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EDUCATION

PhD in Biostatistics, University of Minnesota	Jun 2020
MS in Biostatistics, University of Minnesota	Aug 2017
Master of Social Work, New York University	May 2013
BS in Management Information Systems, Chu Kochen Honors College, Zhejiang University	Jun 2011

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor	Jul 2022 – Present
Department of Biostatistics and School of Data Science, City University of Hong Kong	
Postdoctoral Research Scientist	Jul 2020 – Jun 2022
Department of Biostatistics, Columbia University Advisor: Prof. Iuliana Ionita-Laza	
Lecturer	Aug 2013 – Jul 2015
School of Management, Zhicheng College, Fuzhou University	

PUBLICATIONS

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1. **Yang, Y.**, Wang, C., Liu, L., Buxbaum, J., He, Z., & Ionita-Laza, I. (2022). KnockoffTrio: A knockoff framework for the identification of putative causal variants in genome-wide association studies with trio design. *The American Journal of Human Genetics*, 109(10), 1761-1776.
2. **Yang, Y.***, Basu, S., & Zhang, L. (2022). A Bayesian hierarchically structured prior for gene-based association test with multiple traits in genome-wide association studies. *Genetic Epidemiology*, 46 (1), 63-72.
3. **Yang, Y.***, Basu, S., & Zhang, L. (2021). A Bayesian hierarchically structured prior for rare-variant association testing. *Genetic Epidemiology*, 45(4), 413-424.
4. **Yang, Y.**, Basu, S., & Zhang, L. (2020). A Bayesian hierarchical variable selection prior for pathway-based GWAS using summary statistics. *Statistics in Medicine*, 39, 724-739.
5. **Yang, Y.**, Basu, S., Mirabello, L., Spector, L., & Zhang, L. (2018). A Bayesian gene-based genome-wide association study analysis of osteosarcoma trio data using a hierarchically structured prior. *Cancer Informatics*, 17, 1176935118775103.
6. Harindhanavudhi, T., **Yang, Y.**, Hodges, J., Pruett, T., Kirchner, V., Beilman, G., & Bellin, M. (2021). Body composition is associated with islet function after pancreatectomy and islet autotransplantation for pancreatitis. *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*, 106(2), e496–e506.
7. Nathan, J., **Yang, Y.**, Witkowski, P., ..., Hodges, J., & Bellin, M. (2021). Surgical approach and short-term outcomes in adults and children undergoing total pancreatectomy with islet autotransplantation: A report from the Prospective Observational Study of TPIAT. *Pancreatology*, 22(1), 1-8.
8. McEachron, K. R., **Yang, Y.**, Hodges, J. S., Beilman, G., Kirchner, V. A., Pruett, T. L., Chinnakotla, S., Hering, B. J., & Bellin, M. D. (2021). Performance of modified IGLS criteria to evaluate islet autograft function after total pancreatectomy with islet autotransplantation. *Transplant International*, 34(1), 87-96.

9. McEachron, K., **Yang, Y.**, Hodges, J., Beilman, G., Pruett, T., Kirchner, V., Freeman, M., Trikudanathan, G., Mulier, K., Ptacek, P., & Bellin, M. (2020). Alterations in enteroendocrine hormones after total pancreatectomy with islet autotransplantation. *Pancreas*, 49(6), 806-811.
10. Gutama, B., **Yang, Y.**, Beilman, G., Freeman, M., Kirchner, V., Pruett, T., Chinnakotla, S., Downs, E., Trikudanathan, G., Schwarzenberg, S., Hodges, J., Bellin, M. (2019). Risk factors associated with progression towards endocrine insufficiency in chronic pancreatitis. *Pancreas*, 48(9), 1160-1166.
11. Trikudanathan, G., Elmunzer, B. J., **Yang, Y.**, Abu-El-Haija, M., Adams, D., Ahmad, S., ... & Freeman, M. L. (2021). Preoperative ERCP has no impact on islet yield following total pancreatectomy and islet autotransplantation (TPIAT): Results from the Prospective Observational Study of TPIAT (POST) cohort. *Pancreatology*, 21(1), 275-281.
12. McEachron, K., Skube, M., **Yang, Y.**, Hodges, J., Wilhelm, J., Beilman, G., Chinnakotla, S., Schwarzenberg, S., & Bellin, M. (2019). Utility of arginine stimulation testing in preoperative assessment of children undergoing total pancreatectomy with islet autotransplantation. *Clinical Transplantation*, e13647.
13. Brennan, M., Treister, N., Sollecito, T., Schmidt, B., Patton, L., **Yang, Y.**, Lin, A., Elting, L., Hodges, J., & Lalla, R. (2021). Epidemiologic factors in patients with advanced head and neck cancer treated with radiation therapy. *Head & Neck*, 43(1), 164-172.
14. Chinnakotla, S., Verghese, P., Chavers, B., Rheault, M. N., Kirchner, V., Dunn, T., Kashtan, C., Nevins, T., Mauer, M., Pruett, T., Kim, Y., Najera, L., Hanna, C., Kizilbash, S., Cook, M., Cisek, L., Gillingham, K., **Yang, Y.**, Matas, A., & Najarian, J. (2017). Outcomes and risk factors for graft loss: lessons learned from 1,056 pediatric kidney transplants at the University of Minnesota. *Journal of the American College of Surgeons*, 224(4), 473-486.
15. Wang, Q., **Yang, Y.**, Wang, Q., & Ma, Q. (2014). The effect of human image in B2C website design: an eye-tracking study. *Enterprise Information Systems*, 8(5), 582-605.

GRANTS

PI:

1. Statistical methods for variable selection with false discovery rate control and applications to human genetic data, Early Career Scheme, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong, 2024 - 2026.

Co-PI:

2. Prediction of patient mortality in intensive care units using machine learning with controlled variable selection, Strategic Interdisciplinary Research Grant, City University of Hong Kong, 2023 - 2025.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited:

1. International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA) International Conference, Hong Kong SAR, China. July 2023.
2. International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA) China Conference, Chengdu, China. June 2023.
3. Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) School of Medicine, Shanghai, China. May 2023.
4. Columbia University Center for Precision Medicine and Genomics and Institute for Genomic Medicine, New York, NY. June 2022.
5. City University of Hong Kong School of Data Science, Hong Kong, China. Mar 2022.
6. Beijing Normal University Young Scholars Forum, Beijing, China, Dec 2021.

Contributed:

7. Columbia University Irving Medical Center Statistical Genetics Journal Club, New York, NY. May 2021.
8. The 2019 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), Denver, CO. July 2019.
9. The 2019 American Statistical Association (ASA) Twin Cities Chapter spring event, Minneapolis, MN. April 2019.
10. The 2018 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), Vancouver, BC, Canada. July 2018.

TEACHING

1. BIOS 5802: Advanced Methods in Biostatistics (Spring 2023, 2024)
2. SDSC 3105: Bayesian Analysis (Fall 2023)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Jacob E. Bearman Student Achievement Award, University of Minnesota	2020
People's Choice Best Student Poster Award, University of Minnesota	2019
Student Senate Professional Development Award, University of Minnesota	2019
Dean's PhD Scholars Award, University of Minnesota	2017
Outstanding Research Assistant Award, University of Minnesota	2017
Biostatistics Summer Institute Scholarship, University of Washington	2017
John E. Connett First-Year Student Award, University of Minnesota	2016
Shirley M. Ehrenkranz Scholarship, New York University	2012
Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis Award, Zhejiang University	2011
First Prize, National Olympiad in Informatics, China	2002-2004 & 2006

SOFTWARE

1. KnockoffTrio: R package for identification of causal loci with false discovery rate control in genome-wide association studies for family trio data. It also provides a meta-analysis module for combining results of multiple studies.
2. HSVS-M: R package for the multivariate hierarchically structured variable selection (HSVS-M) that tests multi-variant multi-trait association using summary statistics.
3. HSVS-A: R package for the adaptive hierarchically structured variable selection (HSVS-A) for rare-variant association testing using genotype data.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Peer review: Cell Genomics
Senate member: The University Senate of City University of Hong Kong
Seminar chair: Biostatistics Seminar Series at City University of Hong Kong