Rui Miao

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Education

The George Washington University — Washington, DC
Ph.D. in Statistics, GPA: 4.00/4.00, Advisor: Xiaoke Zhang — 2022

The George Washington University — Washington, DC
M.S. in Statistics, GPA: 3.98/4.00 — 2018

Dalian University of Technology — Dalian, China
B.S. in Computational Mathematics, GPA: 3.78/4.00 — 2015

Awards and Scholarships

- ICSA Student Paper Award — 2021
  International Chinese Statistical Association
- Minna Mirin Kullback Memorial Prize for Research and Scholarship — 2021
  Department of Statistics, The George Washington University
- Full Package of University Scholarship and Graduate Assistantship — 2016, 2018–2023
  The George Washington University
- World Rank 14th / US Rank 1st — 2017
  Data Mining Cup
- University Merit-based Scholarship — 2012–2015
  Dalian University of Technology

Research Interests

- Reinforcement Learning • Causal Inference • Functional Data Analysis • Wavelet Methods
- Scientific Computing • Precision Medicine • Neuroimaging

Publications

Statistical Research

1. **Miao, R.**, Qi, Z., and Zhang, X. (2022). Off-Policy Evaluation for Episodic Partially Observable Markov Decision Processes under Non-Parametric Models. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS). Accepted.*

2. **Miao, R.**, Zhang, X., and Wong, R. K. W. (2021+). A Wavelet-Based Independence Test for Functional Data with an Application to MEG Functional Connectivity. *Journal of the American Statistical Association (Theory and Methods). In press.*

   2021 ICSA Student Paper Award. DOI code

3. **Miao, R.**, Xue, W., and Zhang, X. (2022). Average Treatment Effect Estimation in Observational Studies with Functional Covariates. *Statistics and Its Interface*, 15(2): 237-246. DOI code

4. Qi, Z., **Miao, R.**, and Zhang, X. (2021+). Proximal Learning for Individualized Treatment Regimes under Unmeasured Confounding. *Journal of the American Statistical Association (Theory and Methods). Resubmitted after major revision.* arXiv code

Cross-Disciplinary Research

1. Rogers, T., Greenbaum, A. B., Babaliaros, V. C., Foerst, J. R., Khan, J. M., Bruce, C., Stine, A. M., Satler, L. F., Perdoncin, E., Gleason, P. T., Lisko, J. C., Tian, X., **Miao, R.**, Sachdev, V., Chen, M. Y., and Lederman, R. J. (2022). Transcatheter Mitral Cerclage Ventriculoplasty: From Bench to Beside. *JACC: Cardiovascular Intervention*, 15(12), 1249-1263.

2. Strich, J. R., Warner, S., Tian, X., **Miao, R.**, Ramos-Benitez, M., Reger, R., Chakraborty, M., Wong, S., Saxena, A., McCoy, P. J., Kanthi, Y., Chertow, D. S., Suffredini, A. F., Nathan, S. D., and Childs, R. W. (2022). Fostamatinib Reduces Innate Neutrophil Activation in Hospitalized Patients with COVID-19. *International Conference of the American Thoracic Society.*

3. Domanski, M. J., Wu, C. O., Tian, X., Hasan, A., Ma, X., Huang, Y., **Miao, R.**, Reis, J. P., Bae, S., Husain, A., J. Jr., D. R., Allen, N. B., Lee, M.-L. T., Hong, C. C., Farkouh, M., Lloyd-Jones, D. M., and Fuster, V. (2021+). Association of Incident Cardiovascular Disease and Cumulative Exposure to Multiple Risk Factors. *Submitted.*

Teaching

- **Instructor** at The George Washington University — Washington, DC
  - STAT 2112 Business & Econ Statistics II — Summer 2022
  - STAT 6201 Mathematical Statistics I (Substitute Lecturer) — Spring 2020
- **Teaching Assistant** at The George Washington University — Washington, DC

  Graduate Level:
  - STAT 6201 Mathematical Statistics I — Fall 2018
  - STAT 6202 Mathematical Statistics II — Spring 2020
  - STAT 6225 Survival Analysis — Spring 2021
  - STAT 6227 Longitudinal Data Analysis — Fall 2020
  - STAT 8262 Nonparametric Inference — Spring 2020
  - STAT 8263 Advanced Statistical Theory I — Fall 2019
  - BNU-GWU Summer School, Deep Learning Lab Session — Summer 2019

  Undergraduate Level:
  - STAT 1051 Introduction to Business & Econ Statistics — Fall 2018, Fall 2020, Spring 2021
  - STAT 1053 Introduction to Statistics in Social Science — Fall 2019
  - STAT 2112 Business & Econ Statistics II — Spring 2019
  - STAT 4198 Biostatistical Methods — Spring 2019

Working Experience

University of California, Irvine — Irvine, CA
Postdoc advised by Annie Qu and Babak Shalbaba — 09/2022–now

National Institute of Health (Contracted by Guidehouse) — Bethesda, MD
Pre-doc Fellow at NIH/NHLBI/DIR/OCD/OBR — 07/2021–06/2022

- Collaborated with clinical and laboratory investigators on data collection, processing and analysis.
- Led and implemented quality control workflow for clinical database migrations.
- Deployed and tested a new NHLBI computational platform for clinical research collaborations.
- Co-authored three manuscripts submitted to peer reviewed medical journals and conferences, contributing longitudinal and survival data (see Publications/Cross-Disciplinary Research).

U.S. Food and Drug Administration Silver Spring, MD
ORISE Fellow at FDA/CDER/OTS/OB/DBVI Summer 2020

- Proposed a theoretical framework for comparing C-QTc models of crossover design with different baselines.
- Provided practical guidance for the selection of baseline type in QT studies by numerical comparisons.

Presentations

- Proximal Learning for Individualized Treatment Regimes under Unmeasured Confounding 05/2022
  National Institute of Health, NHLBI, Office of Biostatistics Research Seminar Series, Bethesda, MD (Invited).
- Proximal Learning for Individualized Treatment Regimes under Unmeasured Confounding 04/2022
  Conference on Advances in Bayesian and Frequentist Statistics, Rutgers University (Contributed Poster).
- A Wavelet-based Independence Test for Functional Data with An Application to MEG Functional Connectivity 09/2021
  2021 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium, Virtual (Invited).
- A Wavelet-based Independence Test for Functional Data with An Application to MEG Functional Connectivity 03/2021
  ENAR 2021 Spring Meeting, Virtual (Contributed).
- C-QTc Modeling on Crossover Design with Different Baselines: A Theoretical View 10/2020
  FDA OB Science Day Poster, Virtual (Contributed Poster).
- Multi-Scale B-spline Compressed Sensing and Sparse Approximation 06/2014
  National College Student Research Conference, Sichuan University, China (Contributed).

Services and Memberships

- Committee of International Chinese Statistical Association 2021-2023
  Member of Archive Committee
- Member of American Statistical Association
- Member of ENAR

Skills

- **Programming & Script Languages:** Python • R • C/C++ • MatLab • SAS • SQL • JavaScript • Shellscript • Lisp
- **Machine/Deep Learning Frameworks:** Scikit-learn • Pytorch • Scipy • Pandas
- **Miscellaneous:** Linux Server Administration • Git • Docker • AWS • Emacs • Vim