Weiliang Cen

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Education

PhD in Biostatistics

College of Public Health, University of South Florida (Expected 2025 Fall Semester) Dissertation: "Statistical Challenges and Simulation Results for Pilot Clinical Trials" Major Professor: Dr. Henian Chen (Chair of Biostatistics and Data Science at USF)

MPH in Biostatistics

College of Public Health, University of South Florida (Dec 2017)

BS in Exercise Physiology

University at Buffalo (May 2015)

High School

St. Maarten Academy (May 2010) - Location: St. Maarten, Netherlands Antill

Employment and Professional Experience

Biostatistician (Research Assistant) Jan 2021 – Present Study Design and Data Analysis (SDDA) Core, College of Public Health, USF

Projects worked on:

- 1. R01 clinical trial: R01CA243800 (NCI, NIH) The Positively Quit trial: Addressing disproportionate smoking rates among people living with HIV. (on-going) PI: Dr. Stephanie Marhefka, *College of Nursing University of South Florida*
- 2. Impact of Post-Stroke Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder PI: Dr. Swetha Renati Tampa General Hospital and University of South Florida
- 3. Dementia Screening in Atrial Fibrillation Clinic: Cerebral Microbleed Early Detection for Ischemic-Hemorrhagic Stroke Risk-Benefit Analysis. PI: Dr. Chan Gu, Dr. David Rose Tampa General Hospital and University of South Florida
- 4. Musicians' Whole-Body Balance and Mindfulness Mental Training: A Randomized Small Sample Controlled Mind-Body Study (Pilot Trial) (on-going), PI: Dr. Sang-Hie Lee College of Music University of South Florida

Statistical Data Analyst Jan 2018 - Dec 2019

Rightpath Research and Innovation Center, University of South Florida

Teaching Jan 2020 – Present

Instructor - College of Public Health, University of South Florida

PHC 4069 – Biostatistics for Society

Jan 2020- Present
PHC 4030 – Introduction to Epidemiology

Jan 2022- Fall 2024

PHC 3302 - Introduction to Environmental and Occupational Health Summer

2023, Summer 2024

Teaching assistant

College of Public Health, University of South Florida

PHC 6051 - Biostatistics II

Spr 2023- Present

Journal Reviewer

Journal of Child Abuse & Neglect

Publications

- 1. **Cen, W.**, Chen, H., Marhefka-Day, S., Wang, W., Huang, Y., Valente, M. The pilot trial paradox: Why full-scale trials show smaller effects. (first draft).
- 2. **Cen, W.,** Medri, J., Chen, H. An analysis of 7,800 HIV/AIDS clinical trials from ClinicalTrials.gov (first draft).
- 3. **Cen, W.**, Sahay, S.S., & Chen, H. 57.9% of NIH-funded completed clinical trials do not report results. *The Lancet Regional Health Americas* (under review).
- 4. Gu, C., Rose, D., Glaser, A., Chen, H., **Cen, W.**, Lucin, H., Vargas, D., Hairston, M., Hilker, N., Bozeman, A., Remo-Platt, E., B, W.S., Mohanty, B., & Prida, X. Dementia screening in atrial fibrillation clinic: Cerebral microbleed early detection for ischemic-hemorrhagic stroke risk-benefit analysis. *The American Journal of Medicine* (under review).
- 5. Chen, H., Pang, J., Zhao, Y., Cao, B., Valente, M.J., **Cen, W.**, & Valkanova, E. (2025). Investigating started sample size, completed sample size and drop-out rate in 10,252 phase III clinical trials: Insights from ClinicalTrials.gov. *British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology (in press)*.
- Renati, S., Raju, S., Makarova, A., Hairston, M., Beba Abadal, K., Bozeman, A., Chen, H., Cen, W., Rose, D.Z., & Burgin, W.S. (2023). Impact of post-stroke post-traumatic stress disorder. *The Neurohospitalist*, 19418744251315201.
- 7. Chen, H., Zhao, Y., Cao, B., Petersen, D.J., Valente, M.J., & **Cen, W.** (2023). Breaking the silence of sharing data in medical research. *Plos one*, 19(5), e0301917.
- 8. Lu, Y., Cen, W., Wang, W., Huang, Y., & Chen, H. (2023). How big is a big hazard ratio in clinical trials. *International Journal of Clinical Trials*, 10, 195-200.
- 9. Renati, S., Hairston, M., **Cen, W.**, Chen, H., Bozeman, A., & Burgin, W.S. (2023). Lower omega-3 levels were found in post stroke post traumatic stress disorder (P3-5.012). *Neurology*, 100(17 supplement 2), 4382.
- 10. Renati, S., Hilker, N., Hairston, M., **Cen, W.**, Chen, H., & Bozeman, A. (2023). Abstract WP61: Impact of post-stroke post traumatic stress disorder on quality of life. *Stroke*, 54(Suppl 1), AWP61-AWP61.
- 11. Anthony, J.L., Chen, Y.J., Williams, J.M., **Cen, W.**, & Erazo, N.A. (2023). US children's understanding of the English alphabet: Its acquisition, conceptualization, and measurement. *Journal of educational psychology*, 113(6), 1073.
- 12. Kurji, N., Erskine, J., **Cen, W.**, & DeBate, R. (2016). Improving physical activity frequency and internal assets among 3rd-5th grade girls: An exploratory study of a sport-based positive youth development program. *APHA 2016 Annual Meeting & Expo* (Oct. 29-Nov. 2, 2016).
- 13. **Cen, W.**, Kurji, N., Erskine, J., & DeBate, R. (2016). Changes in developmental assets among non-white 3rd-5th grade girls participating in a girl-focused sport-based positive youth development program. *APHA 2016 Annual Meeting & Expo* (Oct. 29-Nov. 2, 2016).