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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Bayesian statistics, spatial and spatio-temporal statistics, statistical methods for environmental and public health data, statistical computing, statistical methods for large datasets.

## EDUCATION

**Carnegie Mellon University**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA

Ph.D., Statistics, May 2003

- Dissertation Topic: “Nonstationary Gaussian Processes for Regression and Spatial Modelling”
- Winner of the 2003 Leonard J. Savage Award for best dissertation in the area of Bayesian Theory and Methods
- Advisor: Mark J. Schervish

M.S., Statistics, May 2000

**Duke University**, Durham, North Carolina USA

M.S., Botany (Ecology), May, 1998

**Carleton College**, Northfield, Minnesota USA

B.A., Biology, May, 1993

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Health Effects Institute, Walter A. Rosenblith New Investigator Award, 2006

Leonard J. Savage dissertation award (see above), 2004

CMU Statistics Department, Student of the Year, 2003

Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, 2002

National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship, 1996

Carleton College: graduated Magna Cum Laude, Honors in Biology, Phi Beta Kappa, 1993

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

**University of California, Berkeley**, Department of Statistics, Berkeley, California USA

*Statistical Computing Consultant*

**July, 2012 - present**

*Adjunct Professor*

**July, 2017 - present**

*Associate Research Statistician and Lecturer*

**July, 2012 - June, 2017**

*Assistant Research Statistician and Lecturer*

**July, 2011 - June, 2012**

*Visiting Assistant Professor*

**July, 2009 - June, 2011**

- Statistical computing support for faculty and students, preparation and presentation of statistical computing training materials, development of statistical computing initiatives for the department.
- Ongoing research in spatial and environmental statistics, applied to climate, global health, paleoecology, and environmental exposure and epidemiology.
- Postdoctoral advisor for Cliff Anderson-Bergman (co-advised with Perry de Valpine), Andria Dawson (co-advised with Jason McLachlan), Nick Michaud (co-advised with Perry de Valpine), Sally Paganin (co-advised with Perry de Valpine), Mark Risser, Zuofeng Shang (co-advised with Jason McLachlan), and Daniel Turek (co-advised with Perry de Valpine). PhD thesis co-advisor for Michelle Yu and Katherine Kempfert (both in progress). MA thesis advisor for Joshua Hug (2021). BA thesis advisor for Biyonka Liang (2019).

- Instructor for graduate-level Bayesian statistics class, fall 2016 (Stat 238). Instructor for graduate-level statistical computing class, fall semesters, 2011-2015 and 2017-2023, with thorough course revision in fall 2011 (Stat 243) and conversion of course materials from R to Python in 2023. Taught undergraduate introduction to statistics for biology, environmental science and public health students, fall 2010 and spring 2011 (Stat 131A); undergraduate statistical theory course, spring 2010 (Stat 135); undergraduate regression class, fall 2009 (Stat 151A).
- Creator and primary instructor of an annual two-day intensive workshop teaching introduction to R to 150 graduate students and postdocs at UC Berkeley each August (2013-present).

**Harvard School of Public Health**, Department of Biostatistics, Boston, Massachusetts USA

*Research Scientist* **July, 2011 - June, 2012**  
*Adjunct Assistant Professor* **July, 2009 - June, 2011**  
*Assistant Professor* **July, 2005 - June, 2009**

- Research in spatial and environmental statistics, applied to environmental exposure and epidemiology, climate, global health, and paleoecology.
- Updated and taught full semester course in Bayesian Methodology in Biostatistics, fall 2007 and spring 2009 (Bio249).
- Initiated and co-taught new full semester course in Spatial Statistics, spring 2007 (Bio283).
- Initiated two new winter session courses: 1.) an introduction to R (Bio503) and 2.) an introduction to GIS (Bio504).
- Thesis committees: Joshua Hug (advisor; Statistics, MA 2021), Mariel Finucane (co-advisor; Biostatistics, Ph.D. 2011), Rebecca Lincoln (Environmental Health, Sc.D. 2011), Len Zwack (Environmental Health, Sc.D. 2010), Casey Olives (Biostatistics, Ph.D. 2010), Loni Philip (Biostatistics, Ph.D. 2009), Paul Brochu (Environmental Health, Sc.D. 2009), Monique Perron (Environmental Health, Sc.D. 2009), Jeffrey Yanosky (Environmental Health, Sc.D. 2007), Lisa Baxter (Environmental Health, Sc.D. 2007), Jane Clougherty (Environmental Health, Sc.D. 2006).
- Department computing committee chair (2007-2009), responsible for overseeing student assistants, interaction with school information technology department, and major role in developing school's Linux cluster

**Harvard School of Public Health**, Department of Biostatistics, Boston, Massachusetts USA

*Postdoctoral Research Fellow* **July, 2003 - June, 2005**  
 Research in spatial and environmental statistics. Co-taught graduate level course in spatial statistics.

**Carnegie Mellon University**, Department of Statistics, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA

*Graduate Student* **August, 1998 - May, 2003**  
 Teaching experience included serving as co-instructor of introductory probability and statistics course for finance graduate students (summer 2002) and head teaching assistant for introductory probability class (spring 2001).

PEER-REVIEWED  
PUBLICATIONS

NCD Risk Factor Collaboration. 2024. Worldwide trends in the burden of underweight and obesity from 1990 to 2022: a pooled analysis of 3663 population-representative studies with 222 million school-aged children, adolescents and adults. *The Lancet*.

NCD Risk Factor Collaboration. 2023. Global variation in diabetes diagnosis and prevalence based on fasting glucose and haemoglobin A1c. *Nature Medicine*. DOI:10.1038/s41591-023-02610-2.

NCD Risk Factor Collaboration. 2023. Diminishing benefits of urban living for children and adolescents' growth and development. *Nature* 615: 874-883. DOI: 10.1038/s41586-023-05772-8.

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response theory models. *Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics* 48: 147-188. DOI: 10.3102/10769986221136.

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Stevens, G.A., T. Beal, M.N.N. Mbuya, H. Luo, L.M. Neufeld, and the Global Micronutrients Deficiency Group. 2022. Micronutrient deficiencies among preschool-aged children and women of reproductive age worldwide: a pooled analysis of individual-level data from population-representative surveys. *Lancet Global Health* 10: E1590-E1599. DOI: 10.1016/S2214-109X(22)00367-9.

Raiho, A.M., **C.J. Paciorek**, A. Dawson, S.T. Jackson, D.J. Mladenoff, J.W. Williams and J.S. McLachlan. 2022. 8,000 year doubling of Midwestern forest biomass driven by population- and biome-scale processes. *Science* 376: 1491-1495. DOI: 10.1126/science.abk312.

Risser, M.D., W.D. Collins, M.F. Wehner, T.A. O'Brien, **C.J. Paciorek**, J.P. O'Brien, C.M. Patricola, H. Huang, P.A. Ullrich, and B. Loring. 2022. A framework for detection and attribution of regional precipitation change: Application to the United States historical record. *Climate Dynamics*. DOI: 10.1007/s00382-022-06321-1.

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Rashid T., J.E. Bennett, **C.J. Paciorek**, Y. Doyle, J. Pearson-Stuttard, S. Flaxman, D. Fecht, M.B. Toledano, G. Li, H. Iyathooray Daby, E. Johnson, B. Davies, and M. Ezzati. 2021. Life expectancy and risk of death in 6,791 English communities from 2002 to 2019: high-resolution spatiotemporal analysis of civil registration data. *The Lancet Global Health*, 6: e805-e816. DOI: 10.1016/S2468-2667(21)00205-X.

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Risser, M., **C.J. Paciorek**, M.F. Wehner, T.A. O’Brien, and W.D. Collins. 2019. A probabilistic gridded product for daily precipitation extremes over the United States. *Climate Dynamics*, 53, 2517-2538. DOI: 10.1007/s00382-019-04636-0.

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blocking for efficient Markov chain Monte Carlo sampling. *Bayesian Analysis* 12: 465-490. DOI: 10.1214/16-BA1008.

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Jeon, S., **C.J. Paciorek**, M.F. Wehner. 2016. Quantile-based bias correction and uncertainty quantification of extreme event attribution statements. *Weather and Climate Extremes* 12: 24-32. DOI: 10.1016/j.wace.2016.02.001.

Dawson, A., **C.J. Paciorek**, S.J. Goring, J.W. Williams, S.T. Jackson, and J.S. McLachlan. 2016. Quantifying pollen-vegetation relationships to reconstruct ancient forests using 19th-century forest composition and pollen data. *Quaternary Science Reviews* 137: 156-175. DOI: 10.1016/j.quascirev.2016.01.012.

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**Paciorek, C.J.**, B. Lipshitz, W. Zhuo, Prabhat, C.G. Kaufman, and R.C. Thomas. 2015. Parallelizing Gaussian process calculations in R. *Journal of Statistical Software* 63:10.

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**Paciorek, C.J.**, G.A. Stevens, M.M. Finucane, and M. Ezzati. 2013. Urban living, urbanisation, and children’s height and weight in low- and middle-income countries. *The Lancet Global Health*, 1:e300-e309. doi:10.1016/S2214-109X(13)70109-8.

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## GRANTS

### **Health Effects Institute**

*Principal investigator*

**August, 2006 - September, 2009**

Integrating satellite and monitoring data to retrospectively estimate monthly PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations in the eastern United States, \$300,000.

### **National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences**

*Co-investigator*

**December, 2007 - November, 2010**

Analysis of high-dimensional environmental health data, \$735,194

### **National Cancer Institute**

*Co-project leader and computing core director*

**September, 2008 - August, 2013**

Program Project: Statistical informatics for cancer research, \$4,170,148.

### **National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences**

*Co-investigator*

**July, 2009 - June, 2013**

Diet, physical activity, and the relationship between air pollution and CVD, \$1,200,000.

### **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**

*Co-investigator*

**October, 2009 - June, 2012**

Databases, impact model, and impact analysis of nutritional conditions and deficiencies in developing countries, \$692,416.

### **Department of Energy**

*Co-investigator*

**September, 2010 - August, 2013**

Visual data exploration and analysis of ultra-large climate data, \$1,024,980.

### **National Science Foundation**

*Co-PI (unofficial) and statistics lead*

**May, 2011 - April, 2013**

PalEON - a PaleoEcological Observatory Network to assess terrestrial ecosystem models, \$750,000.

### **National Science Foundation**

*Co-PI*

**April, 2012 - March, 2015**

ABI Development: An extensible software platform for integrating multiple sources of data and uncertainty using hierarchical statistical models, \$912,896.

### **National Science Foundation**

*Co-PI and statistics lead*

**September, 2013 - August, 2018**

PalEON - a PaleoEcological Observatory Network to assess terrestrial ecosystem models, \$5,113,060.

**Department of Energy**  
*Statistics lead* **October, 2013 - September, 2016**  
CALibrated and Systematic Characterization, Attribution, and Detection of Extremes (CASCADE)  
Scientific Focus Area (SFA), \$6,559,238.

**Department of Energy**  
*Statistics lead* **October, 2016 - September, 2019**  
CALibrated and Systematic Characterization, Attribution, and Detection of Extremes (CASCADE)  
Scientific Focus Area (SFA), \$5,000,000.

**National Science Foundation**  
*Co-PI* **September, 2016 - August, 2020**  
SI2-SSI: Integrating the NIMBLE statistical algorithm platform with advanced computational tools  
and analysis workflows, \$1,000,000.

**National Science Foundation**  
*Co-PI* **September, 2016 - August, 2019**  
Collaborative Research: Expanding the Computational Statistics Toolbox for General Hierarchical  
Models, \$200,000.

**Department of Energy**  
*Investigator* **October, 2019 - September, 2023**  
CALibrated and Systematic Characterization, Attribution, and Detection of Extremes (CASCADE)  
Scientific Focus Area (SFA), \$6,000,000.

**National Science Foundation**  
*Co-PI* **July, 2022 - June, 2025**  
Collaborative Research: Enabling hybrid methods in the NIMBLE hierarchical statistical modeling  
platform, \$200,000.

**California Department of Fish and Wildlife**  
*Co-PI* **July, 2023 - June, 2024**  
A nimbler analysis of large biodiversity data sets in quicker response to current conservation planning  
needs, \$138,000.

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

**Statistical consulting**

- Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN): consultant on modeling national-level joint micronutrient deficiencies (May 2021 - June 2022)
- World Health Organization (WHO): consultant on modeling national-level anemia prevalence from survey data (June 2020 - May 2022)
- Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI): consultant on integrated uncertainty assessment methods and software for air pollution health impacts (June 2020 - August, 2020)
- World Health Organization (WHO): consultant on modeling national-level anemia prevalence from survey data (January 2017 - June 2017)

**SAS, Inc.**, Cary, North Carolina, USA  
*Bayesian statistical computing consultant* **October, 2005 - October, 2009**  
Occasional consultant on Bayesian statistical computing, primarily for the development of Proc MCMC.

**X-CEL Adult Education Services**, Boston, Massachusetts USA  
*Volunteer GED teacher/tutor* **October, 2003 - July 2008**  
Taught weekly 2.5 hour GED prep reading/writing/social studies/science class for 4-12 students

(after summer 2005). Tutored weekly 2.5 hour GED prep to small group (prior to summer 2005).

**Bureau of Transportation Statistics, U.S. Department of Transportation**, Washington, District of Columbia USA

*Summer researcher*

**May, 2000 - August, 2000**

Carried out several consulting projects, including modelling of injuries to cadavers in crash test experiments, analysis of airline delay data, and advice on analysis of airline economics data.

**Abt Associates**, Bethesda, Maryland USA

*Associate Programmer Analyst and Research Assistant*

**October, 1994 - August, 1996**

Researcher and computer model developer for U.S. EPA Regulatory Impact Analysis of Section 403 Lead Paint Hazard Rule. Other projects included database analysis, literature reviews, and cost-benefit analysis.

- COMPUTING SKILLS
- Languages and packages: R, Python, C/C++, bash, SQL, JAGS/BUGS, limited exposure to MATLAB and Julia.
  - R packages: created climextRemes, bigGP, and spectralGP packages. Co-developer of the NIMBLE package.
  - Algorithms: Extensive experience programming/evaluating/debugging Markov chain Monte Carlo simulations of Bayesian posterior distributions.
  - Operating Systems: UNIX/Linux, MacOS.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Committee member:

- 2021-present: Member, HEI-Energy Research Committee.
- 2023: Member, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine report committee on Modernizing Probable Maximum Precipitation Estimation.
- 2016: Member, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine report committee on Attribution of Extreme Weather Events in the Context of Climate Change.

Journal editing:

- 2016-present: associate editor for reproducibility (founding/coordinating) for JASA
- 2015-present: board of statistical reviewers for JAMA
- 2014-present: associate editor for Advances in Statistical Climatology, Meteorology and Oceanography
- 2010-2012: associate editor for Electronic Journal of Statistics

Journal and proposal reviewer:

- 2024: JAMA (1)
- 2023: Climatic Change, JAMA (11), Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics, Weather and Climate Extremes
- 2022: The American Statistician, Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society, Environmetrics, Epidemiology, Geophysical Model Development, HEI ad hoc special report reviewer, JAMA (14), Journal of Climate
- 2021: Climatic Change, Environmental Research Letters, HEI ad hoc special report reviewer, Israel Science Foundation proposal review, JAMA (12), JAMA Oncology, Journal of Causal Inference
- 2020: Biometrika, JAMA (12), Geophysical Research Letters, HEI ad hoc special report reviewer, Journal of Climate, NOAA proposal review panel, Statistical Science
- 2019: Chapman and Hall (book manuscript), Environmental Research Letters, Environmental Science & Technology, Geophysical Research Letters, HEI ad hoc special report reviewer, JAMA (12), JAMA Oncology, Journal of the American Statistical Association, Journal of Climate, MRC (UK) proposal review, NSF proposal review, Statistical Methods in Medical Research

- 2018: Chapman and Hall (book proposal), Health Effects Institute (HEI) ad hoc site visit reviewer, HEI ad hoc special report reviewer, JAMA (11), Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference, National Science Foundation proposal review, Statistical Science, Statistics in Medicine, World Bank Economic Review
- 2017: Air Quality Atmosphere and Health, American Journal of Epidemiology, JAMA (7), Mathematical Geosciences, NSERC (Canada) proposal review, PLOS ONE, Statistical Science
- 2016: Climate Dynamics, JAMA (6), National Environmental Research Council (UK) proposal review, NSERC (Canada) proposal review, Nature
- 2015: Bayesian Analysis, JAMA (5), International Journal of Health Geographics, Journal of the American Statistical Association, Journal of Statistical Software, Scandinavian Journal of Statistics, SIAM Journal of Uncertainty Quantification
- 2014: BMC Public Health, Climatic Change, Environmetrics, Journal of Agricultural Biological and Environmental Statistics, JAMA (2), Journal of the American Statistical Association, National Science Foundation proposal review (2), Statistics in Medicine
- 2013: Climate Dynamics, Environmental Health Perspectives, Environmetrics, Health Effects Institute research report review, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, JAMA, Journal of Agricultural Biological, and Environmental Statistics (book review), Journal of the American Statistical Association (2), Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series B, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series C, Statistica Sinica, Statistical Methods in Medical Research
- 2012: Annals of Applied Statistics, Fondecyt (Chile) proposal review, BMJ Open, Environmental Health Perspectives, Environmental Monitoring and Assessment, Health Effects Institute proposal review, Journal of the American Statistical Association
- 2011: Annals of Applied Statistics, Atmospheric Environment, Biometrics, Environmental Health Perspectives, Journal of the American Statistical Association
- 2010: Annals of Applied Statistics, Bayesian Analysis, Ecological Applications, Environmental Science and Technology, Environmetrics, Epidemiology, Journal of the American Statistical Association (2), Journal of Geophysical Research - Atmospheres, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series C
- 2009: Canadian Journal of Statistics, Journal of the American Statistical Association, Environmetrics (2), Weather and Forecasting
- 2008: Biometrics, Ecology, Environmental Health, Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics, Journal of the American Statistical Association, NSERC proposal review, Statistics in Medicine
- 2007: American Journal of Epidemiology, Annals of Applied Statistics, Canadian Journal of Statistics, Journal of the American Statistical Association
- 2006: Bayesian Analysis, Biometrics, Journal of the American Statistical Association (3), Statistica Sinica (2)
- 2005: American Journal of Epidemiology, Journal of Applied Meteorology, Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation, Statistics in Medicine
- 2004: Bayesian Analysis, Biometrics, Statistics in Medicine

Grant review panel member:

- NOAA Explaining Extremes review, 2020
- EPA CMU Clean Air Center grant Scientific Advisory Committee member, 2016-2020
- NCI SBIR Facilitating the Transfer of Statistical Methodology into Practice round2 review, 2012
- EPA STAR Clean Air Research (formerly PM) Center review, 2010
- NCI SBIR Data Harmonization and Advanced Computation of Population Health Data and Facilitating the Transfer of Statistical Methodology into Practice combined review, 2010
- EPA STAR Consequences of Global Change for Water Quality review, 2008
- EPA STAR Coarse Particles review, 2007
- NIEHS-EPA Children's Centers special emphasis review, 2006

Professional society committees:

- Member, American Statistical Association Advisory Committee on Climate Change Policy, 2014-2016
- ASA Section on Bayesian Statistical Science, JSM student paper award committee, 2012.
- ASA Section on Environmental Statistics, JSM award committee, 2005.

Conference invited session organizer:

- JSM, 2014: Challenges and Solutions in Developing and Disseminating Flexible Software for Hierarchical Modeling
- ENAR, 2009: Statistical Modeling and Design Issues in Epidemiological Studies
- ENAR, 2006: Statistical Issues in Using Exposure Estimates in Environmental Epidemiology