Zachary Ryan McCaw

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Stanford University

01/2021 - Present

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Harvard University

08/2014 - 05/2019

Ph.D. IN BIOSTATISTICS, A.M. IN BIOSTATISTICS

- DISSERTATION: Transformation and multivariate methods for improving power in genome-wide association studies.
 - Studied operating characteristics of the rank-based inverse normal transformation for GWAS of quantitative traits.
 - Developed multivariate regression methodology for leveraging a correlated surrogate outcome to improve inference on a partially missing target outcome.
- Advisors: Xihong Lin, Ph.D.
- Committee: Martin Aryee, Ph.D. and Jeffrey Miller, Ph.D.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

08/2009 - 05/2013

B.S.P.H. IN BIOSTATISTICS, B.S. IN QUANTITATIVE BIOLOGY

- Graduate with highest distinction.
- GPA: 4.00 of 4.00; Dean's List: 8 of 8 Semesters.

Professional Experience

Insitro 09/2021 – Present

SENIOR DATA SCIENTIST

- Department: Statistical Genetics
- Team Lead: Francesco Paolo Casale, Ph.D.

Google 09/2019 - 09/2021

Data Scientist

- Department: Health, Genomic Medicine Team.
- Scientific Lead: Babak Alipanahi, Ph.D.
- 20% Project: Genetic discovery for machine learning derived phenotypes.

- Lead author on DeepNull manuscript, a GWAS model that uses a deep neural network to adjust for non-linear covariate effects.
- Co-first author on manuscript investigating genetic associations with glaucoma features extracted from retinal fundus images using deep neural networks.
- Developed and implemented tools for GWAS analysis, including fine-mapping, locus formation, replication analysis, and winner's curse correction.
- Department: Core Developer, DevIntel Data Science Team.
- TEAM LEAD: Heng Liu, Ph.D.
- Project: Causal inference to understand factors affecting developer productivity.
 - Developed and implemented methodology for estimating average treatment effects from observational, longitudinal data.

Broad Institute

06/2019 - 09/2019

VISITING SCIENTIST

- Department: Medical and Population Genetics.
- Principal Investigator: Hilary Finucane, Ph.D.
- Project: Cross-population fine-mapping to identify shared and population specific causal effects.
 - Developed an extension of sum of single effects regression for multiple populations allowing for different causal architectures and correlated effect sizes.

Articles

- [1] ZR McCaw et al. "DeepNull: Modeling non-linear covariate effects improves phenotype prediction and association power". In: *Nature Communications* 13.1 (Jan. 2022), p. 241. DOI: 10.1038/s41467-021-27930-0.
- [2] ZR McCaw et al. "Practical Recommendations on Quantifying and Interpreting Treatment Effects in the Presence of Terminal Competing Risks: A Review". In: *JAMA Cardiology* (Dec. 2021). DOI: 10.1001/jamacardio.2021.4932...
- [3] ZR McCaw et al. "Choosing clinically interpretable summary measures and robust analytic procedures for quantifying the treatment difference in comparative clinical studies". In: Statistics in Medicine 40.28 (Dec. 2021), pp. 6235–6242. DOI: 10.1002/sim.8971.
- [4] R Sun et al. "Moving beyond conventional stratified analysis to assess the treatment effect in a comparative oncology study". In: *Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer* 9.11 (Nov. 2021), e003323. DOI: 10.1136/jitc-2021-003323.
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- [6] B Alipanahi et al. "Large-scale machine learning-based phenotyping significantly improves genomic discovery for optic nerve head morphology". In: American Journal of Human Genetics (May 2021). DOI: 10.1016/j.ajhg.2021.05.004.
- [7] ZR McCaw et al. "Neoadjuvant chemotherapy in bladder cancer: Clinical benefit observed in prospective trials computed with restricted mean survival times". In: *Urologic Oncology* S1078-1439.20 (Jan. 2021), pp. 30640–30642. DOI: 10.1016/j.urolonc. 2020.12.012.
- [8] ZR McCaw et al. "Leveraging a surrogate outcome to improve inference on a partially missing target outcome". In: bioRxiv (Nov. 2020). DOI: 10.1101/2020.11.29.403063.
- [9] ZR McCaw et al. "Survival analysis of treatment efficacy in comparative COVID-19 studies." In: Clinical Infectious Diseases (Oct. 2020). DOI: 10.1093/cid/ciaa1563.
- [10] C Perego et al. "Utility of Restricted Mean Survival Time Analysis for Heart Failure Clinical Trial Evaluation and Interpretation". In: *JACC Heart Failure* (Oct. 2020). DOI: 10.1016/j.jchf.2020.07.005.
- [11] ZR McCaw et al. "Selecting Appropriate Endpoints for Assessing Treatment Effects in Comparative Clinical Studies for COVID-19". In: Contemporary Clinical Trials (Sept. 2020). DOI: 10.1016/j.cct.2020.106145...
- [12] ZR McCaw et al. "How to Quantify and Interpret Treatment Effects in Comparative Clinical Studies of COVID-19". In: *Annals of Internal Medicine* (July 2020). DOI: 10.7326/M20-4044.
- [13] B Huang et al. "Analysis of Response Data for Assessing Treatment Effects in Comparative Clinical Studies". In: *Annals of Internal Medicine* (July 2020). DOI: 10.7326/M20-0104.
- [14] ZR McCaw, H Julienne, and H Aschard. "MGMM: an R package for fitting Gaussian Mixture Models on Incomplete Data". In: bioRxiv (Dec. 2019). DOI: 10.1101/2019. 12.20.884551.
- [15] ZR McCaw et al. "Operating Characteristics of the Rank-Based Inverse Normal Transformation for Quantitative Trait Analysis in Genome-Wide Association Studies". In: *Biometrics* (Dec. 2019). DOI: 10.1111/biom.13214.
- [16] J Marzec et al. "Toll-like receptor 4-mediated respiratory syncytial virus disease and lung transcriptomics in differentially susceptible inbred mouse strains". In: *Physiological Genomics* (Nov. 2019). DOI: 10.1152/physiolgenomics.00101.2019.
- [17] ZR McCaw, G Yin, and LJ Wei. "Using the Restricted Mean Survival Time Difference as an Alternative to the Hazard Ratio for Analyzing Clinical Cardiovascular Studies". In: Circulation 140.17 (Oct. 2019), pp. 1366–1368. DOI: 10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA. 119.040680.
- [18] ZR McCaw et al. "Applying Evidence-Based Medicine to Shared Decision Making: Value of Restricted Mean Survival Time". In: *The American Journal of Medicine* 132.1 (Jan. 2019), pp. 13–15. DOI: 10.1016/j.amjmed.2018.07.026.

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- [22] KC Verhein et al. "Novel Roles for Notch3 and Notch4 Receptors in Gene Expression and Susceptibility to Ozone Induced Lung Inflammation in Mice". In: *Environmental Health Perspectives* 123.8 (2015), pp. 799–805. DOI: 10.1289/ehp.1408852.
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- [1] ZR McCaw and LJ Wei. "Questions About a Risk Prediction Model of Mortality After Esophagectomy for Cancer". In: *JAMA Surgery* (Nov. 2021). DOI: 10.1001/jamasurg. 2021.5701.
- [2] ZR McCaw, L Tian, and LJ Wei. "Quantifying the Effect of Lower vs Higher Positive End-Expiratory Pressure on Ventilator-Free Survival in ICU Patients". In: *JAMA* 325.15 (Apr. 2021), pp. 1566–1567. DOI: 10.1001/jama.2021.1700.
- [3] ZR McCaw, MA Liu, and LJ Wei. "Olaparib in Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer". In: *New England Journal of Medicine* 384.12 (Mar. 2021), p. 1174. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMc2100225.
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- [5] ZR McCaw, G Fitzmaurice, and LJ Wei. "The COMPASS Trial: Net Clinical Benefit of Low-Dose Rivaroxaban Plus Aspirin as Compared With Aspirin in Patients With Chronic Vascular Disease". In: Circulation 143.1 (Jan. 2021), e1–e2. DOI: 10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.120.050723.
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- [13] ZR McCaw, DH Kim, and LJ Wei. "Risk-Benefit Comparisons Between Shorter and Longer Durations of Adjuvant Chemotherapy in High-Risk Stage II Colorectal Cancer". In: *JAMA Oncology* (June 2020). DOI: 10.1001/jamaoncol.2020.2256.
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- [15] ZR McCaw, LJ Wei, and EB Ludmir. "Interpreting the impact of apalutamide on overall survival among patients with non-metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer". In: *Annals of Oncology* 31.3 (Mar. 2020), pp. 438–440. DOI: 10.1016/j.annonc.2019. 11.020.
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- [18] ZR McCaw and LJ Wei. "P2Y12 Inhibitor Monotherapy vs Dual Antiplatelet Therapy After Percutaneous Coronary Intervention". In: *JAMA* 322.16 (Oct. 2019), p. 1607. DOI: 0.1001/jama.2019.13159.

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- [22] Z Yang, ZR McCaw, and G Yin. "Caplacizumab for Acquired Thrombocytopenic Purpura". In: *New England Journal of Medicine* 380.18 (May 2019), e32. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMc1902336.
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Professional Activities

Awards and Distinctions

•	Distinguished Student Paper Award	07/2019
	Joint Statistical Meeting, Section in Genetics and Genomics.	
•	Stellar Abstract Award	11/2018
	Program in Quantitative Genomics	
•	Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (F31)	03/2018
	TITLE: Innovations in Genome Wide Association Testing Inspired by Obstruc-	
	tive Sleep Apnea Phenotypes.	
•	Teaching Fellow	11/2017
	Global Initiative for Neuropsychiatric Genetic Education in Research	
•	NIH Pre-Doctoral Training Grant	08/2016
	Statistical and Quantitative Training in Big Data Health Science	
•	NIH Pre-Doctoral Training Grant	08/2014
	Interdisciplinary Training Grant in Biostatistics and Computational Biology	
•	NIH Post-Baccalaureate Research Fellow	09/2013
	National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences	
•	Undergraduate Academic Achievement Award	04/2013
	UNC Department of Biostatistics	

 Phi Beta Kappa National Honors Society 	11/2011
NIH Summer Internship	05/2011
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences	05/2010

Presentations

•	American Society of Human Genetics	10/2019
	Cross-population Fine-mapping to Identify Shared and Population-specific	,
	Causal Effects.	
•	Joint Statistical Meeting	07/2019
	Cross-tissue eQTL Calling via Surrogate Expression Analysis.	·
•	Program in Quantitative Genomics	11/2018
	Leveraging the UKB to Empower Association Testing on Scarce Phenotypes.	·
•	Joint Statistical Meeting	07/2018
	Leveraging Surrogate Phenotypes to Improve Inference on a Partially Missing	·
	Target Phenotype.	
•	Joint Statistical Meeting	07/2017
	Inverse Normal Transformation for Genome Wide Association Testing of	
	Quantitative Traits.	
•	American Thoracic Society	05/2014
	Gene Expression Profiling Predicts Response to Respiratory Syncytial Virus	
	(RSV) in Mice.	
•	NIEHS	07/2011
	Identifying Candidate Susceptibility Genes for Respiratory Syncytial Virus	
	(RSV) Disease Severity.	
•	NIEHS	07/2010
	Characterization of Transcriptional Networks Underlying Tlr4-Mediated Res-	
	piratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Disease in	

Predoctoral Experience

Harvard School of Public Health

02/2016 - 05/2019

GRADUATE STUDENT

- Department: Biostatistics.
- Principal Investigator: Xihong Lin, Ph.D.
- Project 1: Operating characteristics of the rank-based inverse normal transformation for genome-wide association studies of quantitative traits.
- Project 2: Cross-tissue eQTL calling via surrogate expression analysis.
- Project 3: Synthetic surrogate analysis.

Broad Institute

07/2016 - 07/2017

GRADUATE STUDENT

- Department: Computational Methods for Genomics and Epigenomics Lab.
- Principal Investigator: Martin Aryee, Ph.D.

• Project: Identifying differential chromatin boundaries across cell lines.

Dana Farber Cancer Institute

06/2015 - 08/2015

RESEARCH STUDENT

Research Student

- Department: Biostatistics and Computational Biology.
- Principal Investigator: John Quackenbush, Ph.D.
- Project: Network analysis of eQTL.

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

05/2012 - 08/2014

- Department: Environmental Genetics Group.
- Principal Investigator: Steven Kleeberger, Ph.D.
- Project 1: Identifying genetic signatures of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) disease susceptibility in mice.
- Project 2: Role of Notch receptors in ozone-induced lung injury.
- Project 3: Mitochondrial determinants of susceptibility to oxidative stress in mice.

UNC Chapel Hill

08/2012 - 12/2012

Undergraduate Research Student

- Department: RNA Folding Bioinformatics Group.
- Principal Investigator: Alain Laederach, Ph.D.
- Project: Quantifying eQTL enrichment of mRNA protein binding sites.

UNC Chapel Hill

08/2010 - 12/2012

Undergraduate Research Student

- Department: Nanoscale Science Research Group.
- Principal Investigator: Michael Falvo, Ph.D.
- Project: Analysis of fibrin clot structure in vitro.

Teaching Experience

Harvard University

• Class: Inference II (BST 241) Instructor: Rui Wang, Ph.D. 02/2019 - 05/2019

• Class: Introduction to Biostatistics Instructor: Lori Chibnik, Ph.D.

02/2019

LOCATION: University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, SA

• Class: Multivariate and Longitudinal Analysis (BST 245) Instructor: Sebastien Haneuse, Ph.D. 02/2018 - 05/2018

• Class: Inference I (BST 231) Instructor: Judith Lok, Ph.D.	02/2017 - 05/2017
• Class: Statistical Genetics (BST 227) Instructor: Martin Aryee, Ph.D.	10/2016 - 12/2016
• Class: Computational Biology (STAT 215) Instructor: X. Shirley Liu, Ph.D.	02/2016 - 05/2016
UNC Chapel Hill	
• CLASS: General Chemistry I (CHEM 101) INSTRUCTOR: Jennifer Krumper, Ph.D.	08/2012 - 12/2012
• Class: Organic Chemistry II (CHEM 262) Instructor: Jennifer Krumper, Ph.D.	08/2011 - 12/2011