## Rvan Miller, Assistant Professor of Statistics

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**EDUCATION** University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Ph.D., Biostatistics, August 2018

- Thesis: Marginal False Discovery Rate Approaches to Inference on Penalized Likelihood Models
- Advisor: Patrick Breheny, Ph.D.

M.S., Biostatistics, May 2015

- Preceptorship: Analyzing the Geographic Dispersion of Accidents Involving Animal Strikes in Iowa using a Bayesian Spatio-temporal Model
- Advisor: Jake Oleson, Ph.D.

## Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

B.A., Mathematics and Mathematics Education (Double Major), May 2011

- Graduated Cum Laude
- Advisor: Stacey Rodman, Ph.D

### Professional EXPERIENCE

### **Assistant Professor of Statistics**

2022 to present

Department of Mathematics and Statistics Grinnell College

## Assistant Professor of Statistics (tenure track)

2020 to 2022

Department of Mathematics

Xavier University

#### Visiting Assistant Professor of Statistics

2018 to 2020

Department of Mathematics and Statistics Grinnell College

# Research Assistant

2017 to 2018

Iowa Public Policy Center,

University of Iowa

Supervisor: Elizabeth Momany, Ph.D.

Role: Statistical analysis as part of the State Innovation Model (SIM) for Iowa

healthcare

#### Research Assistant

2014 to 2017

Iowa Public Policy Center

University of Iowa

Supervisor: Michelle Reyes, M.S.

Role: Statistical analyses and data management on projects involving the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) crash records database

Consultant 2017 to 2018

National Advanced Driving Simulator Organization

University of Iowa

Supervisor: Michelle Reyes, M.S.

Role: Statistical support on projects involving teen driving research

Teaching	Grinnell College, Department of Mathematics and Statistics	
EXPERIENCE	STA 395 - Applied Data Science	Spring 2020
	STA 230 - Introduction to Data Science (two sections)	Fall 2022
	STA 230 - Introduction to Data Science	Fall 2019
	STA 230 - Introduction to Data Science (two sections)	Spring 2019
	STA 209 - Applied Statistics	Spring 2020
	STA 209 - Applied Statistics (two sections)	Fall 2019
	STA 209 - Applied Statistics	Spring 2019
	STA 209 - Applied Statistics (two sections)	Fall 2018
	Xavier University, Department of Mathematics	
	MATH 257 - Data Modeling	Spring 2021
	MATH 256 - Introduction to Probability and Statistics	Fall 2021
	MATH 256 - Introduction to Probability and Statistics	Fall 2020
	MATH 156 - General Statistics	Spring 2022
	MATH 156 - General Statistics (two sections)	Spring 2021
	MATH 156 - General Statistics	Fall 2020
	MATH 146 - Introductory Biostatistics (two sections)	Spring 2022
	MATH 146 - Introductory Biostatistics (two sections)	Fall 2021
	University of Iowa, Department of Biostatistics	
	BIOS 4120 - Introduction to Biostatistics (Instructor)	Summer 2014
	BIOS 4120 - Introduction to Biostatistics (Teaching Assistant)	Spring 2014
	$\rm BIOS~4120$ - Introduction to Biostatistics (Teaching Assistant)	Fall 2013
	Pawnee High School, Pawnee IL	
	Calculus I, Algebra II w/ Trig, Algebra I, Advanced Algebra	2011-2012

### Research Interests

- High-dimesional data analysis
- Penalized likelihood models
- Large-scale inference and false discovery rates
- Statistical applications in driving research
- Statistical applications in public health
- Statistics and data science eduction

## PEER-REVIEWED **Publications**

- 1. Miller, R, and Breheny, P "Marginal false discovery rate control for likelihoodbased penalized regression models" Biometrical Journal. 2019 https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/bimj.201800138
- 2. Miller, R, Brown, T, Lee, S\*, Tibrewal, I\*, Milavetz, G, Gaffney, G, Hartman, Hartman R, D Gorelick, R Compton, Huestis, M "Impact of cannabis and low alcohol concentration on divided attention tasks during driving" Traffic Injury Prevention. 2020 https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15389588.2020.1814956
- 3. Miller, R, Brown, T, Wrobel, J, Kosnett, M, Brooks-Russell, A "Influence of cannabis use history on the impact of acute cannabis smoking on simulated driving performance during a distraction task" Traffic Injury Prevention. 2022 https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15389588.2020.1814956
- 4. Vo, M\*, Kuo-Esser, L\*, Dominguez, M\*, Barta, H\*, Graber, M\*, Rausenberger, A\*, Miller, R, Sommer, N, Escorcia, W "Photo Phenosizer, a rapid machine learning-based method to measure cell dimensions in fission yeast" microPublication

Biology. 2022

https://micropublication.org/journals/biology/micropub-biology-000620

\* indicates undergraduate student co-author

#### Manuscripts in Progress

- 1. Miller, R, and Breheny, P "Feature-specific inference for penalized regression using local false discovery rates" (In submission)
  Pre-print: https://arxiv.org/abs/1809.05497
- 2. **Miller, R**, and Breheny, P "Marginal false discovery rates for group lasso selections" (In preparation)

### NOTEWORTHY PRESENTATIONS

 Miller, R, Brown, T, Lee, S\*, Tibrewal, I\*, Milavetz, G, Gaffney, G, Hartman, Hartman R, D Gorelick, R Compton, Huestis, M "Secondary Task Performance While Driving: The Impacts of cannabis and low alcohol concentration on divided attention tasks during driving" Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine, 64th annual scientific conference. October 16, 2020

#### Mentoring

#### Student Summer Research:

- Jindal, T, and Luo, Y "A latent variable approach for analyzing collision scenarios with application to driving simulator time-series data" (Summer 2019)
  - Accepted for poster presentation at the 2019 Midstates Consortium for Math and Science at University of Chicago
- Lee, S, and Tibrewal, I "Evaluating the impact of cannabis, with and without alcohol, on secondary tasks performed while driving" (Summer 2019)
  - Accepted for oral presentation at the 2019 Midstates Consortium for Math and Science at University of Chicago
  - Accepted for oral presentation at the 2020 Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine annual conference in Portland Oregon
  - Accepted for publication in Traffic Injury Prevention, 2020

#### Award Winning Student Projects:

- Uzzi, MJ, and Li, L "An Evaluation of the Factors Influencing College Graduation Rate" (Spring 2020)
  - 2nd place in the June 2020 USCLAP Introductory Statistics paper competition
  - Presented at the 2020 Electronic Undergraduate Statistics Research Conference
- Carroll-Townsend, D "Factors on Receiving the Flu Vaccine" (Spring 2020)
  - Honorable mention in the June 2020 USCLAP Introductory Statistics paper competition

#### Senior Project Faculty Mentor:

- Filipiak, E "An improved analysis of performance degradation during divided attention tasks performed while driving" (Xavier University, 2021-22)
- Siemer, K "Factor analysis of a novel school climate survey instrument" (Xavier University, 2021-22)

#### Doctoral Committee Member:

• Peterson, R, University of Iowa, Department of Biostatistics (Spring 2019)

### FUNDING

• 1N5 School Climate Instrument Validation (co-investigator with Dr. Victor Ronis-Tobin) - \$10,000 (2020-22)

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

- William R. Clarke Graduate Teaching award recipient, University of Iowa 2018
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant nominee, University of Iowa 2013-14
- Pi Mu Epsilon honor society inductee, Augustana College chapter 2010
- Four-year letterman, Cross Country, Track and Field, Augustana College 2007-2011

Professional Service Referee for the following journals:

- Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation (1)
- Computational Statistics and Data Analysis (1)
- Scientific Reports (1)

AP Statistics exam reader

• 2021, 2022

Professional

Participant in the following programs:

DEVELOPMENT

• Project NExT Brown Cohort (2020-2021)

References

Available upon request

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