



Samuel Davenport

Working to restore Random Field Theory to its former glory

Education

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Born

24/03/1994

2016-2020

University of Oxford - PhD in Statistics on the OxWaSP program

Working with Professors Thomas E. Nichols and Armin Schwarzman on developing statistical methods for image analysis with applications in Neuroimaging, Astrophysics and beyond. Specializing in Random Field Theory, Multiple Testing and Selective Inference.

2012-2016

University of Cambridge - BA and Masters in Mathematics

Distinction, coming 20th in the year out of 240 students and 1st in my college. Thesis on Network Change-point Detection in fMRI data.

2010-2012

IB (International Baccalaureate) Diploma: 43/45 points

Higher Level Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry all 7 (highest mark).

Research Visits and Internships

10/19-10/19

KAUST - King Abdul Salman University of Science and Technology

I went to Saudi Arabia to visit Professor Hernando Ombao and give a talk on clustersize inference using Random Field Theory.

07/19-08/19

Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

I visited Dr. David Azriel in Haifa, Israel to work on convolution random fields and peak detection with Dr. Fabian Telschow and Professor Armin Schwarzman.

01/19-03/19

University of California San Diego

I spent 2 months working with Professor Armin Schwarzman at UCSD. We worked on developing confidence regions for the locations of peaks in a random field.

07/16-08/16

Mercedes and the University of Cambridge

I worked with the Mercedes Racing Team fitting mixed effects models to help understand tyre degradation.

06/15-07/15

STATSLAB - Department of Statistics at the University of Cambridge

I worked with Professor Chris Rogers on a project that involved analyzing the distribution of financial time series and backtesting statistical trading strategies.

06/14-08/14

STATSLAB - Department of Statistics at the University of Cambridge

I worked with Professor Nathanael Berestycki on analysis of the adjacent transposition shuffle.

Research Interests



Reviewing

Neuroimage, Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics and Frontiers in Neuroscience

I have been a reviewer for these journals and in this capacity have reviewed a number of articles on Random Field Theory.

Publications

Davenport, S., & Nichols, T. E. (2020). Selective peak inference: Unbiased estimation of raw and standardized effect size at local maxima. *NeuroImage*, 209, 116375.

Acknowledged in

Bowring et al 2019, Afyouni et al 2019, Teleschow and Schwartzman 2019, Sommerfield et al 2018

Awards

2016 **King's College Cambridge - Part III Mathematics Prize**

2011 **Silver Medal - British Mathematics Olympiad**
Came 29th out of around 1100 participants.

Other Interests

I dance competitively (Lindy Hop, Acrobatic Rock n Roll, Salsa and others) and play squash. I also enjoy cooking and baking.