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(Aug 2018-Current) Assistant Professor of Statistics, University of Florida

Ph.D., University of Chicago, June 2018

Master of Statistics, Indian Statistical Institute, 2013.

Bachelor of Statistics , Indian Statistical Institute, 2011.

## Research

Updates: <https://sayarkarmakar.github.io>.

### *Published Journal Articles*

1. Simultaneous inference for time-varying models: **Sayar Karmakar**, Stefan Richter, Wei Biao Wu; To appear in Journal of Econometrics.  
Link: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.13157>
2. Optimal Gaussian approximation under dependence: **Sayar Karmakar**, Wei Biao Wu; *Statistica Sinica* 30, 1399-1417 (2020) Presented in Statistica Sinica Invited Papers Session JSM 2020.  
Link: <https://doi.org/10.5705/ss.202017.0303>  
Arxiv version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2001.10164>
3. Shrinkage estimation with singular priors and an application to small area estimation. Ryumei Nakada (Graduate student), Tatsuya Kubokawa, Malay Ghosh and **Sayar Karmakar**. To appear in Journal of Multivariate Analysis  
Link: <https://sayarkarmakar.github.io/publications/sayarshrinkage.pdf>
4. Long term prediction intervals of economic time-series: Marek Chudy\*, **Sayar Karmakar**\*, Wei Biao Wu; *Empirical Economics* 58, 191-222 (2020) [\* Alphabetical order]  
Link: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00181-019-01689-2>
5. Bayesian modelling of time-varying conditional heteroscedasticity **Sayar Karmakar**, Arkaprava Roy (Revision submitted to Bayesian Analysis)  
Link: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.06007>
6. Prediction intervals for high dimensional regression: **Sayar Karmakar**, Marek Chudy and Wei Biao Wu; (Accepted for International Symposium of Forecasting. Invited session on SWEET pricing. A different version is now under review )  
Link: <https://sayarkarmakar.github.io/publications/sayar4.pdf>

### *Published Peer-reviewed Conference Articles*

1. Understanding the Rise of Twitter-based cyberbullying due to COVID-19 through comprehensive statistical evaluation: **Sayar Karmakar** and Sanchari Das. Proceedings of the 54th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences, 2521-2531
2. Evaluating the impact of covid-19 on cyberbullying through bayesian trend analysis: **Sayar Karmakar** and Sanchari Das: (Accepted for European Interdisciplinary Cybersecurity Conference, 2020. Extended version to appear at The Journal of Wireless Mobile Networks, Ubiquitous Computing, and Dependable Applications
3. A change-point analysis of worldwide Twitter trend to evaluate impact of COVID-19 on Cyberbullying: Sanchari Das, Andrew Kim and **Sayar Karmakar** (Corresponding Author) Accepted for 16th Annual Social Informatics Research Symposium, 2020.  
Poster: 15th International Workshop on Security (IWSEC 2020)

### *Submitted Journal Articles*

1. A Study of Neural Training with Iterative Non-Gradient Methods: **Sayar Karmakar**, Anirbit Mukherjee, Ramchandran Muthukumar  
Link: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2005.04211>
2. Boosting model-free predictions for econometric datasets: Kejin Wu (Graduate student) **Sayar Karmakar**  
Link: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2101.02273>
3. The regular stochastic block model on several-community networks: **Sayar Karmakar**, Moumanti Podder (RR at Advances in Applied Probability). Resubmitted.  
Link: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.05577>
4. Time-varying auto-regressive models for count time-series: Arkaprava Roy, **Sayar Karmakar** (submitted)  
Link: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.07634>

### *Journal Articles in Preparation*

1. Analyzing initial stage of COVID-19 transmission through Bayesian time-varying model Arkaprava Roy, **Sayar Karmakar**  
Link: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.02281>
2. An alternative method to self-estimate the time-varying reproduction number for epidemics. **Sayar Karmakar**, Rounak Dey and Arkaprava Roy. *in preparation*
3. Test of synchronization of change-points in multiple time-series: Sayar Karmakar, Maggie Cheng, Wei Biao Wu. Invited submission for Journal of Time series analysis  
Previous version Manuscript: <https://sayarkarmakar.github.io/publications/sayar5.pdf>
4. Comprehensive and simultaneous inference for multiple trend-seasonal models: Sayar Karmakar, Wei Biao Wu  
Previous version Manuscript: <https://sayarkarmakar.github.io/publications/sayar6.pdf>
5. Simultaneous prediction intervals for high dimensional VAR models Sayar Karmakar, Mengyu Xu *in preparation*
6. Joint estimation of parameters in Potts model. Sayar Karmakar, Moumanti Podder. *in preparation*

7. Inference on models with non-Lipschitz and time-varying coefficients: Sayar Karmakar *in preparation*
8. Risk bounds for isotonic quantile regression: Sayar Karmakar, Sabyasachi Chatterjee *in preparation*
9. A new frontier in changepoint detection exploiting envelope models: Sayar Karmakar, Guangyu Zhu, Zhihua Su *in preparation*
10. Robust two-sample mean tests in presence of outliers: Sayar Karmakar, Ayanendranath Basu  
Preprint Manuscript: <https://sayarkarmakar.github.io/publications/sayarrobust.pdf>
11. A uniform framework for robust estimation: Sayar Karmakar, Abhik Ghosh *in preparation*
12. Heavy-tailed phenomenon for neural nets with multiple gates: Sayar Karmakar and Anirbit Mukherjee

### *Presentations and Talks*

Invited talk: University of Pittsburgh, March 2021. Time-varying models and applications.

Talk at Hawaii International Conference on System Science 54 (peer-reviewed): Hawaii, 2021 January  
Understanding the Rise of Twitter-based cyberbullying due to COVID-19 through comprehensive statistical evaluation:

Invited talk: Post-regularized prediction intervals for high dimensional VAR process. CFE CMStatistics. Virtual 2020 December

Talk at European Interdisciplinary Cybersecurity Conference (Peer reviewed) : 2020 November. Evaluating the impact of covid-19 on cyberbullying through bayesian trend analysis

Contributed talk at One world symposium August 2020. Virtual. Optimal Gaussian approximation and applications.

Invited talk: University of Florida Biostatistics seminar talk: 2020 August

Invited talk: Seoul, Korea, CMStatistics: Session organizer. 2020 July. Postponed to 2021 Summer

Invited talk: ISNPS (International symposium on non-parametric statistics) Cyprus 2020 June Cancelled. Postponed to 2021 Summer

Invited talk: ISBIS July 2020: (International Society for Business and Industrial Statistics) Cancelled/Postponed

Invited talk: Spring Research conference, Michigan, 2020 May Cancelled

Invited talk in student seminar: Texas AM. April 2020 Cancelled

Invited talk: Post-regularized prediction intervals for high dimensional VAR process. IISA IIT Mumbai 2019 December

Invited talk: Change-point synchronization for multiple and high-dimensional time series. CFE CMStatistics. London 2019 December

Invited talk: Illinois Institute of Technology colloquium: Gaussian approximation for multiple series and its applications. October 2019.

Seminar talk: Indian statistical Institute: Gaussian approximation for multiple series and its applications. September 2019.

Invited talk: Michigan State University Seminar talk: Gaussian approximation for multiple series and its applications. September 2019.

Contributed talk: Comprehensive inference on trend-cycle model. Colorado. JSM 2019.

Contributed talk: (peer-reviewed acceptance): Post-regularized prediction intervals for VAR models. IMS New researcher conference.

Invited talk: Simultaneous inference on time-varying models. IIM Bangalore July 2019.

Invited talk: Prediction intervals for high dimensional regression. 3rd international conference on economics and statistics. Taichung Ecosta 2019 June.

Talk at SWEET pricing invited session: (peer-reviewed acceptance) Prediction intervals for high dimensional regression. Thessaloniki ISF 2019.

Contributed poster: Time-aggregated forecasting for ultra high dimensional regression under dependence. Symposium on Data Science and Statistics, Seattle May 2019.

Invited talk: Long-term forecasting in high dimensional regression. Florida ASA Chapter. February 2019.

Contributed talk: Comprehensive simultaneous inference on time-varying models. Triennial symposium, Kolkata, December 2018

Invited talk: Comprehensive simultaneous inference on time-varying models. CMStatistics/ERCIM, University of Pisa, Italy (December 2018)

Poster: Comprehensive simultaneous inference on time-varying models. NSF-NBER peer reviewed conference. University of California San Diego September 2018

Poster: Optimal Gaussian approximation. International Indian Statistical Association, University of Florida, Gainesville. May 2018. Best poster award

Poster: Simultaneous inference on time-varying models. New Aspects of Statistics, Financial Econometrics, and Data Science. Booth School, University of Chicago. May 2018

Invited Talk: Simultaneous inference on time-varying models. *Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata* Mar 2018

Invited Job Talk: Simultaneous inference on time-varying models *University of Florida, SAMSI, Temple University, Old Dominion University, University of Michigan, Bucknell University, Texas Christian University, University of Wisconsin, University of Nevada, Reno*

Invited Talk: Simultaneous confidence bands in time-varying coefficient models. *University of Illinois at Chicago* Oct 2017

Talk: Robust two-sample mean tests in presence of outliers. *Indian Statistical Institute* May, 2013

Poster: Clustering approach to identify clones in tumors *Young Statistician's conference* Melbourne, Feb 2013. 2nd prize winner.

Talk: High exome mutational burden in 58 African Americans with persistent extreme blood pressure *Institute of Genetic Medicine* Baltimore, June 2012

Poster: Statistical Methods to Identify clonal variations present in Tumour *Conference on Contemporary Issues and Applications of Statistics*, Kolkata, January 2012

Poster: Identification and differentiation between driver and passenger mutation applying clustering algorithm on next gen sequencing data. *61st ASHG meeting* Montreal, Canada, October 2011.

Talk: A brief review of geometric probability. *D. Basu Memorial Award*, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, September 2011

## Student advising

Member of PhD dissertation committee:

Ruoyang Zhang (Department of Statistics)

Haekyung Im (School of Building construction)

Heshan Aravinda (Department of Mathematics)

Siphumlile Mangisa (External: Department of Statistics, University of Pretoria)

Graduate student advising

At University of Florida: Yiqiao Zhang, Suman Bhattacharya, Somnath Bhadra

External: Kejin Wu (UC San Diego), Jiefu Zhou (Columbia University)

## Research Interests

Time series analysis, Dependent data analysis, Gaussian multiplier bootstrap, Simultaneous inference of regression model, Scan statistics, Tensor regression, Network analysis, Stochastic block model, Vector autoregressive model, Prediction intervals, Functional data analysis, Change-point analysis, Analyzing periodical and cyclical variations, Embedding and strong invariance principle, Econometrics, High dimensional statistics, Sparse graphs, Tournament problems, Robust statistics, Genetics

## Statistics Consulting Experience

Effect of native /sign language on gesture pattern: Dinah Shender (Co-leader), Sayar Karmakar (Co-leader), Ye Tian, Fan Yang and Nuoya Zhou.

Grave Dating and Gender Roles: Mengyu Xu (Leader), Sayar Karmakar, Bo Luan

Effect of Rurality on Degree Attainment in College: Sayar Karmakar (Leader), Shan Lu

Chinese restaurant process to study inventor-patent relationships: Sayar Karmakar (Leader), Guanzhou Chen, Jinhan Ahn, Yangze Zhou.

## Referee work

### *Journals*

Annals of Statistics(5), The Journal of the American Statistical Association (1), Electronic Journal of Statistics(1), Linear Algebra and its Applications(3), Statistics and Probability letters(3), Sankhya(2), Journal of multivariate analysis(3), Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation (1), Environments (1), STAT (1)

### *Grants*

NSERC Discovery Grants - Govt. of Canada

### *Student paper award committee*

ASA Section on Statistical Learning and Data Science for JSM 2021

## Research Grants Awarded

Start-up grant from University of Florida. Project name: High dimensional inference for dependent data. \$83924

## Awards

### *Statistics*

Travel award for attending IMS New Researcher Conference, 2019, Colorado: \$833.

Travel award for attending Symposium on Data Science and Statistics, Seattle 2019: \$500

Best poster award IISA 2018 conference, Gainesville

Travel award for attending IISA 2018 conference: \$350

Graduate travel award UChicago Grad Gargoyle 2017-18: \$600

Runners up in the Statistics Consulting Program 2016-17 at University of Chicago.

Nominated for best tutor in Statistics in both 2014-15 and 2015-16 at the Core college tutoring program.

Debash Kamal Scholarship, 2013: \$1600

Deans list, Indian Statistical Institute, 2008-2013

2nd prize in poster, Young Statistician's Conference, Melbourne. 2013, (Organized by SSAI): \$200 AUD

Travel award, ISI for attending YSC, Melbourne : \$1200

USPROC 4th prize, 2011 ( Organized by Consortium for the Advancement of Undergraduate Statistics Education, <http://www.causeweb.org/usproc>)

Travel award, ISI for research internship in JHU: \$1500

Travel award, ISI for attending ASHG 2011 Montreal: \$1500

IAS Summer Fellowship, 2011 for a project on Geometric Probability under Prof. A. M. Mathai.

### *Others*

KVPY scholarship, 2009-2013: \$1000 for each year 2009-2011 \$1500 for each year 2011-2013.

Rank 3, Regional Maths Olympiad, West Bengal, India 2012

Inspire Scholarship, 2010-2013

NCERT Scholarship, 2006-2008

Rank 1, National level Science Talent by "Jatiyo Biggyan Porishod" 2005

Top ranks Statewise Mathematics talent by ADTM 2002-2007