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PRESENT APPOINTMENT

2021–Present   University of Leicester

Lecturer

I am currently employed as a lecturer in the Department for Health Sciences. My research includes the development of methods to handle data with mismatches in resolution and that account for human movement. This work is largely motivated be problems in environmental and infectious disease epidemiology. I teach on the Biostatistics MSc (Intro to R and Computationally Intensive Methods) and I teach statistics on the Medicine MBChB. I have been closely involved in the development of a MSc in Population Health Data Science to launch 2024.

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

2020–2021   Imperial College

Early Career Research Fellow

During this fellowship I developed statistical regression methods that properly account for human movement. Due to the coronavirus pandemic I spent a considerable fraction of my time working on mechanistic models of contact tracing.

Jan–June 2020   University of Oxford

Senior Post Doc.

Models of neglected tropical diseases and SARS-CoV-2, contributing to software and promoting good research software practices such as version control and unit testing.

2016–2020   University of Oxford, Malaria Atlas Project

Post Doc.

I worked as a postdoctoral researcher in geospatial epidemiology with the Malaria Atlas Project at the University of Oxford. I developed new statistical methods that combine *machine learning* and *geostatistics* and applied these methods to create the *first high-resolution, global, space-time* estimates of both *Plasmodium falciparum* and *P. vivax* leading to back-to-back lancet publications.

2018–2019   Shared parental leave

Parental leave

Six months shared parental leave.

Jan–July 2016   University College London

Research Programmer

I enabled the Madingley Model to run on a high performance cluster and ported code to R for morphological analyses amongst other tasks.

EDUCATION

2012–2016   University College London, CoMPLEX

PhD	*The role of population structure and size in determining bat pathogen richness* I used *mechanistic transmission models* and phylogenetic regression to study the epidemiology of bat-borne diseases with applications to zoonotic surveillance. [pdf] Supervisors: PROF. KATE JONES & DR HILDE HERBOTS

	2011–2012	University College London, CoMPLEX
MRes	*Modelling Biological Complexity* · Merit	

	2006–2010	University of Sheffield, Animal & Plant Sciences
MBioSci	*Zoology* · First	

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Peer Review   *Journals Reviewed for include:*

Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Journal of Theoretical Biology, Nature Medicine, Nature Communications, BMC Infectious Diseases, PLoS Pathogens, Malaria Journal, Methods in Ecology and Evolution, Ecology and Evolution, Remote Sensing in Ecology and Conservation, ROpenSci.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2023

Nandi L, **Lucas TCD**, *et al.* (2023) *disaggregation: An R Package for Bayesian Spatial Disaggregation Modeling*. Journal of Statistical Software. [pdf]

Okell L, *et al.* (2023) *Projected health impact of post-discharge malaria chemoprevention among children with severe malarial anaemia in Africa*. Nature communications. [pdf]

Nightingale E, *et al.* (In Press) *Spatial variation in delayed diagnosis of visceral leishmaniasis in Bihar, India.*. The Lancet Regional Health SEA. [pdf]

2022

Lucas TCD, Nandi AK, *et al.* (2022) *Improving disaggregation models of malaria incidence by ensembling non-linear models of prevalence*. Spatial and Spatio-temporal Epidemiology. [pdf]

Arambepola R, **Lucas TCD**, *et al.* (2022) *A simulation study of disaggregation regression for spatial disease mapping*. Statistics in Medicine. [pdf]

Andrzejaczek S, **Lucas TCD**, *et al.* (2022) *Diving into the vertical dimension of elasmobranch movement ecology*. Science Advances. [pdf]

Franklinos LHV, Redding D, **Lucas TCD**, *et al.* (2022) *Joint spatiotemporal modelling reveals seasonally dynamic patterns of Japanese encephalitis vector abundance across India*. PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases. [pdf]

Python A, *et al.* (2022) *A downscaling approach to compare COVID-19 count data from databases aggregated at different spatial scales*. Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A: Statistics in Society. [pdf]

2021

Lucas TCD*, Davis E*, *et al.* (2021) *Engagement and adherence trade-offs for SARS-CoV-2 contact tracing*. Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B. [pdf]

Davis E*, **Lucas TCD***, *et al.* (2021) *Contact tracing is an imperfect tool for controlling COVID-19 transmission and relies on population adherence*. Nature Communications. [pdf]

Lucas TCD, Nandi AK, *et al.* (2021) *Mapping malaria by sharing spatial information between incidence and prevalence datasets*. Journal of the Royal

Statistical Society C. [pdf]

Graham M, Ayabina D, **Lucas TCD**, *et al.* (2021) *SCHISTOX: An individual based model for the epidemiology and control of schistosomiasis.* Infectious Disease Modelling. [pdf]

Toor J, Adams ER, *et al.* (2021) *Predicted impact of COVID-19 on neglected tropical disease programs and the opportunity for innovation.* Clinical Infectious Diseases. [pdf]

Python A, *et al.* (2021) *Predicting non-state terrorism worldwide.* Science Advances. [pdf]

Crellen T, *et al.* (2021) *Dynamics of SARS-CoV-2 with waning immunity in the UK population.* Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B. [pdf]

2020   **Lucas TCD** (2020) *A translucent box: interpretable machine learning in ecology.* Ecological Monographs. [pdf]

Lucas TCD, Pollington T, Davis E and Hollingsworth D. (2020) *Responsible modelling: Unit testing for infectious disease epidemiology.* Epidemics. [pdf]

Nguyen M, Howes RE, **Lucas TCD**, *et al.* (2020) *Mapping malaria seasonality in Madagascar using health facility data.* BMC medicine, 18(1), 1-11 [pdf]

Rathmes G, Rumisha SF, **Lucas TCD**, *et al.* (2020) *Global estimation of anti-malarial drug effectiveness for the treatment of uncomplicated* Plasmodium falciparum *malaria 1991–2019.* Malaria Journal. [pdf]

2019   Weiss DJ, **Lucas TCD**, Nguyen M, *et al.* (2019) *The global landscape of* Plasmodium falciparum *prevalence, incidence, and mortality 2000–2017.* The Lancet 394, 10195, 322–331. doi: 10.1016/S0140-6736(19)31097-9 [pdf]

Battle KE, **Lucas TCD**, Nguyen M, *et al.* (2019) *Mapping the global endemicity and clinical burden of* Plasmodium vivax *2000–2017.* The Lancet 394, 10195, 332–343. doi: 10.1016/S0140-6736(19)31096-7 [pdf]

Zhu SJ, *et al.* (2019) *The origins and relatedness structure of mixed infections vary with local prevalence of* P. falciparum *malaria.* eLife 8 e40845. doi: 10.7554/eLife.40845 [pdf]

2018   Weiss DJ, Nelson A, Gibson HS *et al.* (2018) *A global map of travel time to cities to assess inequalities in accessibility in 2015.* Nature 553 (7688), 333 [pdf]

Pfeffer D, **Lucas TCD**, May D *et al.* (2018) *malariaAtlas: an R interface to global malariometric data hosted by the Malaria Atlas Project.* Malaria Journal 17:352 doi: 10.1186/s12936-018-2500-5 [pdf]

2017   Redding D, **Lucas TCD**, Blackburn T & Jones KE. (2017) *Evaluating Bayesian spatial methods for modelling species distributions models with clumped and restricted data.* PLoS One [pdf]

Golding N, August TA, **Lucas TCD**, Gavaghan DJ, van Loon EE & McInerny G. (2017) *The zoon R package for reproducible and shareable species distribution modelling.* Methods in Ecology and Evolution. doi: 10.1111/2041-210X.12858 [pdf]

2015   **Lucas TCD***, Moorcroft EA*, Freeman R, Rowcliffe MJ & Jones KE. (2015) *A generalised random encounter model for estimating animal density with remote sensor data.* Methods in Ecology and Evolution. doi: 10.1111/2041-210X.12346 [pdf]

GBD   For Global Burden of Disease capstone papers please see end of document.

    * Co-first authors.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

2018 Law HC, Sejdinovic D, *et al.* (2018) *Variational learning on aggregate outputs with Gaussian processes.* Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems [pdf]

2013 Walters CL, Collen A, **Lucas TCD**, Mroz K, Sayer CA and Jones KE. (2013) Challenges of Using Bioacoustics to Globally Monitor Bats. in *Bat Evolution, Ecology, and Conservation.* Springer New York. 479-499.

GRANTS AWARDED

2020 · MRC Centre Early Career Research Fellowship. *Not all exposure to air pollution occurs at home: general methods for combining human movement and geostatistical disease data.* Three years wages and expenses. Direct costs £173,036.

2020 · Co-investigator on multi-centre grant. *An analytical framework for Test, Trace and Isolate in the UK: optimising and targeting deployment alongside other measures.* UKRI-DHSC COVID-19 Rapid Response Rolling Call. Grant COV0659. £412,720.

2020 · Paid expert consultant on grant. *Mapping coronavirus using a self-exciting spatio-temporal point process.* Zhejiang University Educational Funding. Grant 2020XGZX054. £11,000.

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

Qualifications Attained Associate Fellowship of the Higher Education Authority. Currently enrolled on second taught module and expect to attain Fellowship of the HEA in Spring 2024.

Teaching I teach on the Medical Statistics MSc. I lead the module Computationally Intensive Methods (multiparameter likelihood problems). I lead the Statistical Computing teaching week and teach Intro to R. I teach statistics on the Medicine MBChB.

Curriculum design I have been heavily involved in designing a new masters course, Population Health Data Science. I have had a strong role in scoping the overall landscape of health data science: what does a health data scientist do, what do they need to know? I have then been designing the intended learning outcomes for the modules Foundations of Data Science, Intro to Python and Further topics in Data Science (machine learning and forecasting).

Supervision I have supervised one PhD student to completion. I currently supervise two students as first supervisor and a further two students as second supervisor. I have supervised a number of master projects on the MSc Medical Statistics (two of these projects have been awarded the best project prize) as well as supervising undergraduate biological sciences analytical project.

Workshops Various workshops. Organised and delivered four hour workshop (twice due to demand). "Machine Learning in the Health Sciences". Two hours practical workshop and two hours of case studies from members of the department. (Student evaluation of 4.1 out of 5, n = 13). Co-wrote and ran an afternoon workshop. "Advanced Statistical Modelling with TMB". (Student evaluation of 4.1 out of 5, n = 24). Further internal workshops on unit testing, cluster computing and mixed-effects models. Wrote and gave a two day workshop 'Geospatial statistics with R and INLA' at UiTM, Malaysia.

INVITED TALKS AND MEETINGS

2024 Invited talk at workshop on: Climate Change and Epidemics. JUNIPER, University of Oxford, UK.

2023 Invited participant at co-design workshop "building a community of practice around climate sensitive infectious disease modelling and research". CS&S and Wellcome Trust, Cape Town, South Africa

2022	Invited departmental seminar at Centre for Global Infectious Disease Analysis, Imperial College: Machine Learning in Behaviour, Ecology and Evolution.
2020	Invited talk at workshop on: Machine Learning in Behaviour, Ecology and Evolution. University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland (online)
2017	Plenary talk at Soft Computing in Data Science 2017. Springer, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

SOFTWARE

Nandi A, **Lucas TCD**, Arambepola A, Python A. *disaggregation*. Disaggregation Modelling in R. https://github.com/aknandi/disaggregation

Pfeffer D, **Lucas TCD**, May D, Keddie S, Rozier J, Gibson H. *malariaAtlas*. An R Interface to Open-Access Malaria Data, Hosted by the 'Malaria Atlas Project'. https://cran.r-project.org/package=malariaAtlas

Lucas TCD, Python A, Redding D. *INLAutils*. Utility Functions for 'INLA'. https://github.com/timcdlucas/INLAutils

Lucas TCD, Goswami A. *paleomorph*. Geometric Morphometric Tools for Palaeobiology. https://cran.r-project.org/package=paleomorph

August T, **Lucas TCD**, Golding N, van Loon E, McInerny G. *Zoon*. Reproducible, Accessible & Shareable Species Distribution Modelling. https://github.com/zoonproject/zoon

Lucas TCD. *palettetown*. Use Pokemon Inspired Colour Palettes. https://cran.r-project.org/package=palettetown

EXPERTISE

Statistical methods	Geospatial statistics, machine learning, Bayesian inference, TMB, Stan.
Languages	R (expert level), Python, Matlab, Mathematica.
Other	Experience in R package development, shiny apps, Git/Github, unit testing, continuous integration, shell/ssh and high performance computing.

CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2023 · PGCAPP module Enhancing Student Learning and Assessment (Module 2). Anticipate leading to HEA Fellowship. Enrolled.

2022 · PGCAPP module Enhancing Student Learning and Assessment (Module 1) leading to HEA Associate Fellowship. Passed.

2021 · SQL Sprint Workshop. Short course.

2020 · Lectureship Applications. One day course.

2017 · Introduction to CUDA and OpenACC. Two day course.

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GLOBAL BURDEN OF DISEASE PUBLICATIONS

2020   GBD 2019 Diseases and Injuries Collaborators (2020) *Global burden of 369 diseases and injuries in 204 countries and territories, 1990–2019: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2019.* The Lancet, 396 [pdf]

2018   GBD 2017 Risk Factor Collaborators (2018) *Global, regional, and national comparative risk assessment of 84 behavioural, environmental and occupational, and metabolic risks or clusters of risks for 195 countries and territories, 1990–2017: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2017.* The Lancet, 392 [pdf]

GBD 2017 Disease and Injury Incidence and Prevalence Collaborators (2018) *Global, regional, and national incidence, prevalence, and years lived with disability for 354 diseases and injuries for 195 countries and territories, 1990–2017: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2017.* The Lancet, 392 [pdf]

GBD 2017 DALYs and HALE Collaborators (2018) *Global, regional, and national disability-adjusted life-years (DALYs) for 359 diseases and injuries and healthy life expectancy (HALE) for 195 countries and territories, 1990–2017: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2017.* The Lancet, 392 [pdf]

GBD 2017 Mortality Collaborators (2018) *Global, regional, and national age-sex-specific mortality and life expectancy, 1950–2017: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2017.* The Lancet, 392 [pdf]

GBD 2016 Healthcare Access and Quality Collaborators (2017) *Measuring performance on the Healthcare Access and Quality Index for 195 countries and territories and selected subnational locations: a systematic analysis from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2016.* The Lancet, 391 (10136) [pdf]

2017   GBD 2016 Disease and Injury Incidence and Prevalence Collaborators (2017) *Global, regional, and national incidence, prevalence, and years lived with disability for 328 diseases and injuries for 195 countries, 1990–2016: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2016.* The Lancet, 390 [pdf]

GBD 2016 Causes of Death Collaborators (2017) *Global, regional, and national age-sex specific mortality for 264 causes of death, 1980–2016: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2016.* The Lancet, 390 [pdf]

GBD 2016 DALYs and HALE Collaborators (2017) *Global, regional, and national disability-adjusted life-years (DALYs) for 333 diseases and injuries and healthy life expectancy (HALE) for 195 countries and territories, 1990–2016: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2016.* The Lancet, 390[pdf]

GBD 2016 SDG Collaborators (2017) *Measuring progress and projecting attainment on the basis of past trends of the health-related Sustainable Development Goals in 188 countries: an analysis from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2016.* The Lancet, 390 [pdf]

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