

William Michael Landau

Education

- PhD Statistics, [Iowa State U](#), 2016
- MS Statistics, [Iowa State U](#) 2013
- BS Math, [U of Chicago](#) 2011

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Publications

- **Landau, W.**, Niemi, J., and Nettleton, D., "Fully Bayesian analysis of RNA-seq counts for the detection of gene expression heterosis". *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/01621459.2018.1497496>.
- **Landau, W.** (2018), "The drake R package: a pipeline toolkit for reproducibility and high-performance computing". *Journal of Open Source Software*, 3(21), 550, <https://doi.org/10.21105/joss.00550>.
- Niemi, J., Mittman, E., **Landau, W.**, and Nettleton, D. (2015), "Empirical Bayes Analysis of RNA-seq Data for Detection of Gene Expression Heterosis," *Journal of Agricultural, Biological, and Environmental Statistics*, 20, 1-15. Available at link.springer.com.
- **Landau, W.** and Liu, P. (2013), "Dispersion Estimation and Its Effect on Test Performance in RNA-seq Data Analysis: A Simulation-Based Comparison of Methods," *PLOS One*, 8. Available at journals.plos.org.
- Ratliff, B., Womack, C., Tang, X., **Landau, W.**, Butler, L., and Szpunar, D. (2010), "Modeling the Rovibrationally Excited C₂H₄OH Radicals from the Photodissociation of 2-Bromoethanol at 193 nm," *Journal of Physical Chemistry*, 114, 4934-4945. Available at ncbi.nlm.nih.gov.

Open Source Software

- [drake](#), an R-focused pipeline toolkit for reproducible computation and high-performance computing. Part of [rOpenSci](#).
- [txtq](#), a minimalist, serverless, socketless message queue for interprocess communication.
- [downsize](#), an R package to toggle between the test and production versions of large workflows.
- R packages [fbseq](#), [fbseqCUDA](#), and [fbseqOpenMP](#). A toolkit for the fully Bayesian analysis of genomic count data.

Awards

- 2019 NumFOCUS New Contributor Recognition. Awarded for inclusive and collaborative work with rOpenSci. <https://numfocus.org/blog/2019-numfocus-awards>.
- 2017 Lilly Innovator Award. Awarded for leading a successful team effort to modernize Lilly's internal process for contributing open source software.
- [Student Paper Award](#), American Statistical Association Section on Statistical Computing, Jan 2016. Awarded for an early draft of the preprint at arxiv.org/abs/1606.06659.
- [Vince Sposito Statistical Computing Award](#), Iowa State University, Aug 2013.
- [GlaxoSmithKline Industrial Scholarship](#), Iowa State University, Sep 2011.
- Alumni Scholarship, Iowa State University, Aug 2011.

Skills

- Reproducible research, statistical computing, hierarchical models, Bayesian methods, Markov chain Monte Carlo, high-dimensional data analysis, genomics data analysis, exploratory analysis, visualization, linear and nonlinear models, data mining, machine learning, predictive modeling, multivariate analysis.
- High-performance computing, R, R package development, general-purpose graphics processing unit (GPU) computing, CUDA, shell scripting, LaTeX, HTML, CSS.
- Past experience with C/C++, MPI, OpenMP, Python, JavaScript, AWK, Fortran.

Research statistician

- **October 2016 - Present**
- [Eli Lilly and Company](#)
- Developed internal statistical tools and capabilities for the design, simulation, and analysis of clinical trials.
- Served as the lead statistician in early-phase autoimmune asset teams.
- Supported late-phase clinical trial teams with advanced analytics, including clinical program simulation and tailored therapeutics.
- Published open-source software packages [drake](#) and [txtq](#) to improve reproducibility and high-performance computing in R.

Research assistant

- **May 2013 - Aug 2016**
- RNA-sequencing Working Group, Department of Statistics, [Iowa State University](#).
- Funded by NIH grant R01GM109458 with Drs. Dan Nettleton and Jarad Niemi.
- Developed a new fully Bayesian analysis method for high-dimensional genomic datasets using hierarchical models.
- Implemented massively parallelized Markov chain Monte Carlo.
- Created the [fbseq](#) R package to distribute the analysis method.

- Implemented and distributed parallel computing backends for [CUDA GPUs](#) ([fbseqCUDA](#)) and [OpenMP](#) ([fbseqOpenMP](#)).
- Created the [remakeGenerator](#), [parallelRemake](#), and [downsize](#) packages to manage, ameliorate, expedite, and accelerate computationally heavy reproducible workflows that are under heavy development.

Seminar instructor

- **Aug - Dec, 2012 and 2013.**
- Department of Statistics, [Iowa State University](#).
- [GPU computing](#) seminar series at [wlandau.github.io/gpu](#).
- Educated faculty and graduate students on massively parallel computing with [general-purpose graphics processing units](#).
- Constructed, curated, and distributed slides, video, and example code at [wlandau.github.io/gpu](#) and on [YouTube](#).

Course instructor

- **Jan - May, 2012 and 2013.**
- Department of Statistics, [Iowa State University](#).
- STAT 305: Engineering Statistics ([wlandau.github.io/stat305](#)).

Grader

- **Aug - Dec, 2011.**
- Department of Statistics, [Iowa State University](#).
- STAT 231: Engineering Probability.
- STAT 105: Introduction to Engineering Statistics.

Leadership at Eli Lilly and Company

- Led a successful team effort to modernize Lilly's internal procedure for contributing open source software.
- Served as a volunteer moderator in the [2017 National Science Bowl \(high school Indiana Regionals\)](#).

Leadership at Iowa State University

- Founder and leader, Cloud Computing Working Group, Sep - Dec 2015.
- Member, Computation Advisory Committee, Sep 2015 - May 2016.

- Volunteer instructor, Office of Precollegiate Programs for Talented and Gifted ([OPPTAG](#)), Mar 13, 2014.
- Fellow, [Preparing Future Faculty](#), Aug 2013 - May 2014.
- Assistant Coach, Boxing Club, Aug 2013 - Dec 2013.

References

- [Jarad Niemi](#), PhD advisor and major professor, niemi@iastate.edu.
- [Dan Nettleton](#), lead principal investigator of the RNA-sequencing Working Group (Iowa State Department of Statistics), dnett@iastate.edu.
- [Peng Liu](#), MS advisor and major professor, pliu@iastate.edu.
- Additional references available on request.

Hobbies

- Climbing, Brazillian Jiu Jitsu, sailing, windsurfing