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## Education

**Ph.D.** Biostatistics, University of Washington 9/2017-8/2022  
Dissertation Title *Modern Sieve Estimators for Nonparametric Problems: Streaming Data and High-dimensional Data.*  
Committee Members *Noah Simon (Chair), Alex Luedtke, Marco Carone, Rekha Thomas*

**B.S.** Life Science & Mathematics (Double Major), Peking University 9/2013-7/2017  
POSCO Scholarship 2015-2016  
Suzhou Industrial Park Scholarship 2014-2015

## Working Experience

### Post Doctoral Researcher

Department of Statistics & Data Science, Carnegie Mellon University 9/2022-Present  
Hosting Faculty *Jing Lei and Kathryn Roeder*

### Research Assistant

Department of Biostatistics, University of Washington 3/2018-8/2022

### Statistical Consultant

FOXO Technologies Inc. 9/2021-8/2022

### Research Scientist Intern

Modeling and Optimization team, Amazon 6-9/2020 & 6-9/2021

## Research Publication (\* indicates co-first author)

### *Preprints or Submitted*

1. **Tianyu Zhang\***, Chris A Gentry\*, Nicole M Kuderer, Gary H Lyman, Bernard Ng, Despina Michailidou. "Association of Selective Serotonin and Serotonin-Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor Use with Incidence of Cardiovascular Events in Veterans with Giant Cell Arteritis and Polymyalgia Rheumatica in the United States "----submitted
2. **Tianyu Zhang**, Hao Lee, and Jing Lei. "Winners with Confidence: Discrete Argmin Inference with an Application to Model Selection" arXiv:2408.02060 (2024).

The third author presented at the Medallion Lecture, 2024 Joint Statistical Meetings.

3. Kenta Takatsu, **Tianyu Zhang**, and Arun Kumar Kuchibhotla. "From isotonic to Lipschitz regression: a new interpolative perspective on shape-restricted estimation" arXiv:2307.05732 (2024).—Under Review
4. **Tianyu Zhang**, Jing Lei, and Kathryn Roeder. "Debiased Projected Two-Sample Comparisons for Single-Cell Expression Data." arXiv preprint arXiv:2403.05679 (2024).—Under Review

Presented at the *American Statistical Association STATGEN 2024*

5. Conghao Zhou, Hao-Yi Wu, Andrés N. Salcedo, Sebastian Grandis, Tesla Jeltema, Alexie Leauthaud, Matteo Costanzi, Tomomi Sunayama, David H. Weinberg, **Tianyu Zhang**, Eduardo Rozo, Chun-Hao To, Sebastian Bocquet, Tamas Varga, Matthew Kwiecien. "Forecasting the constraints on optical selection bias and projection effects of galaxy cluster lensing with multiwavelength data." arXiv:2312.11789 (2023). —Under Review
6. **Tianyu Zhang** and Jing Lei. "Online Estimation with Rolling Validation: Adaptive Nonparametric Estimation with Streaming Data." arXiv preprint arXiv:2310.12140 (2023).—Reject and Resubmission at *the Annals of Statistics*

### *Methodology Research*

1. **Tianyu Zhang**, Geyu Zhou, Lambertus Klei, Peng Liu, Alexandra Chouldechova, Hongyu Zhao, Kathryn Roeder, Max G'Sell, and Bernie Devlin. "Evaluating and Improving Health Equity and Fairness of Polygenic Scores." *Human Genetics and Genomics Advances* (2023)  
  
Featured in the *HGG Advances* monthly author interview series.  
Invited to the *American Society of Human Genetics* monthly journal club.  
Invited seminar presentation at the Heart Institute (InCor), University of São Paulo Medical School, Brazil (remote).
2. **Tianyu Zhang**, Noah Simon "Regression in Tensor Product Spaces by the Method of Sieves," *Electronic Journal of Statistics*, 17(2), 3660-3727, (2023)

**Best Student Oral Presentation** at *WNAR 2022*

3. Yunhua Xiang\*, **Tianyu Zhang**\*, Xu Wang, Ali Shojaie, and Noah Simon. "On the Optimality of Nuclear-norm-based Matrix Completion for Problems with Smooth Non-linear Structure." *Journal of Machine Learning Research* 24, no. 228 (2023): 1-38.
4. **Tianyu Zhang** and Noah Simon. "An Online Projection Estimator for Nonparametric Regression in Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces." *Statistica Sinica* 33.1 (2023): 127.

5. **Tianyu Zhang** and Noah Simon. "A Sieve Stochastic Gradient Descent Estimator for Online Nonparametric Regression in Sobolev Ellipsoids." *The Annals of Statistics* 50, no. 5 (2022): 2848-2871.

### *Interdisciplinary and Collaborative Research*

1. Yihang Shen, Lingge Yu, Yutong Qiu, **Tianyu Zhang** and Carl Kingsford. "Improving Hi-C contact matrices using genome graphs." *RECOMB* 2024
2. Despina Michailidou, **Tianyu Zhang\***, Nicole M. Kuderer, Gary H. Lyman, Andreas P. Diamantopoulos, Pavlos Stamatis, and Bernard Ng. "Predictive Models for Thromboembolic Events in Giant Cell Arteritis: A US Veterans Health Administration Population-based Study." *Frontiers in Immunology* 13 (2022): 997347.

The first author presented at an Oral presentation session, American College of Rheumatology Convergence, 2022

3. Despina Michailidou, **Tianyu Zhang**, Pavlos Stamatis, and Bernard Ng. "Risk of venous and arterial thromboembolism in patients with giant cell arteritis and/or polymyalgia rheumatica: A Veterans Health Administration population-based study in the United States." *Journal of Internal Medicine* 291, no. 5 (2022): 665-675.

The first author presented at an Oral presentation session, American College of Rheumatology Convergence, 2021

4. Yiming Wang, Weikaixin Kong, Liang Wang, **Tianyu Zhang**, Boyue Huang, Jia Meng, Baoxue Yang, Zhengwei Xie, and Hong Zhou. "Multiple-purpose Connectivity Map Analysis Reveals the Benefits of Esculetin to Hyperuricemia and Renal Fibrosis." *International Journal of Molecular Sciences* 21, no. 20 (2020): 7695.
5. Zhengwei Xie\*, **Tianyu Zhang\***, and Qi Ouyang. "Genome-scale Fluxes Predicted under the Guidance of Enzyme Abundance using a Novel Hyper-cube Shrink Algorithm." *Bioinformatics* 34, no. 3 (2018): 502-510.

## Teaching Experience

## Guest Lecturer

Computational Biology Department, Carnegie Mellon University  
Introduction to Statistical Genetics (02704), Instructor: *Martin Zhang*

## Teaching Assistant

Department of Biostatistics, University of Washington  
 BIOST 514/517 Biostatistics, Instructor: *Ken Rice* Fall 2020  
 BIOST 546 Machine Learning for Biomedical and Public Health Big Data Winter 2019  
 Instructor: *Daniela Witten*

**Teaching Assistant**

School of Life Sciences, Peking University  
Calculus I Biostatistics, Instructor: *Jiazhong Yang*

Summer 2016 & 2017

**Professional Activities**

*Reviewer at* Biometrika, Biostatistics, Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics,  
Journal of Machine Learning Research (x4), PLOS genetics

*Open-source software* Sieve(R-CRAN), HMC(R-CRAN), Joint-Lassosum(GitHub)

**Skills**

Computation: R, SQL, Python, Shell script, C++, MATLAB.

Language: Chinese (native); English (proficient); Japanese (beginner).