemiology, Briefings in Bioinformatics, Genetic Epidemiology, Human Genetics and Genomics Advances, Science Advances, Statistics in Biosciences, Annals of Surgical Oncology, Biometrical Journal, F1000Research, Frontiers in Genetics, Frontiers in Psychiatry, Neurobiology of Aging, PeerJ, Psychological Medicine, Theranostics, Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience, Schizophrenia Bulletin, Communications Biology, Health Services and Outcomes Research Methodology, Journal of Biopharmaceutical Statistics, BMC Bioinformatics

Grant Review

- 2021/6 Reviewer, NIH GCAT (Genomics, Computational Biology and Technology) Study Section
- 2021 Grant Reviewer, CTSI Funding Competition, University of Pittsburgh
- 2022 Grant Reviewer, Department of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh
- 2023 Member, Competitive Medical Research Fund (CMRF) Review Committee, University of Pittsburgh

International Organizations

- 2023-2024 Co-Chair, Local Organizing Committee, 2024 ASA SSGG (Section on Statistics in Genomics and Genetics) Conference
- 2023 Invited Session Organizer, ENAR
- 2023 Invited Session Organizer, WNAR
- 2017, 2023 Invited Session Organizer, ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium
- 2021, 2022 Invited Session Organizer, JSM

Department Committees

- 2022-Present Member, PhD Admissions Committee
- 2023-Present Chair, Master Comprehensive Exam Committee
- 2022 Member, Search Committee for Tenure Stream Faculty

2021-2022 Member, Master Comprehensive Exam Committee

2020-2022 Organizer, Biostatistics Research Day

2020 Member, Biostatistics Teaching Task Force

Other Services

2021-Present Member, Scholarly Oversight Committee, Pitt Department of Pediatrics

2023 Judge, ENAR Poster Session

2021 Judge, Public Health Dean's Day Poster Session, University of Pittsburgh

2021 Judge, ASA Pittsburgh Chapter Banquet Poster Session

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