

# Statistics in the Age of AI



**May 9-11, 2024**  
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## Thursday, May 9, 2024

Rome Hall 351  
801 22nd St NW  
Washington, DC 20052

- 8:00 am-9:15 am**      **Short Course Registration**
- 9:15 am-12:00 pm**      **Short Course I: *Conformal Prediction***  
*Jing Lei, Carnegie Mellon University*
- 12:00 pm-1:30 pm**      **Break**
- 1:30 pm-4:15 pm**      **Short Course II: *Causal Inference***  
*Peng Ding, University of California, Berkeley*

## Friday, May 10, 2024

Jack Morton Auditorium  
Media and Public Affairs Building  
805 21st St NW  
Washington, DC 20052

- 8:00 am-9:00 am**      **Conference Registration**
- 9:00 am-9:10 am**      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- *Xiaoke Zhang, George Washington University*
  - *Pamela Norris, George Washington University*
- 9:10 am-10:25 am**      **Session I. Chair: *Paromita Dubey, University of Southern California***
- *David Donoho, Stanford University, “Widespread Panic over Model Collapse.”*
  - *Jianqing Fan, Princeton University, “Causal Learning from Heterogeneous Environments.”*
  - *Richard Samworth, University of Cambridge, “Optimal Convex M-Estimation via Score Matching.”*
- 10:25 am-10:45 am**      **Coffee Break, Art Gallery Lobby (2nd floor)**

**10:45 am-12:00 pm**      **Session II.** Chair: *Raymond Wong, Texas A&M University*

- *Steve Marron, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, “Object Oriented Data Analysis.”*
- *Hongyu Zhao, Yale University, “Interpretable and Spatially-Aware Integration of Spatial Transcriptomics Datasets.”*
- *Naisyin Wang, University of Michigan, “Utilizing Synthetic Components to Balance Privacy Protection and Data Utility.”*

**12:00 pm-1:30 pm**      **Lunch: District House B114 (2121 H St NW, B1 level)**

**1:30 pm-2:45 pm**      **Session III.** Chair: *Joan Jian-Jian Ren, University of Maryland, College Park*

- *Qiwei Yao, London School of Economics and Political Science, “Autoregressive Networks with Dependent Edges.”*
- *Xiaotong Shen, University of Minnesota, “Boosting Data Analytics with Synthetic Volume Expansion.”*
- *Grace Yi, University of Western Ontario, “Label Correction of Crowdsourced Noisy Annotations with an Instance-Dependent Noise Transition Model.”*

**2:45 pm-3:05 pm**      **Coffee Break, Art Gallery Lobby (2nd floor)**

**3:05 pm-4:20 pm**      **Session IV.** Chair: *Feifang Hu, George Washington University*

- *Lan Wang, University of Miami, “Doubly Robust Uncertainty Quantification for Quantile Treatment Effects in Sequential Decision Making.”*
- *Mei-Ling Ting Lee, University of Maryland, College Park, “First-Hitting-Time Threshold Regression and Neural Network.”*
- *Byeong U. Park, Seoul National University, “Nonparametric Causal Additive Models with Smooth Backfitting.”*

**4:20 pm-5:20 pm**      **Panel I: Statistical Research in the Age of AI.**  
Moderator: *Damla Senturk, University of California, Los Angeles*

- *Haoda Fu, Eli Lily and Company*
- *Jonas Mueller, Cleanlab*
- *Annie Qu, University of California, Irvine*
- *Huixia Judy Wang, George Washington University*
- *Xiao Wang, Purdue University*

**Saturday, May 11, 2024**

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**8:00 am-9:00 am**      **Conference Registration**

**9:00 am-10:15 am**      **Session V. Chair: *Yaqing Chen, Rutgers University***

- *Iain Johnstone, Stanford University, “Expectation Propagation and Maximum Likelihood in Generalized Linear Mixed Models.”*
- *Xihong Lin, Harvard University, “Build an End-to-End Scalable Data Science Ecosystem Using Statistics, ML, and AI for Whole Genome Sequencing Analysis.”*
- *Runze Li, Penn State University, University Park, “How Can Statistics Help Students Prepare for Better-Paid Jobs?”*

**10:15 am-10:35 am**      **Coffee Break, Art Gallery Lobby (2nd floor)**

**10:35 am-11:50 am**      **Session VI. Chair: *Hua Liang, George Washington University***

- *Tailen Hsing, University of Michigan, “An RKHS Approach for Variable Selection in High-Dimensional Functional Linear Models.”*
- *Victor Panaretos, EPFL, “Graphical Models in Infinite Dimensions.”*
- *Yehua Li, University of California, Riverside, “Machine Learning with Functional Predictors and Applications to Crop Yield Prediction.”*

**12:00 pm-1:00 pm**      **Lunch: Continental Ballroom (University Student Center, 800 21st St NW, 3rd Floor)**

**1:00 pm- 2:00 pm**      **Poster Session: Student Center 309 ((University Student Center, 800 21st St NW, 3rd Floor)**

- *Satarupa Bhattacharjee, Penn State University, University Park, “Causal Inference for Non-Euclidean Object Data with Continuous Treatments.”*
- *Na Bo, University of Pittsburgh, “Pseudo-Outcome-Based Meta-Learners for Analyzing Treatment Heterogeneity in Survival Data: Application to Pediatric Asthma Care Under COVID-19 Disruption.”*
- *Yasin Khadem Charvadeh, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, “Bridging Data Gaps in Healthcare: Effective Healthcare Data Analytics with Variational Autoencoder Imputation.”*
- *Yan-Yu Chen, University of California, Davis, “Testing the Causal Effects of Continuous Treatments Learned by Deep Neural Networks.”*
- *Yiqun Chen, Stanford University, “GenePT: A Simple but Effective Model for Genes and Cells Built from ChatGPT.”*
- *Hyo Young Choi, University of Tennessee Health Science Center, “ArtistR: A Novel Framework for Systematically Detecting Alternative Transcript Initiation by Integrating ATAC-seq and RNA-seq.”*
- *Yihong Gu, Princeton University, “Environment Invariant Linear Least Squares.”*
- *Kentaro Hoffman, University of Washington, “Some Models Are Useful, but for How Long?”*
- *Ju-Sheng Hong, University of California, Davis, “SAND: Smooth Imputation of Sparse and Noisy Functional Data with Transformer Networks.”*

- Su I Iao, University of California, Davis, “Deep Frechet Regression.”
- Wei Jin, Johns Hopkins University, “A Bayesian Decision Framework for Optimizing Sequential Combination Antiretroviral Therapy in People with HIV.”
- Gauri Kamat, Brown University, “Bayesian Record Linkage with Variables in One File.”
- Annela Kelly, Regis College, “Statistical Analysis of Trends of Student Mindsets Amidst the Pandemic.”
- Salil Koner, Duke University, “A Conformal Prediction Framework for Functional Data Suitable for Both Sparse and Dense Designs.”
- Poorbita Kundu, University of California, Davis, “Decomposition-Based Intrinsic Modeling of Shape-Constrained Functional Data.”
- Tsz-Kit Lau, University of Chicago, “AdAdaGrad: Adaptive Batch Size Schemes for Adaptive Gradient Methods.”
- Yonghoon Lee, University of Pennsylvania, “Simultaneous Conformal Prediction of Missing Outcomes with Propensity Score Discretization.”
- Jiayi Li, University of California, Los Angeles, “Geometry of Polynomial Neural Networks.”
- Yicheng Li, Tsinghua University, “Generalization Error Curves for Analytic Spectral Algorithms under Power-law Decay.”
- Anusha Natarajan, Columbia University, “Utilizing Supervised Machine Learning to Comprehending Popularity of Digital Content over Public Discourse on National and Global Events.”
- Seongoh Park, Sungshin Women's University, South Korea, “High-dimensional Missing Data Imputation Via Undirected Graphical Model.”
- Grace Ringlein, Johns Hopkins University, “Impacts of Predictive Uncertainty in Healthcare Prior Authorizationpr.”
- Wookyeong Song, University of California, Davis, “Inference for Dispersion of Random Objects and Curvature of Underlying Metric Spaces.”
- Bohan Wu, Columbia University, “Extending Mean-Field Variational Inference via Entropic Regularization: Theory and Computation.”
- Tiantian Yang, University of Idaho, “An Interpretable Graph Neural Network for Disease Classification in Omics Data Analysis.”
- Dapeng Yao, Johns Hopkins University, “A Deep Reinforcement Learning Algorithm for Optimizing Antiretroviral Therapy in People with HIV.”
- Xianli Zeng, University of Pennsylvania, “Bayes-Optimal Fair Classification with Linear Disparity Constraints via Pre-, In-, and Post-processing.”
- Yi Zhang, George Washington University, “Independence-Encouraging Subsampling for Nonparametric Additive Models.”
- Qixian Zhong, Xiamen University, “Dynamic Modeling for Multivariate Functional and Longitudinal Data.”
- Yidong Zhou, University of California, Davis, “Dynamic Modeling of Sparse Longitudinal Data and Functional Snippets with Stochastic Differential Equations.”
- Hang Zhou, University of California, Davis, “Statistical Inference for Object Data.”
- Tian-Yi Zhou, Georgia Institute of Technology, “Classification of Unbounded Data Generated by Gaussian Mixture Models via Deep ReLU Networks.”
- Yingchao Zhou, Iowa State University, “Locally Adaptive Conformal Prediction for Regression.”
- Changbo Zhu, University of Notre Dame, “Testing Independence for Sparse Longitudinal Data.”

**2:10 pm-3:25 pm**      **Session VII.** Chair: Xiucui Ding, University of California, Davis

- Haiyan Huang, University of California, Berkeley, “Integrative Deep Multi-Learning for Biclustering and Predicting Cancer Drug Responses: Leveraging Omics and Drug Molecular Data.”
- Lily Wang, George Mason University, “Functional Regression through Distributed Learning: An Application to Brain Imaging Studies.”
- Johannes Schmidt-Hieber, University of Twente, “A Statistical Analysis of an Image Classification Problem.”

**3:25 pm-3:45 pm**      **Coffee Break, Art Gallery Lobby (2nd floor)**

**3:45 pm-4:45 pm**      **Panel II: Statistical Education and Practice in the Age of AI.**  
Moderator: *Fang Yao, Peking University*

- *John Aston, University of Cambridge*
- *Mina Karzand, University of California, Davis*
- *Xuming He, Washington University at St Louis*
- *Tian Zheng, Columbia University*
- *Hongtu Zhu, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*

**4:45 pm-5:00 pm**      **Closing Remarks**  
*Huixia Judy Wang, George Washington University*