

Yuyao Wang

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Research Fellow	2025 - present
<i>Department of Public Health and Health Sciences, Northeastern University. Mentor: Larry Han</i>	

EDUCATION

PhD in Mathematics with Specialization in Statistics	2019 - 2025
<i>University of California San Diego. Advisor: Ronghui (Lily) Xu</i>	
MA in Mathematics	2019 - 2022
<i>University of California San Diego</i>	
BS in Mathematics	2015 - 2019
<i>Xi'an Jiaotong University</i>	

FELLOWSHIPS

Halicioglu Data Science Institute (HDSI) Graduate Prize Fellowship, UC San Diego, 2019 - 2023.

AWARDS

New England Rare Disease Statistics (NERDS) Workshop Best Poster Award, 2025.
UCSD GPSA Travel Grant Award, 2025.
Society for Causal Inference (SCI) Travel Scholarship, 2024.
UCSD GPSA Travel Grant Award, 2024.
Student Paper Competition Award, Lifetime Data Science Conference (LiDS), 2023.

PUBLICATIONS

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- Wang, Y.**, Ying, A., Xu, R. (2024) Doubly robust estimation under covariate-induced dependent left truncation. *Biometrika*, 111(3), 789-808.
(*Won the Student Paper Competition Award at 2023 Lifetime Data Science Conference*)
 - Peng, Y., **Wang, Y.**, Xu, R. (2023). Measures of explained variation under the mixture cure model for survival data. *Statistics in Medicine*, 42(3), 228-245.

ARXIV PREPRINTS

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- Wang, Y.**, Ying, A., Xu, R. (2024) A Liberating Framework from Truncation and Censoring, with Application to Learning Treatment Effects. *arXiv:2411.18879*.
 - Wang, Y.**, Ying, A., Xu, R. (2025). Proximal Survival Analysis for Dependent Left Truncation. *arXiv:2512.21283*.

SOFTWARE

R packages:

- truncAIPW**: Doubly Robust Estimation under Covariate-Induced Dependent Left Truncation
- aftR2**: R-Squared Measure under Accelerated Failure Time (AFT) Models

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Biostatistics internship	June – August 2024
<i>St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN Mentor: Kendrick Li</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed inverse probability weighting approaches for handling the selection bias involved in the SJLIFE cancer survivorship study under semi-competing risks settings.	

- Conducted simulation studies and analyzed the cardiotoxicity of childhood cancer treatments using SJLIFE data.
- Derived the efficient influence curve for a general Z-estimand under semi-competing risks settings with covariate dependent left truncation.

Research Assistant

October 2023 – June 2024

University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA | Supervisor: Ronghui Xu

- Analyzed factors that protect against the development of Alzheimer's Disease neuropathological changes using brain autopsy data from Honolulu Asia Aging Study.
- Applied inverse probability weighting approaches for handling the selection bias from double truncation.

Research Assistant

2023 - 2024

UCSD-based Organization of Teratology Information Services research center | Supervisor: Ronghui Xu

- Helped with the statistical analysis plan for assessing the safety of medications during pregnancy; particularly in addressing challenges in analyzing the effect of different timings of exposure in the presence of the selection bias due to left truncation.
- Attended weekly statistics group meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Talks

Proximal Survival Analysis for Dependent Left Truncation.

- Joint Statistical Meetings, 2025

Learning Treatment Effects under Covariate Dependent Left Truncation and Right Censoring.

- Lifetime Data Science Conference, 2025
- Online Causal Inference Seminar (OCIS), November 5, 2024
- Biostatistics Seminar, Department of Population Medicine, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Institute, 2024
- Causal Inference Seminar, Boston University, 2024
- Causal Group Seminar, Carnegie Mellon University, 2024
- Joint Statistical Meetings, 2024
- Southern California Applied Mathematics Symposium, 2024

Doubly Robust Estimation under Covariate-induced Dependent Left Truncation

- McGill Statistics Seminar, 2023
- Joint Statistical Meetings, 2023
- Lifetime Data Science Conference, 2023

Posters

Learning Treatment Effects under Covariate Dependent Left Truncation and Right Censoring.

- New England Rare Disease Statistics (NERDS) Workshop, 2025
- Public Health Research Day at UCSD, 2025

Doubly Robust Estimation of Treatment Effects under Covariate Dependent Left Truncation and Right Censoring.

- American Causal Inference Conference, 2024
- Public Health Research Day at UCSD, 2024

Multiply Robust Estimation of Treatment Effect for Time-to-event Outcome under Dependent Left Truncation.

- American Causal Inference Conference, 2023
- Public Health Research Day at UCSD, 2023

Semiparametric Estimation for Non-randomly Truncated Data.

- American Causal Inference Conference, 2022
- Public Health Research Day at UCSD, 2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

2019 - 2025

University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA

- Statistics and biostatistics courses: Lifetime Data Analysis; Applied Survival Analysis; Introduction to Mathematical Statistics; Introduction to Computational Statistics; Data Analysis and Inference; Calculus-Based Probability and Statistics
- Data science courses: Data Science Project (capstone)
- Math courses: Calculus

SERVICE

Peer Review Service:

- Biometrics (1), Statistics in Medicine (1), International Journal of Biostatistics (1), Journal of Causal Inference (2), Lifetime Data Analysis (1), ICML (1)

Conference organizing:

- Co-organized the topic-contributed session “Balancing and Automatic Debiased ML Methods for Causal Inference” for 2026 Joint Statistical Meetings.
- Co-organized the invited session “Recent Advances in Causal Inference to Address Complexities in Real-world Data” for 2025 Joint Statistical Meetings.
- Co-organized the topic-contributed paper session “Recent Advances in Biased Sampling, Generalizability and Transportability” for 2025 Joint Statistical Meetings.
- Member of the Scientific Organizing committee for 2025 International Conference on Health Policy Statistics.
- Co-organized the topic-contributed paper session “Causal Inference with Complex Missing Patterns” at 2024 Joint Statistical Meetings.

Other service:

- UCSD Association of Women in Math (AWM) Colloquium coordinator, 2024.
- Mentor in the Math Graduate Mentorship Program at UC San Diego, 2020, 2021, 2024.
- Mentor in the High School Math Program at UC San Diego, Summer 2023.