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RESEARCH INTERESTS	My methodology research focuses on the development of statistical and machine learning methods to analyze large-scale complex data (neuroimaging, -omics, EHRs), Bayesian methods, feature selection, predictive modeling, data integration, missing data and network analysis. My most recent research agenda includes analytical method development and applications on brain network analyses, multimodal imaging modeling, imaging genetics, and the integration of biomedical data with EHR data. I have strong interests and expertise in subject matter application fields including psychiatry, aging and mental health.		
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	2024-present	Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Biostatistics, Yale University	
	2022-2024	Associate Professor (with term), Department of Biostatistics, Yale University	
	2019-2022	Assistant Professor, Department of Biostatistics, Yale University	
	2023-present	Faculty Affiliate, Wu Tsai Institute, Yale University	
	2023-present	Faculty Affiliate, Center for Brain and Mind Health, Yale University	
	2023-present	Faculty Affiliate, Biomedical Informatics and Data Science, Yale University	
	2022-present	Faculty Affiliate, Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, Yale University	
	2020-present	Faculty Affiliate, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Yale University	
	2019-present	Faculty Affiliate, Yale Center for Analytical Sciences, Yale University	
	2016-2019	Assistant Professor, Division of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell University	
	2014-2016	Postdoctoral Fellow Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute (SAMSI), NISS <i>jointly appointed at</i> Department of Biostatistics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	
EDUCATION	2010-2014	Ph.D. in Biostatistics Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Emory University	
	2006-2010	B.S. in Statistics Department of Mathematics, Zhejiang University, China	

AWARDS AND
HONORS

- COPSS Emerging Leader Award, Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies, 2025
- Thelma and Marvin Zelen Emerging Women Leaders in Data Science Award, Institute of Mathematical Statistics, 2025
- YSPH Investigator Research Award, Yale School of Public Health, 2024
- Elected member, International Statistical Institute, 2021
- ADRC Research Scholar Award, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Yale University, 2021
- ADRC Pilot Award, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Yale University, 2020
- David P. Byar Travel Award, Biometrics Section, American Statistical Association, 2014
- Student Paper Award, Section on Statistical Learning and Data Mining, American Statistical Association, 2014
- Student Paper Award, Section on Bayesian Statistical Science, American Statistical Association, 2013
- NSF travel award for the 9th Conference on Bayesian Nonparametrics, National Science Foundation, 2013
- The Boyd Harshbarger student travel award, Southern Regional Council on Statistics (SRCOS) Summer Research Conference, 2013
- Award for Best Performance in Ph.D. Qualifying Exams, Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Emory University, 2012

RESEARCH
GRANTS

Active

- Novel integrative imaging genetics analysis for Alzheimer's disease risk and progression (Zhao)
Role: PI
Funding Agency: NIH/NIA (R01AG068191)
Period: 04/01/2021-03/31/2026
- Integrative analysis for patient-centered outcomes and time-to-event data in Alzheimer's disease (Zhao/Sun)
Role: PI
Funding Agency: NIH/NIA (RF1AG081413)
Period: 05/01/2023-04/30/2028
- An integrative Bayesian approach for linking brain to behavioral phenotype (Constable/Zhao)
Role: mPI
Funding Agency: NIH/NIBIB (R01EB034720)
Period: 08/01/2023-07/31/2027

- IMPACT-MH: Clinical and behavioral fingerprints of psychopathology (Pearlson, Pittenger and Yip)
 - Role: co-I
 - Funding Agency: NIH/NIMH (U01MH136497)
 - Period: 08/12/2024-05/31/2029
- ProCAN: Psychosis Risk Outcomes Compound Assessment Network (Woods, Anticevic, Bearden and Kane)
 - Role: co-I
 - Funding Agency: NIH/NIMH (U01MH137298)
 - Period: 06/14/2024-05/31/2029
- Yale Alzheimer Disease Research Center (Strittmatter)
 - Role: co-I
 - Funding Agency: NIH/NIA (P30AG066508)
 - Period: 06/01/2020-05/31/2025
- A Phase 1b Multiple Ascending Dose Study of the Safety and Tolerability of BMS-984923 in Alzheimer's Disease (Mecca)
 - Role: co-I
 - Funding Agency: NIH/NIA (R01AG73177)
 - Period: 09/30/2021-08/31/2026
- Neural mechanisms of individual differences in early response to medications for opioid-use disorder (Yip)
 - Role: co-I
 - Funding Agency: NIH/NIDA (R01DA060631)
 - Period: 04/01/2024-03/31/2029
- Personalized Recommendations for Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) Care Using a Kidney Action Team: A Randomized Trial (Wilson)
 - Role: co-I
 - Funding Agency: NIH/AHRQ (R01HS027626)
 - Period: 09/30/2021-08/31/2026
- Leveraging Longitudinal Data and Informatics Technology to Understand the Role of Bilingualism in Cognitive Resilience, Aging and Dementia (Zhou/Xu)
 - Role: co-I
 - Funding Agency: NIH/NIA (R01AG080429)
 - Period: 02/15/2023-01/31/2028
- Validation of Imaging Brain Tumor Metabolism Using Deuterated Glucose (Henk De Feyter)
 - Role: co-I
 - Funding Agency: NIH/NIBIB (R01EB033764)
 - Period: 04/01/2023-03/31/2027
- Biomarkers for acute interstitial nephritis in humans (Moledina)
 - Role: co-I
 - Funding Agency: NIH/NIDDKD (R01DK128087)
 - Period: 06/01/2021-05/31/2026

Competed (selected)

- Integrative Clustering and Prediction Analysis for Personalized Cancer Genomics (Zhao)
 Role: PI
 Funding Agency: NIH/NCATS (UL1 TR002384-01)
 Period: 7/1/2017-6/30/2018
- Accelerating Discovery and Validation of Prediction Models of Outcomes in the Psychosis Risk Syndrome (Cannon)
 Role: co-I
 Funding Agency: FNIH (AWD0006376)
 Period: 05/01/2020 – 04/30/2022
- Cornell ME/CFS Collaborative Research Center (Hanson/Grimson/Shungu)
 Role: co-Director, Integrative Data Analysis Core
 Funding Agency: NIH/NINDS (U54 NS105541)
 Period: 9/30/2017-6/30/2019 (relinquished due to institutional move)
- Health and Economic Outcomes of Treatment with Extended-Release Naltrexone Among Pre-Release Prisoners with Opioid Use Disorder (Murphy)
 Role: co-I
 Funding Agency: NIH/NIDA (R01DA046721)
 Period: 9/1/2018-6/30/2019 (relinquished due to institutional move)
- A multiplexed approach to improve tumoral targeting and chemotherapeutic treatment (Law)
 Role: co-I
 Funding Agency: NIH/NCI (R01CA222802-01A1)
 Period: 07/01/2018-06/30/2019 (relinquished due to institutional move)
- No-Gd MRI for Monitoring Disease Status in Multiple Sclerosis (Wang; Gupta; Gauthier)
 Role: co-I
 Funding Agency: NIH/NINDS (1R01NS105144-01)
 Period: 09/30/2018-06/30/2019 (relinquished due to institutional move)

PUBLICATIONS **Peer-reviewed Research Papers** Underline indicates lab members and advisees; * indicates senior or corresponding author

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45. **Zhao, Y.***, Wu, B., Kang, J. (2023) Bayesian interaction selection model for multi-modal neuroimaging data analysis. *Biometrics*, 79(2), 655-668.
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TEACHING *Yale School of Public Health, Yale University*
EXPERIENCE - Advanced Regression Analysis (core course for MS, MPH and PhD in Biostatistics),
Fall 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025.

Weill Cornell Medicine, Cornell University

- Study Design, Categorical, and Censored Data Analysis (core course for MPH),
Fall 2017, 2018.
- Mater Project II, *Spring 2019.*

Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute

- SAMSI Undergraduate Modeling Workshop, *Fall 2015.*

MENTORING **Postdoc Mentoring**

EXPERIENCE

Pangpang Liu	Department of Biostatistics, Yale University (2025-present)
Anton Orlichenko	Department of Biostatistics, Yale University (2025-present)
Naomi Ding	Department of Biostatistics, Yale University (2024-present)
Zhiling Gu	Department of Biostatistics, Yale University (2024-present)
Gefei Wang	Department of Biostatistics, Yale University (2023-2024) (Co-supervising with Dr. Hongyu Zhao)
Simiao Gao	Department of Biostatistics, Yale University (2023-present)
Zhe Sun	Department of Biostatistics, Yale University (2021-2024)
Selena Wang	Department of Biostatistics, Yale University (2022-2024). <i>Current position:</i> Tenure-track Assistant Professor, Indiana University
Wanwan Xu	Department of Biostatistics, Yale University (2021-2023). <i>Current position:</i> Statistical Research Fellow at Unlearn.AI.

PhD Dissertation Advisor

Yuanshuang Guo	PhD in Biostatistics (2025–), Yale University
Yifei Zhang	PhD in Biostatistics (2025–), Yale University
Emily Johns	PhD in Computational Biology and Biomedical Informatics (2024–), Yale University
Yixiao Wu	PhD in Biostatistics (2024–), Yale University
Xinyuan Tian	PhD in Biostatistics (2022–), Yale University (Co-advising with Dr. Denise Esserman)
Tianqi Chen	PhD in Biostatistics (2019–2024), Yale University (Co-advising with Dr. Hongyu Zhao). <i>Current position:</i> Data Scientist at Uber.

Dissertation Committee Member

Hamid Abuwarda	MD/PhD in Interdepartmental Neuroscience (2020–), Yale University
Shiying Wang	PhD in Biostatistics (2018–), Yale University
Wei Dai	PhD in Biostatistics (2018–), Yale University
Wendy Luo	PhD in Biomedical Engineering (2018–), Yale University
Hassan Muhammad	PhD in Physiology (2017–), WCM/MSKCC
Wenli Sun	PhD in Biostatistics (2014-2019), University of Pennsylvania

PhD Qualifying Oral Exam Committee

Jenel Armstrong	PhD in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics (2022–)
Spencer Price	MD/PhD in Interdepartmental Neuroscience (2022–)
Jiangnan Shen	PhD in Biostatistics (2022–), Yale University
Hamid Abuwarda	MD/PhD in Interdepartmental Neuroscience (2020–)
Wei Dai	PhD in Biostatistics (2018–), Yale University
Zhe Zheng	PhD in Epidemiology (2018–), Yale University

PhD Dissertation Reader

Yue Hu	PhD in Biostatistics, Yale University
Youshu Cheng	PhD in Biostatistics, Yale University
Boyang Li	PhD in Biostatistics, Yale University
Jinghao Sun	PhD in Epidemiology, Yale University

Research Assistants Supervised

Eric Gao	Biostatistics MS 2024, Yale University
Jianing Zhang	Biostatistics MS 2024, Yale University
Jinping Liang	Biostatistics MS 2024, Yale University
Yuanshuang Guo	Biostatistics MS 2023, Yale University (current PhD student in Biostatistics, Yale University)
Xinzhi Zhang	Biostatistics MS 2023, Yale University (current PhD student in Biostatistics, New York University)
Yunhe Liu	Biostatistics MPH 2022, Yale University (current PhD student in Statistics, Texas A&M University)
Baijia Xu	Biostatistics MS 2022, Yale University (current PhD student in Biostatistics, Emory University)
Chenxi Li	Biostatistics MS 2022, Yale University (current PhD student in Biostatistics, Duke University)
Yiting Wang	Biostatistics MPH 2021, Yale University (current PhD student in Statistics, University of Virginia)
Chichun Tan	Biostatistics MS 2021, Yale University (current PhD student in Biostatistics, Brown University)
Xinyuan Tian	Biostatistics MS 2021, Yale University (current PhD student in Biostatistics, Yale University)
Pehan Song	Biostatistics MS 2021, Yale University
Jiachen Cai	Biostatistics MS 2020, Yale University (current PhD student in Health Data Science, University of Oxford)
Siqiang Su	Biostatistics MS 2020, Yale University (current PhD student in Statistics, University of Hong Kong)
Jingwen Zhang	Statistics MS 2019, Yale University (current PhD student in Biostatistics, Boston University)

- Council of Sections Representative, Statistics in Imaging Section, American Statistical Association, 2023–present
- Program Associate Chair, 2021 International Biometric Society/Eastern North American Region Spring Meeting, Baltimore, MD, USA
- Member of Regional Advisory Board, International Biometric Society/Eastern North American Region, 2019 – 2022

Editorial Services

- Editorial board:
 - Associate Editor: *Biometrics* (2022–), *BMC Medical Research Methodology* (2018–)
 - Guest Editor: *Frontiers in Genetics*
- Journal referee: *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, *Biometrics*, *Annals of Applied Statistics*, *Statistics in Medicine*, *American Journal of Epidemiology*, *NeuroImage*, *Bayesian Analysis*, *Biostatistics*, *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, *Frontiers in Neuroscience*, *BMC Medical Research Methodology*, *Neurology*, *Nature communication*, *Nature human behaviour*, *Statistics in Biosciences*.

Peer Review Groups/Grant Study Sections

- Standing member, Biodata Management and Analysis (BDMA) study section, NIH, 2022–present
- Panelist, National Science Foundation (NSF), 2023–present.
- Ad hoc Member, Special emphasis panel, NIA, 2022–present
- Reviewer, ASA Statistics in Imaging Section Student Paper Competition, 2018–present
- Reviewer, Statistical Methods in Imaging (SMI) Conference Student Paper Competition, 2022.
- Reviewer, ASA Bayesian Statistical Science Section Student Paper Competition, 2017, 2019.

School Services

- Committee Member: *Faculty search Committee*, Yale School of Public Health, 2024 – present
- Committee Member: *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee*, Yale School of Public Health, 2021 – present
- Committee Member: *Faculty Recruitment Committee*, Center for Brain and Mind Health, Yale School of Medicine, 2023.
- Committee Member: *Faculty Recruitment Committee*, Yale Center for Analytical Sciences, Yale School of Public Health, 2022.

Event Organizer

- Invited Session: *New developments for harmonization, processing and modeling for imaging data*. SMI, Indianapolis, IN, 2024.
- Invited Session: *Advancements in Analytical Approaches for Brain Functional and Dynamic Connectivity*. ENAR, Baltimore, MD, 2024.
- Member, Scientific committee, 2024 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium, Nashville, TN, USA
- Member, Scientific committee, 2023 ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium, Ann Arbor, MI, USA
- Invited Session: *Recent advance in analytical methods for biomedical and clinical data*. CMStatistics, Berlin, Germany, 2023.
- Topic-contribute panel discussion: *Emerging Directions in Statistical and Computational Methodologies in Biomedical Imaging*. JSM, Toronto, Canada, 2023.
- Invited Session: *Statistical Methods for Brain Connectomes*. SMI, Minneapolis, MN, 2023.
- Invited Session: *New Insights on Statistical Modeling for Brain Connectivity and Brain Imaging Genomics*. ENAR, Nashville, TN, 2023.
- Invited Session: *Novel statistical modeling for human brain network*. SMI, Nashville, TN, 2022.
- Invited Session: *Complex response, dimension reduction and data integration with application on neuroimaging*. SMI, virtual conference, 2021.
- Topic contributed session: *Emerging Statistical Methods for Structured and Multi-modal Data Analysis*. JSM, virtual conference, 2020.
- Invited Session: *Recent Advances in Statistical Methods for Imaging Genetics*. ENAR, Atlanta, GA, 2018.
- Invited Session: *Recent Development in Statistical Methods for Analyzing Big and Complex Neuroimaging Data*. JSM, Baltimore, MD, 2017.
- Co-organizer: *SAMSI Undergraduate Modeling Workshop*. SAMSI, Durham, NC, 2015.

INVITED
PRESENTATIONS
& SEMINARS

1. "Bayesian Modeling for Brain Connectivity Analysis and Related Data Integration". The 3rd Joint Conference in Statistics and Data Science, Hangzhou, 2025.
2. "Coupling of brain structural and functional gradients and their correspondence with cognition and genetics". Whistler Scientific Workshop–Brain Functional Organization, Connectivity, and Behavior, BC, Canada, 2025.
3. "Bayesian Modeling for Brain Connectivity and Its Link to Genetics and Behavior" (plenary talk). Bayes 2024, Rockville, MD, 2024.
4. "Bayesian Imaging genetics modeling for brain structural connectivity" ASA Philadelphia Chapter Webinar, 2024.

5. "Bayesian Inference for Behavior Outcome using Multi-State Dynamic Functional Connectivity". Joint Statistical Meetings, Portland, OR, 2024.
6. "Bayesian mixed model inference for genetic association under related samples with brain network phenotype". The Statistical Methods in Imaging Conference, Indianapolis, IN, 2024.
7. "Bayesian Inference for Behavior Outcome using Dynamic Functional Connectivity during Multi-task Performance". ENAR Spring Meeting, Baltimore, 2024
8. "Bayesian Modeling for Brain Connectivity and Its Link to Behavior". University of Maryland, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health Seminar, 2024
9. "Bayesian Imaging genetics modeling for brain structural connectivity", University of Pennsylvania, Department of Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Informatics Seminar, 2023.
10. "Mapping the Mind: Modeling Brain Connectivity and Its Link to Behavior", Third Penn Conference on Big Data in Biomedical and Population Health Sciences, Philadelphia, PA, 2023
11. "Bayesian Imaging genetics modeling for brain structural connectivity", Rice University, Department of Statistics Seminar, 2023.
12. "Genetic underpinnings of brain structural connectome for young adults", The International Forum on Statistics, Beijing, China, 2023.
13. "Bayesian pathway analysis over brain network mediators for survival data", Joint Conference on Statistics and Data Science, Beijing, China, 2023.
14. "Establishing group-level brain structural connectivity incorporating anatomical knowledge under latent space modeling", ICSA 2023 China conference, Chengdu, China, 2023.
15. "Bayesian pathway analysis over brain network mediators for survival data", ICSA 2023 Applied Statistics Symposium, Ann Arbor, MI, 2023.
16. "Establishing group-level brain structural connectivity incorporating anatomical knowledge under latent space modeling", New England Science Symposium, Boston, MA, 2023.
17. "Bayesian pathway analysis over brain network mediators for survival data", The Statistical Methods in Imaging Conference, Minneapolis, MN, 2023.
18. "Heterogeneity Analysis on Multi-state Brain Functional Connectivity and Adolescent Neurocognition", Vanderbilt University, Department of Biostatistics Seminar, 2023.
19. "Thresholded Prior for Integrating Brain Regional and Network Predictors", ENAR Spring Meeting, Nashville, TN, 2023.
20. "Neurodevelopment subtyping via multidimensional brain functional connectomes", EcoSta Conference 2022, Kyoto, Japan, 2022.

21. "Neurodevelopment subtyping via multidimensional brain functional connectomes", Penn State College of Medicine, Department of Public Health Sciences Seminar, 2022.
22. "Neurodevelopment subtyping via multidimensional brain functional connectomes", Joint Statistical Meetings, Washington, DC, 2022.
23. "Heterogeneity Analysis on Multi-state Brain Functional Connectivity and Adolescent Neurocognition", 35th New England Statistical Symposium, Storrs, CT, 2022.
24. "Mediation analysis with a survival outcome and brain connectivity mediator", the Statistical Methods in Imaging Conference, Nashville, TN, 2022
25. "Genetic underpinnings of brain structural connectome for young adults", Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, 2022.
26. "Genetic underpinnings of brain structural connectome for young adults", the CM-Statistics 2021, London UK , 2021.
27. "Genetic underpinnings of brain structural connectome for young adults", Department of Statistics, University of Connecticut, 2021.
28. "Construct patient-specific biomarkers trajectory during AD preclinical stage", the National Alzheimer's Disease Research Center Data Cores Webinar, 2021.
29. "Genetic underpinnings of brain structural connectome for young adults", The Statistical Methods in Imaging Conference, Atlanta, GA, 2021.
30. "Genetic underpinnings of brain structural connectome for young adults", Department of Statistics, University of Virginia, 2021.
31. "Genetic underpinnings of brain structural connectome for young adults", Boehringer Ingelheim, 2021.
32. "Imaging Genetics Analysis Under Brain Connectivity with Application on Human Connectome Project", Department of Biostatistics, St. Jude research Hospital, 2020.
33. "Imaging Genetics Analysis Under Brain Connectivity with Application on Human Connectome Project", Joint Statistical Meetings Virtual Conference, 2020.
34. "Bayesian Nonparametric Clustering Analysis with an Incorporation of Biological Network for High-Dimensional Multi-Scale Molecular", The 11th ICSA International Conference, Hangzhou, China, 2019
35. "Bayesian network-driven clustering analysis with feature selection for high-dimensional multi-modal molecular data", The ICSA-Canada Chapter Symposium 2019, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, 2019.
36. "Hierarchical Feature Selection for Complex Biomedical Data", Department of Biostatistics, Yale University, 2018.
37. "Integrative Bayesian Models for Imaging Genetics", Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Informatics, University of Pennsylvania, PA, 2018.

38. “Ultra-High-Dimensional Genome-Wide Heritability Analysis with Neuroimaging Phenotypes”, Joint Statistical Meetings, Baltimore, MD, 2017.
39. “Hierarchical feature selection incorporating known and novel biological information: identifying genomic features related to prostate cancer recurrence”, The 31st New England Statistics Symposium, Storrs, CT, 2017.
40. “Hierarchical feature selection incorporating known and novel biological information: identifying genomic features related to prostate cancer recurrence”, 2017 Lifetime Data Science Conference, Storrs, CT, 2017.
41. “Bayesian Feature Selection for Ultra-high Dimensional Imaging Genetics Data”, IBM T. J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY, 2017.
42. “Bayesian feature selection for ultra-high dimensional imaging genetics data”, Joint Statistical Meetings, Chicago, IL, 2016
43. “Bayesian feature selection for ultra-high dimensional imaging genetics data”, Third Taihu International Statistics Forum, Shanghai, 2016.
44. “Bayesian hierarchical variable selection for genome-wide association studies”, Joint Statistical Meetings, Seattle, WA, 2015
45. “Bayesian hierarchical variable selection for genome-wide association studies”, Bioinformatics Transition Workshop, SAMSI, Durham, NC, 2015.
46. “Bayesian spatial variable selection for ultra-high dimensional neuroimaging data”, Duke University, Durham, NC, 2014.
47. “Hierarchical feature selection incorporating known and novel biological information: identifying genomic features related to prostate cancer recurrence”, Joint Statistical Meetings, Boston, MA, 2014
48. “Bayesian hierarchical feature selection of structured functional predictors measured with error”, Joint Statistical Meetings, Montréal, Canada, 2013
49. “Models beyond Dirichlet process”, Nonparametric Bayesian Interest Group, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. September 2012
50. “A Bayesian mixture model for gene network selection”, Eastern North American Region Spring Meeting, Orlando, FL, 2013
51. “Multiple imputation for high-dimensional Data”, Joint Statistical Meetings, San Diego, CA, 2012

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- American Association for the Advancement of Science (2023 – Present)
- Alzheimer’s Association International Society to Advance Alzheimer’s Research and Treatment (2023 – Present)
- American Statistical Association (2011 – Present)
- Eastern North American Region, International Biometric Society (2012 – Present)
- Institute of Mathematical Statistics (2011 - Present)

- International Society for Bayesian Analysis (2013 - Present)
- International Chinese Statistical Association (2016 – Present)