

# Yang Li | Curriculum Vitae

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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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<b>Florida Atlantic University</b> <i>Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematical Sciences</i>	Boca Raton, FL <i>December 2020 – now</i>
<b>University of Minnesota Duluth</b> <i>Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics</i>	Duluth, MN <i>July 2019 – December 2020</i>
<b>University of Minnesota Duluth</b> <i>Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics</i>	Duluth, MN <i>Aug 2013 – June 2019</i>

## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD in statistics</b> , Iowa State University <i>Advisor: Zhengyuan Zhu, Department of Statistics</i>	Ames, IA <i>2013</i>
<b>PhD in physics</b> , University of Minnesota <i>Advisor: Joseph I. Kapusta, School of Physics and Astronomy</i>	Minneapolis, MN <i>2006</i>
<b>BS in physics</b> , University of Science and Technology of China <i>School of the Gifted Young</i>	Hefei, China <i>2001</i>

## AWARDS

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<b>First Place Award</b> , 10th Anniversary Best Paper Awards in <i>Forests</i>	<i>2019</i>
<b>International Travel Award</b> , University of Minnesota	<i>2017</i>
<b>Student Travel Award</b> , American Statistical Association	<i>2011</i>
<b>Holly and Beth Fryer Award</b> , Department of Statistics, Iowa State University	<i>2010</i>

## FUNDED GRANTS

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<b>University of Minnesota, Grant-in-Aid</b> <i>Spatial point processes on networks</i>	\$32,997 <i>2016 – 2018</i>
<b>University of Minnesota Duluth, EVCAA Research and Scholarship</b> <i>Spatial point patterns on networks</i>	\$1,500 <i>2015 – 2016</i>
<b>University of Minnesota Duluth, SCSE Chancellor's Small Grants</b> <i>Spatial analysis of network point processes</i>	\$1,500 <i>2014 – 2015</i>

## PUBLICATIONS

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(\*: my graduate student)

### PEER-REVIEWED.....

1. L. Ding\*, **Y. Li**, H. Wang, and K. Xu, “Measurement and analysis of cloud user interest: a glance from BitTorrent”, *IEEE INFOCOM 2020*, (2020).
2. **Y. Li** and Z. Zhu, “Spatio-temporal modeling of global ozone data using convolution”, *Japanese Journal of Statistics and Data Science*, 3, 153 (2020).
3. E. R. Keyel, G. J. Niemi, M. A. Etterson, D. C. Evers, C. DeSorbo, J. C. Hoffman, J. W. Nichols, **Y. Li**, and F. Nicoletti, “Feather mercury increases with feeding at higher trophic levels in two species of migrant raptors, Merlin (*Falco columbarius*) and Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*)”, *The Condor: Ornithological Applications*, duz069 (2020).
4. **Y. Li** and Y. Qi, “Asymptotic distribution of modularity in networks”, *Metrika*, 83, 467 (2020).
5. P.-J. Shi, M. Li, **Y. Li**, J. Liu, T. Xie, and H. Shi, “Taylor’s power law in the Wenchuan earthquake sequence with fluctuation scaling”, *Natural Hazards and Earth System Sciences*, 19, 1119 (2019).
6. P.-J. Shi, D. A. Ratkowsky, **Y. Li**, L. Zhang, S. Lin, and J. Gielis, “General leaf-area geometric formula exists for plants: evidence from the simplified Gielis equation”, *Forests*, 9, 714 (2018).
7. P.-J. Shi, X. Zheng, D. A. Ratkowsky, **Y. Li**, P. Wang, and L. Cheng, “A simple method for measuring the bilateral symmetry of leaves”, *Symmetry* 10, 118 (2018).
8. W. A. Fuller, J. C. Legg, and **Y. Li**, “Bootstrap variance estimation for rejective sampling”, *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 112, 1562 (2017).
9. **Y. Li** and H. Papei\*, “Stochastic local community detection in networks”, *Proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Complex Networks and Their Applications*, Complex Networks, 341 (2017).
10. P.-J. Shi, D. A. Ratkowsky, N. Wang, **Y. Li**, L. Zhao, G. Reddy, and B.-L. Li, “Comparison of five methods for parameter estimation under Taylor’s power law”, *Ecological Complexity* 32, 121 (2017).
11. E. Heald, T. R. Hrabik, **Y. Li**, Z. J. Lawson, S. R. Carpenter, and M. J. Vander Zanden, “Examination of variability in spatial autocorrelation in fish and zooplankton populations during a lake mixing experiment”, *Aquatic Sciences* 79, 543 (2017).
12. J. I. Kapusta, G. Chen, R. J. Fries, and **Y. Li**, “Early time dynamics of gluon fields in high energy nuclear collisions”, *Nuclear Physics A* 956, 553 (2016).
13. **Y. Li** and Z. Zhu, “Modeling nonstationary covariance function with convolution on sphere”, *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis* 104, 233 (2016).
14. G. Chen, R. J. Fries, J. I. Kapusta, and **Y. Li**, “Early-time dynamics of gluon fields in high energy nuclear collisions”, *Physical Review C* 92, 064912 (2015).
15. J. Du, C. Ma, and **Y. Li**, “Isotropic variogram matrix functions on spheres”, *Mathematical Geosciences* 45, 341 (2013).
16. **Y. Li** and K. Tuchin, “Probing the low-x structure of nuclear matter with diffractive hadron production in pA collisions”, *Physical Review C* 78, 024905 (2008).

17. **Y. Li**, “Baryon enhancement in high-density QCD and relativistic heavy ion collisions”, *Journal of Physics G* 35, 104051 (2008).
18. **Y. Li** and K. Tuchin, “Spectrum of diffractively produced gluons in onium-nucleus collisions”, *Nuclear Physics A* 807, 190 (2008).
19. **Y. Li** and K. Tuchin, “Gluon multiplicity in coherent diffraction of onium on a heavy nucleus”, *Physical Review D* 77, 114012 (2008).
20. **Y. Li** and K. Tuchin, “Gluon recombination in high parton density QCD: inclusive pion production”, *Physical Review D* 75, 074022 (2007).
21. R. J. Fries, J. I. Kapusta, and **Y. Li**, “From color fields to quark gluon plasma”, *Nuclear Physics A* 774, 861 (2006).
22. J. I. Kapusta and **Y. Li**, “Rescattering effects on intensity interferometry”, *Physical Review C* 72, 064902 (2005).
23. **Y. Li** and J. I. Kapusta, “Nonrelativistic rescattering effects on two-particle correlation”, *Journal of Physics G* 31, S331 (2005).
24. J. I. Kapusta and **Y. Li**, “HBT interferometry with rescattering in the medium”, *Acta Physica Hungarica A* 24, 125 (2005).
25. J. I. Kapusta and **Y. Li**, “Rescattering effects on HBT interferometry”, *Journal of Physics G* 30, S1069 (2004).

## OTHERS.....

1. E. J. Zlonis, A. Grinde, E. Condon, H. Panci, **Y. Li**, R. R. Regal, and G. J. Niemi, “Summary of breeding bird trends in the Chippewa and Superior national forests of Minnesota (1995-2014)”, *NRRI technical report NRRI/TR-2014/44*, University of Minnesota Duluth (2014).
2. **Y. Li**, “Non-parametric and semi-parametric estimation of spatial covariance function”, *PhD thesis*, Iowa State University (2013).
3. J. M. Larson, A. S. Tyler, **Y. Li**, and Z. Zhu, “Antecedents to biomass procurement: the essentials for producer participation survey of Iowa farmers methodology report”, *SBRS technical report*, Survey & Behavioral Research Services, Iowa State University (2011).
4. **Y. Li**, “Rescattering effects on intensity interferometry and initial conditions in relativistic heavy ion collisions”, *PhD thesis*, University of Minnesota (2006).
5. R. J. Fries, J. I. Kapusta, and **Y. Li**, “Near-fields and initial energy density in the color glass condensate model”, *arXiv nucl-th/0604054* (2006).

## SOFTWARE

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### **IPEC: Root Mean Square Curvature Calculation**

R package for intrinsic and parameter-effects curvatures of a nonlinear regression model

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY.....

- STA 4032 – Probability and Statistics for Engineers

### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH.....

- STAT 8611 – Linear Models
- STAT 5572 – Statistical Inference
- STAT 5571 – Probability
- STAT 5511 – Regression Analysis
- STAT 5411 – Analysis of Variance
- STAT 4101 – Actuarial Probability
- STAT 4040 – Introduction to Survey Sampling
- STAT 3611 – Introduction to Probability and Statistics
- STAT 3411 – Engineering Statistics
- MATH 3280 – Differential Equations and Linear Algebra
- MATH 1250 – Precalculus Analysis

## STUDENT ADVISING

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### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED AND COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS (UMD) ..

- Levi D. Pederson (May 2015)
- Xinyue Chang (May 2016)
- Melissa Sandahl (co-advise with K. L. James) (July 2016)
- Mudit Jain (co-advise with V. Vanchurin) (June 2017)
- Yang Wang (June 2017)
- Lei Ding (co-advise with H. Wang) (August 2017)
- Hadi Papei (August 2017)
- Zhenduo Wang (co-advise with T. Pedersen) (May 2018)
- Jingxia Liu (June 2018)
- McCoy Becker (July 2018)
- Richa Rawat (May 2019)
- Tianyi Zhang (June 2020)
- Jieming Liu (December 2020)
- Bahoua Carmel Mobio (December 2020)
- Xinyu Sui (current)

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (UMD).....

- Lusha Li (Spring 2016)
- Xin Zhi (Fall 2016)

- Weizhi Jing (Spring 2019)
- Jingyi Yang (Spring 2020)

## PRESENTATION

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1. Contributed poster presentation, IEEE INFOCOM 2020, “*Measurement and Analysis of Cloud User Interest: a Glance from BitTorrent*”, July 7, 2020.
2. Invited department seminar, Department of Mathematical Sciences, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL, “*Modeling Spatial and Spatio-temporal Process on the Sphere with Convolution*”, February 20, 2020.
3. Contributed talk, NetSci 2019, Burlington, Vermont, “*Asymptotic Distribution of Modularity in Networks*”, May 29, 2019.
4. Invited department seminar, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Connecticut College, New London, CT, “*Stochastic Local Community Detection in Networks*”, February 5, 2018.
5. Contributed talk, International School and Conference on Network Science, NetSciX 2018, Hangzhou, China, “*Stochastic Local Community Detection in Networks*”, January 8, 2018.
6. Contributed poster presentation, the 6th International Conference on Complex Networks and Their Applications, Lyon, France, “*Stochastic Local Community Detection in Networks*”, November 30, 2017.
7. Invited department seminar, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, California State University Northridge, Northridge, CA, “*Community Structure and Detection in Networks*”, November 20, 2017.
8. Department graduate colloquium, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Minnesota Duluth, Duluth, MN, “*Stochastic Local Community Detection in Networks*”, November 2, 2017.
9. Contributed talk, Spatial Statistics 2017, Lancaster University, Lancaster, United Kingdom, “*Spatio-Temporal Modeling on Spheres*”, July 6, 2017.
10. Department graduate colloquium, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Minnesota Duluth, Duluth, MN, “*Introduction to Geostatistics*”, December 8, 2016.
11. Invited department seminar, Department of Statistics, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO, “*Use Convolution to Model Nonstationary Spatial Random Field on Sphere*”, March 9, 2016.
12. Contributed talk, 2015 IMS-China International Conference on Statistics and Probability, Yunnan University, Kunming, Yunnan, China, “*Semiparametric Estimation of Spectral Density and Variogram with Irregular Observations*”, July 2, 2015.
13. Seminar, Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, University of Minnesota Duluth, Duluth, MN, “*From Classical Statistics to Spatial Statistics*”, April 29, 2015.
14. Duluth R Group seminar, Duluth, MN, “*Some R Functions in Spatial Statistics*”, November 12, 2014.
15. Invited talk, International Conference on Advances in Interdisciplinary Statistics and Combinatorics (AISC 2014), University of North Carolina Greensboro, Greensboro, NC, “*Modeling Nonstationary Covariance Function on Spheres with Convolution*”, October 10, 2014.
16. Invited department seminar, School of Management, China University of Mining and Technology, Xuzhou, Jiangsu, China, “*Spatial Statistics and Its Applications*”, May 28, 2014.

17. Contributed talk, the 6th International Statistics Forum at Renmin University of China, Beijing, China, “*Modeling Nonstationary Covariance Function on Spheres with Convolution*”, May 25, 2014.
18. Contributed talk, Next Generation Climate Data Products Workshop, the National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, CO, “*Modeling Nonstationary Covariance Function on Spheres with Convolution*”, July 16, 2013.
19. Poster presentation, the 7th International Total Survey Error Workshop, Ames, IA, “*Processing Error in Erosion Estimations Based on a Longitudinal Survey*”, June 4, 2013.
20. Survey working group seminar, Department of Statistics, Iowa State University, Ames, IA, “*Review of Soil Erosion Analysis in NRI*”, April 26, 2013.
21. Invited department seminar, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Minnesota Duluth, Duluth, MN, “*Modeling Covariance Functions on Spheres*”, February 26, 2013.
22. Invited department seminar, Department of Statistics, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, “*Nonparametric Modeling of Covariance Functions on Spheres*”, December 7, 2012.
23. Statistics Department talk, AT&T Research Lab, Florham Park, NJ, “*Spatial Anomalous Events from MTS and Correlation with Cellular Network Data*”, July 13, 2012.
24. Survey working group seminar, Department of Statistics, Iowa State University, Ames, IA, “*Survey of Iowa Farmers on Use of Cellulosic Biomass as a Bio-fuel*”, October 3, 2011.
25. Contributed talk, JSM 2011, Miami Beach, FL, “*Calibration of Soil Erosion Estimates under New Protocols*”, August 3, 2011.
26. Presentation for STAT 606 (Advanced Spatial Statistics), Department of Statistics, Iowa State University, Ames, IA, “*Nonparametric Covariogram Estimation for Spatial Data*”, December 14, 2010.
27. Survey working group seminar, Department of Statistics, Iowa State University, Ames, IA, “*USLE and RUSLE2 Soil Loss Analysis in National Resources Inventory*”, October 11, 2010.
28. Presentation for STAT 651 (Advanced Time Series), Department of Statistics, Iowa State University, Ames, IA, “*Extended Tapered Block Bootstrap*”, May 4, 2010.
29. Presentation for STAT 621 (Advanced Survey Sampling), Department of Statistics, Iowa State University, Ames, IA, “*Closed Capture-Recapture Sampling and Models*”, December 9, 2009.
30. Contributed talk, the 20th International Conference on Ultra-Relativistic Nucleus-Nucleus Collisions (Quark Matter 2008), Jaipur, India, “*Baryon Enhancement from Quasi-Classical Fields in Nuclear Collisions*”, February 5, 2008.
31. Invited seminar, School of Physics and Astronomy, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, “*Gluon Recombination at High Parton Density*”, November 5, 2007.
32. Contributed talk, APS DNP meeting 2007, Newport News, VA, “*Gluon Recombination at High Parton Density*”, October 11, 2007.
33. Contributed talk, the 20th Midwest Nuclear Theory Get-Together, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, IL, “*Gluon Recombination at High Parton Density: Hadron Production at RHIC*”, October 6, 2007.
34. Invited seminar, Physics Department and RIKEN, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY, “*Near-Field Properties in Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions*”, January 16, 2007.

35. Contributed talk, APS April meeting 2006, Dallas, TX, “*Near-Field Properties in Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions*”, April 23, 2006.
36. Invited seminar, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Iowa State University, Ames, IA, “*Rescattering Effects on HBT Interferometry*”, February 17, 2006.
37. Group seminar, School of Physics and Astronomy, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, “*Rescattering Effects on Intensity Interferometry in Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collisions*”, October 27, 2005.
38. Contributed talk, Hot Quarks 2004, Workshop for young scientists on the physics of ultrarelativistic nucleus-nucleus collisions, Taos Valley, NM, “*Rescattering Effects on HBT Interferometry*”, July 22, 2004.

## SERVICE

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### EDITORIAL SERVICE.....

- Academic Editor for PLOS One (2019 – now)

### REFeree SERVICE.....

- Journal of Nonparametric Statistics
- Computational Statistics and Data Analysis
- Journal of Applied Statistics
- Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation
- Environmetrics
- Environmental and Ecological Statistics
- Communications in Statistics - Theory and Methods
- Communications in Statistics - Simulation and Computation
- Statistics in Medicine
- RevStat
- Physical Review Letters
- Physical Review C
- CRC Press book proposals

### UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE (UMD).....

- Member of the tenure-track faculty search committee (2019 – 2020)
- Member of the department new hire committee (2019)
- Co-chair of statistics tenure-track faculty search committee (2018 – 2019)
- Member of graduate program committee (2017 – 2020)
- Member of statistics tenure-track faculty search committee (2017 – 2018)
- Member of statistics tenure-track faculty search committee (2016 – 2017)
- Member of undergraduate program committee (2016)
- SCSE college UROP reviewer (Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Fall 2016)
- Graduate committee member for 32 graduate students (2014 – 2020)

## MEMBERSHIP

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- American Statistical Association
- Institute of Mathematical Statistics
- Network Science Society