

# Justin Williams

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## EDUCATION

### University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

*Ph.D. – Biostatistics*

2020

*M.S. - Biostatistics*

2016

### Boston College

*B.A. – Mathematics*

2013

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Quantitative Analyst

August 2020 – Present

*Los Angeles Dodgers*

### Graduate Student Researcher

2015 - 2019

*Connie Kasari Lab*

- Constructed Bayesian multi-level hierarchical model incorporating spatial random effects
- Established longitudinal data visualization tools available in GitHub R package, [ggplot.spaghetti](#)
- Clinical trial longitudinal analysis using mixed effects and generalized estimating equations
- Adjusted for empirical trends using zero-inflated and hurdle models with count outcomes
- Automated analysis for inter rater reliability
- Data management and data cleaning for multisite clinical trial database

### Product Development Biostatistics Intern

Summer 2019

*Genentech*

- Designed software to simulate longitudinal differential abundance for microbiome: [microbiomeDASim](#)
  - Flexibly specify form of the trend over time including polynomial, oscillating, or hockey stick trends
  - Define desired sample size, number of repeated measures, and signal:noise ratio
  - Multiple choices for longitudinal dependence including: AR(1), compound, or independent
- Compared multiple methods for estimating differential abundance over time

### Biostatistics R&D Intern

Summer 2018

*Alcon*

- Developed methodology for parameter estimation of censored data from truncated normal distribution
- Investigated available methods for estimation with left censoring using R and SAS
- Produced functions and macros to simulate data and calculate bias metrics
- Applied methods to estimate parameters for historical clinical trial data

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## SOFTWARE SKILLS

**R** (coursework/teaching/research/work/preferred)

**SAS** (internship/coursework/teaching/work)

**Stata** (coursework/teaching)

**Python** (research)

**Julia** (coursework)

**HPC** (high performance computing on cluster)

**Git** (*GitHub*, personal; *GitLab*, work)

**AWS** (*EC2*, *S3*, *ERS*)

**SQL** (*MySQL* & *PostgreSQL* work experience)

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

-Causal Inference

-Longitudinal Analysis

-Machine Learning

-Bayesian Analysis

-Spatial Modeling

-Trial Design

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## PUBLICATIONS

Academic Journals

- (1) Melamed, K.H, Williams, J., Wang, X., Hu S., Nguyen C., Cui, J., & Deng, J.C. “Development of secondary bacterial pneumonia in adults presenting with influenza versus noninfluenza viral respiratory infection”. *Therapeutic Advances in Respiratory Diseases*, **14**. doi:[10.1177/1753466620963026](https://doi.org/10.1177/1753466620963026)
- (2) Williams, J.R., Crespi, C.M. (2020). “Causal inference for multiple continuous exposures via the multivariate generalized propensity score”, *arXiv preprint*. [arXiv:2008.13767](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.13767).
- (3) Williams, J.R., Kim, H., & Crespi, C.M. (2020). “Modeling observations with a detection limit using a truncated normal distribution with censoring”, *BMC Med Res Methodol*, **20**:170. doi:[10.1186/s12874-020-01032-9](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12874-020-01032-9).
- (4) Dean, M., Williams, J., Kasari, C., & Orlich, O. (2020). “Adolescents with autism spectrum disorder and social skills groups at school: A randomized trial comparing intervention environment and peer composition”, *School Psychology Review*, **49**(1):60-73. doi:[10.1080/2372966X.2020.1716636](https://doi.org/10.1080/2372966X.2020.1716636)
- (5) Williams, J., Bravo HC, Tom J & Paulson JN. (2020). “microbiomeDASim: Simulating longitudinal differential abundance for microbiome data [version 2; peer review: 2 approved]”, *F1000Research* **8**:1769. doi:[10.12688/f1000research.20660.2](https://doi.org/10.12688/f1000research.20660.2).
- (6) Gulsrud, A., Carr, T., Williams, J., Panganiban, J., Jones, F., Kimbrough, J., Shih, W., & Kasari, C. (2019). “Developmental screening and early intervention in a childcare setting for young children at-risk for autism and other developmental delays: A feasibility trial”, *Autism Research* **12**(9):1423-1433. doi:[10.1002/aur.2160](https://doi.org/10.1002/aur.2160)
- (7) Locke, J., Williams, J., Shih, W., & Kasari, C. (2017). “Characteristics of socially successful elementary school-aged children with autism”, *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry* **58**(1):94-102. doi:[10.1111/jcpp.12636](https://doi.org/10.1111/jcpp.12636)

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#### AWARDS & HONORS

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- **Dissertation Year Fellowship** (\$20,000)

Awarded By: *UCLA Graduate Division*

Received: December 2019 – December 2020

- **Most Outstanding Oral Presentation** (\$500)

Awarded By: *Western North American Region of the International Biometric Society*

Received: June 2019

- **Juneal Marie Smith Fellowship in International Nutrition** (\$2,500)

Awarded By: *UCLA Fielding School of Public Health*

Received: June 2019

- **Graduate Summer Research Mentorship** (\$6,000)

Awarded By: *UCLA Graduate Division*

Received: June 2017 – September 2017