

Printable Program
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Wednesday, May 29

Registration
SDSS Hours
Wed, May 29, 7:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Grand Ballroom Foyer

SC1 - Welcome to the Tidyverse: An Introduction to R for Data Science
Short Course
Wed, May 29, 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Grand Ballroom E

Instructor(s): Garrett Grolemund, RStudio

Looking for an effective way to learn R? This one day course will teach you a workflow for doing data science with the R language. It focuses on using R's Tidyverse, which is a core set of R packages that are known for their impressive performance and ease of use. We will focus on doing data science, not programming. You'll learn to:

- * Visualize data with R's ggplot2 package
- * Wrangle data with R's dplyr package
- * Fit models with base R, and
- * Document your work reproducibly with R Markdown

Along the way, you will practice using R's syntax, gaining comfort with R through many exercises and examples. Bring your laptop! The workshop will be taught by Garrett Grolemund, an award winning instructor and the co-author of *_R for Data Science_*.

SC2 - Modeling in the Tidyverse
Short Course
Wed, May 29, 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Grand Ballroom F

Instructor(s): Max Kuhn, RStudio

The tidyverse is an opinionated collection of R packages designed for data science. All packages share an underlying design philosophy, grammar, and data structures. In the last two years, a suite of tidyverse packages have been created that focus on modeling. This course walks through the process of modeling data using these tools. A focus is on modeling for prediction and inference as well as feature engineering.

SC3 - Data Visualization: Principles and Applications in R, Tableau, and Python
Short Course
Wed, May 29, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Grand Ballroom G

Instructor(s): Silas Bergen, Winona State University; Todd Iverson, Winona State University

In this course, participants will be introduced to principles of data visualization from foundational literature and implement these principles with hands-on activities using Tableau Public, Python (Altair), and R (ggplot). The course instructors have experience teaching these concepts and content as part of undergraduate statistics and data science curricula, and will use example class projects from these courses. The course will be divided into two modules. Module 1 will cover the principles of data visualization theory, summarizing and illustrating foundational data visualization literature. Module 2 will demonstrate how these principles are applied in various software platforms. Hands-on data visualization tasks will be employed throughout. Participants must bring their own laptops.

SC4 - Reproducible Research with R
Short Course
Wed, May 29, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Grand Ballroom I

Instructor(s): Kara Woo, Sage Bionetworks

This course will introduce learners to reproducible workflows in R using R Markdown. We will discuss what reproducible research is, why it is important, and what common issues hinder reproducibility. The workshop will guide learners through hands-on exercises in R Markdown and show them how to create reproducible reports and share them on GitHub.

SC5 - Introduction to Deep Learning
Short Course
Wed, May 29, 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Grand Ballroom G

Instructor(s): Kevin Kuo, RStudio; Javier Luraschi, RStudio

Practical introduction to neural networks with interactive coding exercises in R. We provide an overview of different type of neural network architectures and how they can be applied in a variety of applications.

SC6 - Text Mining with Tidy Data Principles

Short Course

Wed, May 29, 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Grand Ballroom I

Instructor(s): Mara Averick, RStudio; Julia Silge, Stack Overflow

Text data is increasingly important in many domains, and tidy data principles and tidy tools can make text mining easier and more effective. In this short course, learn how to manipulate, summarize, and visualize the characteristics of text using these methods and R packages from the tidy tool ecosystem. These tools are highly effective for many analytical questions and allow analysts to integrate natural language processing into effective workflows already in wide use. Explore how to implement approaches such as sentiment analysis of texts, measuring tf-idf, and building text models.

Exhibits Open

SDSS Hours

Wed, May 29, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Grand Ballroom Foyer



PS01 - Opening Mixer & E-Posters

E-Poster

Wed, May 29, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Grand Ballroom Foyer

- 1
[Spatial Statistics and Visualization of Public Health Outcomes](#)
Weichuan Dong, Kent State University
- 2
[Teaching the ASA Guidelines in a Cross-Cultural Setting](#)
Jing Cao, Southern Methodist University
- 3
[The Daily Question: Building Student Trust and Interest in Undergraduate Introductory Probability and Statistics Courses](#)
Matthew A. Hawks, US Naval Academy
- 4
[Extending the Grammar of Graphics beyond ggplot2](#)
Silas Bergen, Winona State University
- 5
[Using Data Science to Support Enrollment Decisions in Higher Education](#)
Monica M King, Drexel University
- 6
[Data-Driven College Admissions: Useful Metrics or Numeric Nonsense?](#)
Emily Rose Flanagan, University of Washington
- 7
[Using Data Verbs to Teach the Management of Tabular Data](#)
Chris John Malone, Winona State University
- 8
[A Shiny Application to Teach the Multiple Linear Regression Analysis in a Undergraduate Course](#)
Carlos M. Lopera-Gómez, Universidad Nacional de Colombia
- 9
[Predicting Matriculation Rates of Dual Enrollment High School Students](#)
Benjamin Kenneth Brown, Oregon Institute of Technology
- 10
[A Meta-analysis on the Effect of Information and Communication Technology Tools in Second Language Acquisition](#)
Songtao Wang, University of Victoria
- 11
[Building Statistical Understanding to Support Organizational Data Culture](#)
Karin Neff, BSD7

SDSS 2019 Hackathon Kickoff
Special Session
Wed, May 29, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Grand Ballroom E

This will be the inaugural year of the Symposium on Data Science and Statistics (SDSS) Hackathon! The goal of the hack is present real world consulting experience that will be mutually beneficial to the industry sponsor and conference participants. Teams will unite participants from diverse academic and industrial backgrounds with statistical and data science skills with the goal of presenting implementable solutions.

We worked in conjunction with the eScience Institute at University of Washington in Seattle to

identify a rich data source and prompt that gives back to the greater Seattle community. Thus, the theme for this year's hackathon will be the housing crisis in the Pacific Northwest that has greatly affected Seattle and Portland. This is a topic that has many perspectives and stakeholders; activists, lawyers, statewide legislature. The datasets we have for the hack present a rich diversity of problems that can be approached from a statistical and data science lens. Participants will be working with data from different levels of geography and from a variety of sources including the American Community Survey, Zillow, Hack Oregon, and other publicly available data pertaining to homelessness and housing insecurity.

This will be a great opportunity for participants to work on a real data problem, learn from professionals in the field, and build relationships with fellow participants, which will enhance the conference experience. We especially encourage students and early career attendees to participate.

Go to the [SDSS Events Page](#) to sign-up today!

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Speed Mentoring
Special Session
Thu, May 30, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Regency Ballroom AB

Are you looking for a quick way to make connections, solicit career advice, and develop professional relationships? Or maybe you want to provide advice and guidance to early-career statisticians and data scientists? Whether you are interested in mentoring or being mentored, you should consider participating in our new speed mentoring session. Mentees and mentors will have several short, one-on-one, career-focused conversations, followed by unstructured time to socialize and follow up. This is a great opportunity for both mentors and mentees to build their professional networks!

Note: Advance sign-up is required, so please see the [SDSS 2019 Events](#) page for details!

GS01 - Welcome and Keynote Address
General Session

Thu, May 30, 9:15 AM - 10:30 AM
Grand Ballroom E

Organizer(s): Kelly McConville, Reed College
Chair(s): Kelly McConville, Reed College

9:30 AM

[Generalized Tensor Decompositions for Non-Normal Data](#)
Tamara Kolda, Sandia National Laboratories



CS01 - Teaching Statistics More Effectively to a New Generation of Students
Invited
Thu, May 30, 10:30 AM - 12:05 PM
Grand Ballroom E

Organizer(s): Jo Hardin, Pomona College
Chair(s): Alejandra Castillo, Oregon State University

10:35 AM

[Using GitHub with Statistics Undergraduates](#)

Jo Hardin, Pomona College

11:05 AM

[Salt Fat Acid Heat: An Alternative to Cookbook Statistics](#)

Andrew Bray, Reed College

11:35 AM

[Teaching Data Communication](#)

Amelia McNamara, University of St. Thomas



CS02 - Deciphering Biological Systems via Innovative Statistical Learning Methods
Invited
Thu, May 30, 10:30 AM - 12:05 PM
Grand Ballroom I

Organizer(s): Tian Zheng, Columbia University
Chair(s): Kun Chen, University of Connecticut

10:35 AM

[Differential Network Connectivity Analysis](#)

Ali Shojaie, University of Washington

11:05 AM

[Modeling Bias in Compositional Data](#)

David Clausen, University of Washington

11:35 AM

[Extracting Biological Signals by Controlled Variable Selection](#)

Linxi Liu, Columbia University



CS03 - Open Source and Community

Invited

Thu, May 30, 10:30 AM - 12:05 PM

Grand Ballroom J

Organizer(s): Gabriela de Queiroz, IBM

Chair(s): David Smith, Microsoft

10:35 AM

[Getting Involved in Scientific Open Source: Lessons from 7 Years of Growing the ROpenSci Community](#)

Karthik Ram, UC Berkeley

11:05 AM

[Sustainers of the Tidyverse](#)

Mara Averick, RStudio

11:35 AM

[Building a Community: The R-Ladies Story](#)

Gabriela de Queiroz, IBM



CS04 - Recent Developments in Lower Rank Learning for Complex Data

Invited

Thu, May 30, 10:30 AM - 12:05 PM

Grand Ballroom K

Organizer(s): Xiao-Li Meng, Harvard University

Chair(s): Raymond Wong, Texas A&M University

10:35 AM

[MCMC for Dempster-Shafer Statistical Inference](#)

Ruobin Gong, Rutgers University

11:05 AM

[Bayesian Analysis of the Covariance Matrix of a Multivariate Normal Distribution with a New Class of Priors](#)

Dongchu Sun, University of Missouri

11:35 AM

[Deep Fiducial Inference](#)

Jan Hannig, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



CS05 - Scaling Up Machine Learning to Production

Invited

Thu, May 30, 10:30 AM - 12:05 PM

Regency Ballroom AB

Organizer(s): Jim Harner, West Virginia University

Chair(s): Jim Harner, West Virginia University

10:35 AM

['ML Ops' and Productionizing Machine Learning Workflows](#)

Amy Unruh, Google

11:05 AM

[TFX: Production ML Pipelines with TensorFlow](#)

Robert Crowe, Google

11:35 AM

[Scalable Automatic Machine Learning with H2O](#)

Erin LeDell, H2O.ai



CS06 - Visual Storytelling

Invited

Thu, May 30, 10:30 AM - 12:05 PM

Regency Ballroom EF

Organizer(s): Silas Bergen, Winona State University

Chair(s): Jerzy Wiecek, Colby College

10:35 AM

[What You Design Is Not What People See](#)

Alberto Cairo, University of Miami

11:05 AM

[The Design and Evaluation of Expressive Visualization Tools for Data-Driven Storytelling](#)

Matthew Brehmer, Microsoft Research

11:35 AM

[Things We've Learned from Telling the 'Fun' Data Stories](#)

Amber Thomas, The Pudding



CS07 - Reimagining & Introducing New Pedagogy

Contributed

Thu, May 30, 10:30 AM - 12:05 PM

Regency Ballroom C

Chair(s): Julie Zhang, University of Washington

10:35 AM

[DATA SCIENCE CERTIFICATION AT MSC – UPR](#)

Abiel Roche-Lima, RCMI-Medical Science School - University of Puerto Rico

10:50 AM

[Clinical Data Wrangling: An Active and Didactic Learning Workshop](#)

Ted Laderas, Oregon Health & Science University

11:05 AM

[What Can Data Science Look Like in High School?](#)

Tim Erickson, Epsitemological Engineering and Lick-Wilmerding High School

11:20 AM

[Teaching Upper Level Statistics Courses through a Shared/Hybrid Model](#)

Jingchen Hu, Vassar College

11:35 AM

[Data Science and the Pedagogical Reform of Introductory Statistics](#)

Brendan Patrick Purdy, Moorpark College

11:50 AM

[Floor Discussion](#)



CS08 - SADM Invited Papers

Invited

Thu, May 30, 1:30 PM - 3:05 PM

Grand Ballroom I

Organizer(s): Bertrand Clarke, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Jia Li, Penn State University

Chair(s): Aaron Molstad, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

1:35 PM

[Bayesian Variable Selection in High-Dimensional EEG Data Using Spatial Structured Spike and Slab Prior](#)

Dipak K. Dey, University of Connecticut

2:05 PM

[Mean Residual Function: a Tool for Exploring Patterns in Big Data](#)

Ehsan S. Soofi, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

2:35 PM

[Slow-kill for Big Data Learning](#)

Yiyuan She, Florida State University



CS09 - Project Jupyter

Invited

Thu, May 30, 1:30 PM - 3:05 PM

Regency Ballroom AB

Organizer(s): Brian Granger, Cal Poly; Fernando Perez, UC Berkeley

Chair(s): Casey Jelsema, West Virginia University

1:35 PM

[Sharing Reproducible Computations on Binder](#)

Lindsey J. Heagy, UC Berkeley

2:05 PM

[Open Infrastructure in the Cloud with JupyterHub](#)

Chris Holdgraf, UC Berkeley

2:35 PM

[JupyterLab: An Extensible and Flexible Platform for Collaborative Data Science](#)

Brian Ellison Granger, Cal Poly / Project Jupyter



CS10 - Data Science's X-Factor

Invited

Thu, May 30, 1:30 PM - 3:05 PM

Regency Ballroom C

Organizer(s): Katherine M. Kinnaird, Smith College

Chair(s): Mine Dogucu, .

1:35 PM

[Student Difficulties in Data Science Instruction: Early Findings](#)

Karl R. B. Schmitt, Valparaiso University

2:05 PM

[Data Science In/Among/With/Toward the Humanities](#)

John Laudun, University of Louisiana

2:35 PM

[Data Physicalizations: Where Art, Data, and Domain Applications Combine](#)

Katherine M. Kinnaird, Smith College



CS11 - Data Visualization in Python

Invited

Thu, May 30, 1:30 PM - 3:05 PM

Regency Ballroom EF

Organizer(s): Todd Iverson, Winona State University

Chair(s): Todd Iverson, Winona State University

1:35 PM

[Introduction to Visualization with Python](#)

Stephen F. Elston, Quantia Analytics, LLC

2:05 PM

[Altair: Declarative Visualization in Python - Part 1](#)

Dominik Moritz, University of Washington

2:35 PM

[Altair: Declarative Visualization in Python - Part 2](#)

Kanit "Ham" Wongsuphasawat, Apple



CS12 - Enterprise Applications of Data Science

Contributed

Thu, May 30, 1:30 PM - 3:05 PM

Grand Ballroom J

Chair(s): Gabriela de Queiroz, IBM

1:35 PM

[Estimating Causal Effects in Large Scale Online Experiments and Designing Automated A/B Testing Platforms for Machine Learning](#)

Zuzanna Klyszejko, MongoDB

1:50 PM

[Data Storytelling: Improve Insight-To-Action Conversion for a Greater Real World Impact](#)

Yu Zhou, Mastercard

2:05 PM

[Detecting Innovative Companies via Their Website](#)

Piet Daas, Statistics Netherlands

2:20 PM

[Metrics and Modeling in Large-Scale Digital Experimentation](#)

W. Duncan Wadsworth, Microsoft

2:35 PM

[Forecasting at Scale to Champion Customer Trust](#)

Ana Bertran, Salesforce

2:50 PM

[Floor Discussion](#)



CS13 - Computationally Intensive Methods: Resampling and MCMC

Contributed

Thu, May 30, 1:30 PM - 3:05 PM

Grand Ballroom K

Chair(s): Honglang Wang, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

1:35 PM

[Jackknife Empirical Likelihood Approach for K-Sample Tests via Energy Distance](#)

Yongli Sang, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

1:50 PM

[Gelman-Rubin: Improved Stability and a Principled Threshold](#)

Christina Phan Knudson, University of St. Thomas

2:05 PM

[Error Estimation for Randomized Numerical Linear Algebra via the Bootstrap](#)

Miles Lopes, UC Davis

2:20 PM

[A Scalable Regression Estimation Procedure for Competing Risks Data](#)

Eric S. Kawaguchi, University of California, Los Angeles

2:35 PM

[Floor Discussion](#)

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PS02 - Data Science Applications E-Posters, I

E-Poster

Thu, May 30, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Grand Ballroom Foyer

1
[Automated Survey Text Analysis -- Supervised Latent Dirichlet Allocation \(SLDA\)](#)

Christine P. Chai, Microsoft

2
[Comparing various string similarity algorithms in the task of name-matching](#)

Aleksandra Zaba, University of Utah

3
[Hypothesis Testing in Nonlinear Function on Scalar Regression with Application to Child Growth Study](#)

Mityl Biswas, NC State University

4
[Comparing Object Correlation Metrics for Effective Space Traffic Management](#)

Julie Zhang, University of Washington

5
[Batch effect adjustment via ensemble learning in the validation of genomic classifiers](#)

Yuqing Zhang, Boston University

6
[Tensor Mixed Effects Model with Application to Nanomanufacturing Inspection](#)

Xiaowei Yue, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

7
[Burst Detection in Call Trains for Identifying Fraud in Telecommunications](#)

Miguel Raul Pebes Trujillo, Indiana University Bloomington, Department of Statistics

8
[Active Labeling using Model-based Classification](#)

Min Fang, San Jose State University

9

[Analyzing Influence of Social Media Through Twitter](#)

Dhrubajyoti Ghosh, North Carolina State University

10

[Diversity of forest structure across the United States](#)

Jessica Lynn Gilbert, Purdue University

11

[ClusterJob, an Experiment Management System For Ambitious Data Science](#)

Bekk Blando, Clemson University

12

[A Maximum Likelihood Method for Correlated Discrete and Continuous Outcomes with Selection, Lagged Effects and Variance](#)

Rhoda Nandai Muse, University of Arizona, Mathematics Department

13

[Gender Distribution in Movie Roles](#)

Vijay Ravuri, CalPoly SLO

14

[Evaluating and forecasting the CD4 cell count evolution in HIV+ patients from a Bayesian stochastic model related to the logistic curve with multiple inflection points.](#)

Victor Cruz-Torres, University of Puerto Rico



CS14 - The IMS Program on Probabilistic Views of Machine Learning

Invited

Thu, May 30, 4:00 PM - 5:35 PM

Grand Ballroom I

Organizer(s): Eric Chi, North Carolina State University; Brad Price, West Virginia University

Chair(s): Brad Price, West Virginia University

4:05 PM

[Prediction with Confidence – General Framework for Predictive Inference](#)

Regina Liu, Rutgers University

4:35 PM

[Scalable and Model-free Methods for Multiclass Probability Estimation](#)

Helen Zhang, University of Arizona

5:05 PM

[Fiducial Made Sexy: Statistical Inference for Machine Learning Problems](#)

Thomas Lee, UC Davis



CS15 - Linguistic Diversity in NLP

Invited

Thu, May 30, 4:00 PM - 5:35 PM

Grand Ballroom J

Organizer(s): Rachael Tatman, Kaggle

Chair(s): Julia Silge, Stack Overflow

4:05 PM

[An Introduction to Computational Sociolinguistics](#)

Rachael Tatman, Kaggle

4:35 PM

[English Isn't Generic for Language, Despite What NLP Papers Might Lead You to Believe](#)

Emily M. Bender, University of Washington

5:05 PM

[Learning the Language of BlackTwitter](#)

Brandeis Hill Marshall, Spelman College



CS16 - Recent Advances in Matrix and Tensor Factorization Models

Invited

Thu, May 30, 4:00 PM - 5:35 PM

Grand Ballroom K

Organizer(s): Raymond Wong, Texas A&M University

Chair(s): Jan Hannig, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

4:35 PM

[Linked Matrix Factorization](#)

Eric F. Lock, University of Minnesota

5:05 PM

[Boosted Sparse and Low-Rank Tensor Regression](#)

Kun Chen, University of Connecticut



CS17 - Shared Infrastructure for Data Science

Invited

Thu, May 30, 4:00 PM - 5:35 PM

Regency Ballroom AB

Organizer(s): Soren Harner, Permalog

Chair(s): James Sharpnack, UC Davis

4:05 PM

[The Machine Learning Lifecycle with MLflow](#)

Siddharth Murching, Databricks, Inc.

4:35 PM

[Low-Latency Model Serving with MLflow and MLeap](#)

Corey Zumar, Databricks, Inc.

5:05 PM

[Bayesian Structured Time Series in TensorFlow Probability](#)

Jacob Burnim, Google



CS18 - Communication Within and Beyond the Modern Data Science/Statistics Classroom

Invited

Thu, May 30, 4:00 PM - 5:35 PM

Regency Ballroom C

Organizer(s): Alicia Johnson, Macalester College

Chair(s): Christina Phan Knudson, University of St. Thomas

4:05 PM

[Agile, Reproducible, and Accessible: Using Bookdown for Communication Within and Beyond the Classroom](#)

Alicia Johnson, Macalester College

4:35 PM

[Using Slack for Communication and Collaboration in the Classroom](#)

Albert Y. Kim, Smith College

5:05 PM

[Using Blogdown to Connect Beyond the Classroom](#)

Alison Hill, RStudio



CS19 - Statistical Modeling in Python

Invited

Thu, May 30, 4:00 PM - 5:35 PM

Regency Ballroom EF

Organizer(s): Dennis Sun, Cal Poly

Chair(s): Kelly Nicole Bodwin, Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo

4:05 PM

[Linear Modeling in Python with SALMON](#)

Alex Boyd, University of California, Irvine

4:35 PM

[A Grammar of Data Analysis](#)

Dennis Sun, Google

5:05 PM

[Symbulate: Probability Simulations in Python](#)

Kevin Ross, Cal Poly

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PS03 - Data Science Applications E-Posters, II

E-Poster

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Grand Ballroom Foyer

1

[Automated Analytics of the Solar Corona with Scalable Cloud Based Platforms](#)

Lars K. S. Daldorff, JHU/APL

2

[Modeling and Forecasting the Percent Changes in the National Park Visitation Counts Using Social Media Data](#)

Russell Goebel, Western Washington University

3

[Estimating Plant Growth Curves and Derivatives by Modeling Crowdsourced Imaged-Based Data](#)

Haozhe Zhang, Iowa State University

4

[Using Bayesian Networks to Perform Reject Inference](#)

Billie Anderson, Harrisburg University

5

[Usability evaluation of data presentation for official statistics](#)

Lin Wang, U.S. Census Bureau

6

[Do Unregistered Voters Want to Vote? Automatic Registration and Oregon Elections Turnout.](#)

Matthew Stephan Yancheff, Reed College

7

[Relationship between physical activity and depression in elderly Costa Ricans](#)

Shu Li, Kent State University

8

[Building an Interpretable Incident Prediction model for Site Reliability](#)

Jiaping Zhang, Salesforce

9

[For-estimation: Post-stratification to increase efficiency of forest attribute estimates](#)

Miranda Rintoul, Reed College

10

[Forecasting NBA Fan Support using Time Series Analysis](#)

Victor Wilson, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

11

[Handling Missing Data in Cardiovascular Disease Prediction Using Neural Networks](#)

Megan Shand, Broad Institute

12

[Leverage Machine Learning to Advance Risk Prediction with Electronic Health Record](#)

Yirui Hu, Geisinger

13

[Multiple uses for chronic condition data mart](#)

John Massman, Virginia Mason

14

[Team Item Response Models](#)

Deborshee Sen, Duke University

GS02 - Symposium on Data Science and Statistics Banquet

General Session

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Grand Ballroom E

Organizer(s): Kelly McConville, Reed College

Chair(s): Jennifer L. Beaumont, Terasaki Research Institute

7:00 PM

[Statistics Isn't All That Funny, but it Has Its Moments](#)

Joel Grus, Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence

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GS03 - Friday Keynote Address

General Session

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Grand Ballroom E

Organizer(s): Kelly McConville, Reed College

Chair(s): Jo Hardin, Pomona College

8:35 AM

[Data Science: How the Union of Inferential Thinking and Computation Are Transforming Research and Education at Berkeley](#)

Fernando Perez, UC Berkeley

9:35 AM

[Sponsor Spotlight - SAS](#)

9:40 AM

[Floor Discussion](#)



PS04 - Machine Learning E-Posters, I

E-Poster

Fri, May 31, 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Grand Ballroom Foyer

2
[Artificial Intelligence Mammography Model and Healthcare Savings Opportunity](#)

Olajide Israel Ajayi, Blue Cross NC

3
[The Geometry of feature embeddings in kernel discriminant analysis-deterministic or randomized](#)

Jiae Kim, The Ohio State University

4
[HARNESSING the POWER of MACHINE LEARNING METHODS in HIV VIROLOGIC FAILURE RISK PREDICTION](#)

Allan Kimaina, brown university

5
[Practical Considerations of Deep Learning in Digital Pathology](#)

Shubing Wang, Merck

6
[Identifying Shifts in Forest Communities Using Machine Learning Techniques](#)

Trenton W Ford, University of Notre Dame

7
[Rapid deployment of a Machine Learning-based derived biomarker using publicly available data sources for covariate adjusted descriptive modeling.](#)

Albert Taylor, Origent Data Sciences

8
[Adaptively Stacked Ensembles for Influenza Forecasting with Incomplete Data](#)

Thomas Charles McAndrew, University of Massachusetts Amherst

9
[Overcoming Big Data: Linking the 2014 National Hospital Care Survey to the 2014/2015 Medicare CMS Master Beneficiary Summary File](#)

Scott Robert Campbell, National Opinion Research Center at University of Chicago

10
[Comparing Performance of Lasso, Group Lasso, and Linear Regression with Categorical Predictors](#)

Yihuan Huang, UCLA

12
[ML-assisted ongoing monitoring for fighting fraud and abuse](#)

Jose Ferreira, Google

13
[Time-aggregated forecasting for ultra high dimensional regression and time-series error](#)

Sayar Karmakar, University of Florida

14
[Empirical priors for prediction in sparse high-dimensional linear regression](#)

Yiqi Tang, NC State University



CS20 - Data Science Platforms: Spark

Invited

Fri, May 31, 10:30 AM - 12:05 PM

Grand Ballroom E

Organizer(s): Kevin Kuo, RStudio

Chair(s): Kevin Kuo, RStudio

10:35 AM

[An R Interface to Hail](#)

Michael Lawrence, Genentech Research

11:05 AM

[Scaling Sparklyr with Streams and Arrow](#)

Javier Luraschi, RStudio

11:35 AM

[Interpretable Machine Learning Using rsparkling](#)

Navdeep Gill, H2O.ai



CS21 - A Field Guide to Education Tools in Data Science

Invited

Fri, May 31, 10:30 AM - 12:05 PM

Grand Ballroom I

Organizer(s): Alison Hill, RStudio

Chair(s): Alison Hill, RStudio

10:35 AM

[Necessity Is the Mother of Invention: Evolution of a Data Science Team](#)

Adrienne Zell, Oregon Health and Science University

11:05 AM

[Using Unit Testing to Teach Data Science](#)

Kyle Gorman, CUNY

11:35 AM

[Data Presentation For Everyone: Simple Ways to Educate without Teaching](#)

Allison Sliter, Digimarc Inc



CS22 - Building and Growing Data Science Teams

Invited

Fri, May 31, 10:30 AM - 12:05 PM
Grand Ballroom J

Organizer(s): Jacqueline Nolis, Nolis, LLC
Chair(s): Jacqueline Nolis, Nolis, LLC

10:35 AM

[From Zero to A^X: Scaling Data Science Teams](#)

Amanda Casari, Google Cloud

11:05 AM

[Together at Last: Heterogeneous Teams and the Key to Success](#)

Heather Nolis, T-Mobile

11:35 AM

[Creating Effective Data Science Teams](#)

Mehar Singh, ProCogia



CS23 - Advances in Analysis and Computing in Complex Data

Invited

Fri, May 31, 10:30 AM - 12:05 PM

Grand Ballroom K

Organizer(s): George Michailidis, University of Florida
Chair(s): Regina Liu, Rutgers University

10:35 AM

[Graph-Based Change-Point Detection](#)

Lynna Chu, UC Davis

11:05 AM

[A Double Core Tensor Factorization and Its Applications to Heterogeneous Data](#)

George Michailidis, University of Florida

11:35 AM

[Individualized Fusion Learning \(IFusion\) with Applications to Personalized Inference](#)

Minge Xie, Rutgers University



CS24 - Recent Developments on Machine Learning

Invited

Fri, May 31, 10:30 AM - 12:05 PM

Regency Ballroom AB

Organizer(s): Xiaotong Shen, University of Minnesota
Chair(s): Xiaotong Shen, University of Minnesota

10:35 AM

[Shrinking Characteristics of Precision Matrix Estimators](#)

Adam J. Rothman, University of Minnesota

11:05 AM

[P-Splines with an L1 Penalty for Repeated Measures](#)

Hui Jiang, University of Michigan

11:35 AM

[Community Detection with Dependent Connectivity](#)

Annie Qu, University Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



CS25 - Software Packages for Data Science

Contributed

Fri, May 31, 10:30 AM - 12:05 PM

Regency Ballroom C

Chair(s): Amrina Ferdous, Boise State University

10:35 AM

[An R Package for Linear Mediation Analysis with Complex Survey Data](#)

Yujiao Mai, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

10:50 AM

[GREIN: An Interactive Web Platform for Re-Analyzing GEO RNA-Seq Data](#)

Naim Al Mahi, University of Cincinnati

11:05 AM

[Bioc2mlr: R Package to Bridge Between Bioconductor's S4 Complex Genomic Data Container, to Mlr, a Meta Machine Learning Aggregator Package.](#)

Dror Berel, Fred Hutch



CS26 - Data Visualization in Applications

Contributed

Fri, May 31, 10:30 AM - 12:05 PM

Regency Ballroom EF

Chair(s): Oyeleke Olaoye, .

10:35 AM

[Topological Data Analysis for Understanding Phenotypic Presentation in Aortic Stenosis](#)

Sirish Shrestha, West Virginia University

10:50 AM

[Assessing and Visualizing the Impact of Medical Coding Systems for Predicting Inpatient Mortality](#)

Brian Hochrein, IBM Watson Health

11:05 AM

[Methods for Visualizing Dimension Reduction in R](#)

Tiffany Jiang, UC Davis

11:20 AM

[Floor Discussion](#)



CS27 - Data Science Platforms: Deep Learning

Invited

Fri, May 31, 1:30 PM - 3:05 PM

Grand Ballroom E

Organizer(s): Javier Luraschi, RStudio

Chair(s): Javier Luraschi, RStudio

1:35 PM

[Deep Learning and Probabilistic Programming with Applications to Intelligent Reality](#)

Soren Harner, Permaling

2:05 PM

[R Interfaces to TensorFlow and Keras](#)

Kevin Kuo, RStudio

2:35 PM

[Deep Learning Models at Scale with Apache Spark](#)

Joseph Kurata Bradley, Databricks, Inc.



CS28 - Data Science Ethics Meet Reality

Invited

Fri, May 31, 1:30 PM - 3:05 PM

Grand Ballroom J

Organizer(s): Os Keyes, University of Washington

Chair(s): Brandeis Hill Marshall, Spelman College

1:35 PM

[The Politics of Data](#)

Meg Drouhard, University of Washington

2:05 PM

[The Political Consequences of Repurposing Data](#)

Meg Young, University of Washington

2:35 PM

[Beyond Methodological Rigor: Widening the Scope of Ethics in Data Science](#)

Anissa Tanweer, University of Washington



CS29 - The Cutting Edge in Statistical Machine Learning
Invited
Fri, May 31, 1:30 PM - 3:05 PM
Regency Ballroom AB

Organizer(s): Daniela Witten, University of Washington
Chair(s): Boxiang Wang, University of Iowa

1:35 PM

[A Continuous-Time View of Early Stopping in Least Squares Regression](#)

Ryan Tibshirani, Carnegie Mellon University

2:05 PM

[Fused Lasso on Graphs: Applications to Nonparametric Statistical Problems](#)

Oscar Hernan Madrid Padilla, UC Berkeley

2:35 PM

[Two-Stage Computational Framework for Sparse Generalized Eigenvalue Problem](#)

Kean Ming Tan, University of Minnesota



CS30 - Data Visualization Education
Invited
Fri, May 31, 1:30 PM - 3:05 PM
Regency Ballroom EF

Organizer(s): Silas Bergen, Winona State University; Amelia McNamara, University of St. Thomas
Chair(s): Silas Bergen, Winona State University

1:35 PM

[Teaching Data Visualization: Integrating Theory and Practice](#)

Michael Freeman, University of Washington

2:05 PM

[A Three-Part Data Visualization Curriculum](#)

Jerzy Wiecezorek, Colby College

2:35 PM

[Help Me Understand: Guiding Visualization Users with Annotations](#)

Robert Kosara, Tableau Software



CS31 - Instructional Applications & Insights
Contributed
Fri, May 31, 1:30 PM - 3:05 PM
Grand Ballroom I

Chair(s): Emily Rose Flanagan, University of Washington

1:35 PM

[Apply “STEAMS” Methodology on Managing Europe Travel](#)

Charles Chen, Applied Materials

1:50 PM

[A Robust and Dynamic Formulation for Predicting Student Offer Acceptance](#)

Michael Liut, McMaster University

2:05 PM

[P-Values: A Closer Look](#)

Jeanne Li, Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital

2:20 PM

[Floor Discussion](#)



CS32 - Statistical Methods for Analyzing Large Scale or Massive Data

Contributed

Fri, May 31, 1:30 PM - 3:05 PM

Grand Ballroom K

Chair(s): Alona Kryshchenko, California State University Cannel Islands

1:35 PM

[High-Dimensional Association Detection in Large Scale Genomic Studies](#)

Hillary Koch, Pennsylvania State University

1:50 PM

[Threshold Knot Selection for Large-Scale Spatial Models with Applications to the Deepwater Horizon Disaster](#)

Casey Jelsema, West Virginia University

2:05 PM

[Goodness-of-Fit Tests for Large Data Sets](#)

Taras Lazariv, TU Dresden

2:20 PM

[Big Data and Portfolio Optimization](#)

QIYU WANG, Zhejiang Univ of Finance and Econ

2:35 PM

[An Application of Linear Programming to Computational Statistics](#)

John M. Ennis, Aigora

2:50 PM

[Accelerate Pseudo-Proximal Map Algorithm and Its Application to Network Analysis](#)

Dao Nguyen, University of Mississippi

Hackathon Update

Special Session

Fri, May 31, 1:30 PM - 3:05 PM

Regency Ballroom C

Join the Hackathon participants as they present their findings.



PS05 - Machine Learning E-Posters, II
E-Poster
Fri, May 31, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Grand Ballroom Foyer

1

[Clustering Chocolate Types: Dark, White, Milk and Fruit](#)

Kaitlyn Zhang, Stanford OHS

2

[Statistical Approaches for Identifying Untargeted Metabolites Prognostic for Kidney Disease Progression in Type 2 Diabetic Patients: Application to the Chronic Renal Insufficiency Cohort Study](#)

Jing Zhang, UCSD Moores Cancer Center

3

[Genomic Determination Index](#)

Cheng Cheng, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

4

[On Combining Data from Distinct Nonlinear Predictive Models](#)

Amrina Ferdous, Boise State University

5

[Predicting Unknown Links for Interconnected Networks](#)

Yubai Yuan, UIUC

6

[A Bayesian Structural Time Series-Based Approach for Understanding and Predicting Temperatures in the Red Sea](#)

Nabila Bounceur, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology

7

[Is robustness trade-off really inevitable?](#)

Jungeum Kim, Purdue Department of Statistics

8

[HARNESSING THE POWER OF MACHINE LEARNING METHODS IN PROSPECTIVE HIV CARE AND TREATMENT](#)

Allan Kimaina, brown university

9

[Machine Learning meets Survival Analysis for the personalized medicine](#)

Jongyun Jung, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

10

[Predicting Claims Litigation using Text Mining](#)

Xiyue Liao, University of California, Santa Barbara

11

[A Multicategory Kernel Distance Weighted Discrimination Method for Multiclass Classification](#)

Boxiang Wang, University of Iowa

13

[Comparison of Automated Liver Image Quality Evaluation Using Handcrafted Features and](#)

[Convolutional Neural Networks](#)

Wenyi Lin, University of California, San Diego

14

[Statistical Learning on Next-Generation Sequencing of T cell Repertoire Data](#)

Li Zhang, UCSF

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CS33 - Backend Data Science

Invited

Fri, May 31, 3:40 PM - 5:15 PM

Grand Ballroom E

Organizer(s): Edgar Ruiz, RStudio

Chair(s): Soren Harner, Permaling

3:45 PM

[Data Science with Databases and R](#)

James Blair, RStudio

4:15 PM

[STOIC Next-Generation Spreadsheet: Bringing Data Science to the Masses](#)

Ismael Ghalimi, STOIC

4:45 PM

[Working with Images and Text in R Through Embeddings](#)

Michael Lucy, Basilica



CS34 - Computational Statistics for Large-Scale Biological Data

Invited

Fri, May 31, 3:40 PM - 5:15 PM

Grand Ballroom K

Organizer(s): Jacob Bien, University of Southern California

Chair(s): Kean Ming Tan, University of Minnesota

3:45 PM

[Computationally Efficient High-Dimensional Interaction Modeling](#)

Guo Yu, University of Washington

4:15 PM

[Inference for Diversity Under Networked Models](#)

Bryan Martin, University of Washington

4:45 PM

[Variance Component Testing and Selection for a Longitudinal Microbiome Study](#)

Jin Zhou, University of Arizona



CS35 - Modern Multivariate Analysis

Invited

Fri, May 31, 3:40 PM - 5:15 PM

Regency Ballroom AB

Organizer(s): Adam J. Rothman, University of Minnesota

Chair(s): Adam J. Rothman, University of Minnesota

3:45 PM

[The Multivariate Square Root Lasso: Computational and Theoretical Insights](#)

Aaron Molstad, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

4:15 PM

[Estimating Multiple Precision Matrices Using Cluster Fusion Regularization](#)

Brad Price, West Virginia University

4:45 PM

[\\$L_2\\$-Regularization and Some Path-Following Algorithms](#)

Yunzhang Zhu, The Ohio State University



CS36 - Democratizing Data Science with Workflows

Invited

Fri, May 31, 3:40 PM - 5:15 PM

Regency Ballroom C

Organizer(s): Michael I. Love, UNC-Chapel Hill

Chair(s): Stas Kolenikov, Abt Associates

3:45 PM

[Publishing Literate Programming Workflows in Scientific Journals](#)

Michael I. Love, UNC-Chapel Hill

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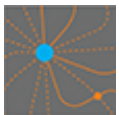
[When Should You Add Github, Make and Docker to Your Data Science Workflow?](#)

Tiffany Timbers, University of British Columbia

4:45 PM

[Useful Tools for Teaching and Outreach in Data Science: Workflows, Case Studies, Github Classroom, and Slack](#)

Stephanie Hicks, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health



CS37 - Data Visualizations at the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation

Invited

Fri, May 31, 3:40 PM - 5:15 PM

Organizer(s): Brian Dart, IHME

Chair(s): Disha Patel, University of Washington

3:45 PM

[Building Interactive Data Visualization for a Global \(Health\) Audience](#)

Ryan Shackleton, University of Washington

4:15 PM

[The Story of a Chart: Data Visualization Principles to Simplify Complexity](#)

Evan Laurie, University of Washington

4:45 PM

[Behind the Scenes: Building Tools to Visualize Intermediate Results in Complex Data Science Pipelines](#)

Marlena Bannick, University of Washington



CS38 - Engaging Students in Statistics & Data Science

Contributed

Fri, May 31, 3:40 PM - 5:15 PM

Grand Ballroom I

Chair(s): Ted Laderas, Oregon Health & Science University

3:45 PM

[STEAMS Approach on Playing Video Games](#)

Mason Chen, Stanford OHS

4:00 PM

[Competition Based Teaching of Machine Learning](#)

Mikael Vejdemo-Johansson, CUNY College of Staten Island

4:15 PM

[USING R and SPSS for TEACHING STATISTICS](#)

Lucy Xiaojing Kerns, Youngstown State University

4:30 PM

[Tools for R in Introductory Statistics Courses](#)

Kelly Nicole Bodwin, Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo

4:45 PM

[Teaching Data Science Students to Write Clean Code](#)

Todd Iverson, Winona State University

5:00 PM

[Hack Weeks as a Model for Data Science Education and Collaboration](#)

Daniela Huppenkothen, University of Washington



CS39 - Data and Society

Contributed
Fri, May 31, 3:40 PM - 5:15 PM
Grand Ballroom J

Chair(s): Heather Nolis, T-Mobile

3:45 PM

[Using Convolutional Neural Networks to Automatically Classify Logos on Shopping Receipts](#)

Émilie Mayer, Statistics Canada

4:00 PM

[Using Topological Data Analysis to Assess Gerrymandering in Voting Districts](#)

Courtney Thatcher, University of Puget Sound

4:15 PM

[Predicting the Success of an Crowdfunding Campaign: Spatial Location-Based Trajectory Modeling](#)

Han Yu, University of Northern Colorado

4:30 PM

[Nurturing select customers using a state-space model \(Investment Recommender / Resource allocation\)](#)

Eunice Kim, Microsoft

4:45 PM

[Floor Discussion](#)

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CS40 - SAS Open-Source Platforms for Analytics

Invited

Fri, May 31, 5:20 PM - 6:25 PM

Grand Ballroom E

Organizer(s): Jim Harner, West Virginia University

Chair(s): Wendy Martinez, Bureau of Labor Statistics

5:25 PM

[SAS Viya: A Modern Scalable and Open Platform for Artificial Intelligence](#)

Wayne Thompson, SAS

5:55 PM

[Making Predictive Modeling Approachable with JMP Pro](#)

Jordan Hiller, JMP



CS41 - Incorporating Ethics and Inclusion in Undergraduate Statistics Curriculum

Invited

Fri, May 31, 5:20 PM - 6:25 PM

Grand Ballroom I

Organizer(s): Brianna Heggseth, Macalester College

Chair(s): Jingchen Hu, Vassar College

5:25 PM

[Ethics in an Advanced Undergraduate Seminar: Statistical Analysis of Social Network Data](#)

Miles Q. Ott, Smith College

5:55 PM

[Intertwining Data Ethics into Intro Stats](#)

Brianna Heggeseth, Macalester College



CS42 - Interoperability: Your R Package Can Depend on Its Friends

Invited

Fri, May 31, 5:20 PM - 6:25 PM

Regency Ballroom C

Organizer(s): Matthew N. McCall, University of Rochester

Chair(s): Xiaowei Yue, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

5:25 PM

[Case Studies in Interoperability: From Generic Classes to Specific Functions](#)

Matthew N. McCall, University of Rochester

5:55 PM

[How Core Data Structures Drive Interoperability in the Bioconductor Project](#)

Marcel Ramos, CUNY SPH



CS43 - Grammar of Graphics: The Twentieth Anniversary

Invited

Fri, May 31, 5:20 PM - 6:25 PM

Regency Ballroom EF

Organizer(s): Jim Harner, West Virginia University

Chair(s): Claus Wilke, University of Texas at Austin

5:25 PM

[Past, Present, and Future of Grammar of Graphics Systems](#)

Lee Wilkinson, H2O.ai

5:55 PM

[Discussant](#)

Anushka Anand, Tableau

6:05 PM

[Discussant](#)

Jeffrey Heer, University of Washington

6:15 PM

Discussant

Bryan Van de Ven, Microsoft



CS44 - Science and the Environment

Contributed

Fri, May 31, 5:20 PM - 6:25 PM

Grand Ballroom J

Chair(s): Melanie Edwards, Exponent, Inc.

5:25 PM

[Trend Assessment for Daily Snow Depths with Changepoints Considerations](#)

Jaechoul Lee, Boise State University

5:40 PM

[Yield Forecasting Based on Short Time Series with High Spatial Resolution Data](#)

Yuzhen Zhou, University of Nebraska Lincoln

5:55 PM

[Are Forest Communities Impacted by Climate Change?](#)

Jonathan Andrew Knott, Purdue University

6:10 PM

[Extracting Signal from the Noisy Environment of an Ecosystem](#)

Pranita Pramod Patil, Harrisburg University of Science & Technology



CS45 - Change Point Detection

Contributed

Fri, May 31, 5:20 PM - 6:25 PM

Grand Ballroom K

Chair(s): Dao Nguyen, University of Mississippi

5:25 PM

[Detection of Structural Changes in Correctly Specified and Misspecified Conditional Quantile Polynomial Distributed Lag \(QPDL\) Model Using Change-Point Analysis](#)

KWADWO AGYEI NYANTAKYI, GHANA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

5:40 PM

[Robust Graph Change-Point Detection for Brain Evolvment Study](#)

Honglang Wang, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

5:55 PM

[Graph Theoretic Statistics for Change Detection and Localization in Multivariate Data](#)

Matthew A. Hawks, US Naval Academy

6:10 PM

[Floor Discussion](#)



CS46 - Recent Advancements in Deep Learning
Contributed
Fri, May 31, 5:20 PM - 6:25 PM
Regency Ballroom AB

Chair(s): Yunzhang Zhu, The Ohio State University

5:25 PM

[Statistical Evaluation of Long Memory in Recurrent Neural Networks](#)

Alexander Greaves-Tunnell, University of Washington

5:40 PM

[On Interpretable Machine Learning](#)

Serge Berger, Microsoft

5:55 PM

[Machine Learning Methods for Modeling Animal Movement](#)

Dhanushi Wijeyakulasuriya, Pennsylvania State University

6:10 PM

[Optimal Transport Classifier: Defending Against Adversarial Attacks by Regularized Deep Embedding](#)

Yao Li, University of California, Davis

Saturday, June 1

Registration

SDSS Hours

Sat, Jun 1, 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Grand Ballroom Foyer

GS04 - Fireside Chat

General Session

Sat, Jun 1, 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Grand Ballroom E

Chair(s): Gabriela de Queiroz, IBM

New horizons and controversies seem to emerge constantly in the world of statistics and data science. Who can keep up? Our distinguished panel of statistics and data science leaders will discuss this and more in an informal and wide-reaching conversation that contextualizes the SDSS experience with issues of the day.

8:35 AM

[Fireside Chat Panel](#)

Amanda Casari, Google Cloud; Amelia McNamara, University of St. Thomas; Mara Averick, RStudio; Miguel Marino, OHSU-PSU School of Public Health



PS06 - Computational Statistics E-Posters
E-Poster
Sat, Jun 1, 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Grand Ballroom Foyer

- 1
[Application of Dynamic Bi-Partite Stochastic Block Models](#)
Neil Hwang, CUNY-Bronx Community College
- 2
[Estimation of Semiparametric Functional Coefficients Panel Data Model](#)
Shaymal C Halder, Auburn University
- 3
[Discovery of Gene Regulatory Networks Using Adaptively Selected Gene Perturbation Experiments](#)
Michele Zemlenyi, Harvard University
- 4
[A Computational Approach to the Structure of Subtraction Games](#)
Kali Lacy, Purdue University
- 5
[Covariate Information Number for Feature Screening in Ultrahigh-Dimensional Supervised Problems](#)
Debmalya Nandy, Penn State University
- 6
[A Data-Adaptive Targeted Learning Approach of Evaluating Viscoelastic Assay Driven Trauma Treatment Protocols](#)
Linqing Wei, UC Berkeley, Department of Biostatistics
- 7
[Approximate Fiducial Computation and Deep Fiducial Inference](#)
Gang Li, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 8
[Innovative Robust Boosting Algorithms](#)
Zhu Wang, UT Health San Antonio
- 9
[A Model Based Data Fusion Algorithm using Bayesian Hierarchal Modeling for Density Estimation of Rare Species](#)
Purna Gamage, Wake Forest University
- 10
[Kernel-estimated Nonparametric Overlap-Based Syncytial Clustering](#)
Israel A Almodovar-Rivera, University of Puerto Rico-Medical Science Campus
- 11
[Developing Nonlinear Genetic Signatures for Enzalutamide Resistance in Prostate Cancer](#)
Isaac Zhao, Brown University
- 12
[Approximate Bayesian Computational Statistical Methods to Estimate the Strength of Divergent Selection in Yeast](#)
Martyna Lukaszewicz, University of Idaho

13

[Wavelet Shrinkage Using Bayesian False Discovery Rate Methods: a Comparison Study](#)

Rodney Vasconcelos Fonseca, Unicamp

14

[Analyzing Air Traffic Data with Spark-GraphX](#)

Chathurangi Heshani Pathiravasan, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

SDSS Teaching Data Science Workshop for High School Teachers

Special Session

Sat, Jun 1, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Regency Ballroom EF

Instructor(s): Shannon Ellis, UC San Diego

Considering how to incorporate data science into your high school STEM classroom?

The goal of this workshop is for you to leave with data science skills and applicable examples that can be used in your classroom.

This workshop will answer questions like:

- What is data science?
- How can high schoolers prepare for data science courses in college?
- What does a career in data science involve?

We will walk through how data scientists carry out projects using RStudio, introduce the basics of the R programming language, and work with real datasets to generate visualizations and analyze data.

Note: Advance sign-up is required, so please see the SDSS 2019 Events page for details!



CS47 - Data Science for Fun

Invited

Sat, Jun 1, 10:00 AM - 11:35 AM

Grand Ballroom E

Organizer(s): David Smith, Microsoft

Chair(s): Ana Bertran, Salesforce

10:05 AM

[Minecraft, R, and Containers](#)

David Smith, Microsoft

10:35 AM

[Using Deep Learning in R to Generate Offensive License Plates](#)

Jacqueline Nolis, Nolis, LLC



CS48 - Recent Advances in Statistical Network Analysis

Invited

Sat, Jun 1, 10:00 AM - 11:35 AM

Grand Ballroom I

Organizer(s): James L Rosenberger, NISS; Lingzhou Xue, Penn State University and NISS

Chair(s): Hyun Bin Kang, Western Michigan University

10:05 AM

[Statistical estimation of network models from egocentrically sampled network data](#)

Jeanette Kurian Birnbaum, University of Washington

10:35 AM

[Model-based clustering of large networks](#)

David Hunter, Penn State University

11:05 AM

[Temporal Exponential-Family Random Graph Models with Time-Evolving Latent Block Structure for Dynamic Networks](#)

Kevin Lee, Western Michigan University



CS49 - Computational Efficiency vs. Statistical Guarantee

Invited

Sat, Jun 1, 10:00 AM - 11:35 AM

Grand Ballroom J

Organizer(s): Helen Zhang, University of Arizona

Chair(s): Helen Zhang, University of Arizona

10:05 AM

[Embedding Learning](#)

Xiaotong Shen, University of Minnesota

10:35 AM

[Penalty Method for Variance Component Selection](#)

Hua Zhou, UCLA

11:05 AM

[Distributed Computing for Large Heteroskedastic Spatial Data](#)

Zhengyuan Zhu, Iowa State University



CS50 - Developing Statistical Software For Drug Development

Invited

Sat, Jun 1, 10:00 AM - 11:35 AM

Grand Ballroom K

Organizer(s): Yiming Peng, Genetech

Chair(s): Yiming Peng, Genetech

10:05 AM

[Embrace R in Pharma - Building an R Community](#)

Ning Leng, Genentech

10:35 AM

[Reproducible Computation at Scale in R](#)

Will Landau, Eli Lilly and Company

11:05 AM

[Leveraging Open Source Tools for Drug Development](#)

Douglas Kelkhoff, Genentech



CS51 - Machine Learning Problems in the Tech Industry

Invited

Sat, Jun 1, 10:00 AM - 11:35 AM

Regency Ballroom AB

Organizer(s): Ryan Tibshirani, Carnegie Mellon University

Chair(s): Ryan Tibshirani, Carnegie Mellon University

10:05 AM

[Machine Learning Methods for Estimation and Inference in Differential Networks](#)

Mladen Kolar, Chicago Booth

10:30 AM

[Online and Offline Experimentation in Complex Systems](#)

Akshay Krishnamurthy, .

10:55 AM

[Modern recommendation systems: listwise collaborative ranking and non-stationary contextual bandits](#)

James Sharpnack, UC Davis

11:20 AM

[Discussant](#)

Siva Balakrishnan, Carnegie Mellon University



CS52 - Grammar of Graphics: From Theory to Applications

Invited

Sat, Jun 1, 10:00 AM - 11:35 AM

Regency Ballroom C

Organizer(s): Jim Harner, West Virginia University

Chair(s): Zhi Yang, University of Southern California

10:05 AM

[Unit Visualizations and the Grammar of Graphics](#)

Steven Drucker, Microsoft

10:35 AM

[ggplot2: An Extensible Platform for Publication-quality Graphics](#)

Claus Wilke, University of Texas at Austin

11:05 AM

[Tableau: Democratizing Visual Analytics by Automating Best Practices](#)

Anushka Anand, Tableau



CS53 - The SAMSI Program on Model Uncertainty

Invited

Sat, Jun 1, 1:00 PM - 2:35 PM

Grand Ballroom I

Organizer(s): David Banks, Duke University / SAMSI

Chair(s): Dongchu Sun, University of Missouri

1:05 PM

[The Stochastic Inverse Problem](#)

Lei Yang, SAMSI

1:35 PM

[Bayesian Model Calibration and Prediction Applied to Stochastic Simulators](#)

Dave Higdon, Virginia Tech

2:05 PM

[Uncertainty Quantification of Stochastic Computer Model for Binary Black Hole Formation](#)

Derek Bingham, Simon Fraser University



CS54 - The IMS Program on Self-Consistency: a Fundamental Statistical Principle for Deriving Computational Algorithms

Invited

Sat, Jun 1, 1:00 PM - 2:35 PM

Grand Ballroom J

Organizer(s): Thomas Lee, UC Davis

Chair(s): Thomas Lee, UC Davis

1:05 PM

[Likelihood-Free EM: Self-Consistency for Incomplete or Irregular-Pattern Data](#)

Xiao-Li Meng, Harvard University

1:35 PM

[Latent Variable Models, Self-Consistency, and Stochastic Approximation](#)

Zhiqiang Tan, Rutgers University

2:05 PM

[Self-Consistency as a Method to Develop Computationally Effective Algorithms for High-Dimensional Models](#)

Alex Tsodikov, University of Michigan



CS55 - Recent Advances in Statistical Machine Learning and Reinforcement Learning
Invited

Sat, Jun 1, 1:00 PM - 2:35 PM

Regency Ballroom AB

Organizer(s): Will Wei Sun, University of Miami Business School

Chair(s): Hua Zhou, UCLA

1:05 PM

[CORALS: Co-Clustering Analysis via Regularized Alternating Least Squares](#)

Gen Li, Columbia University

1:35 PM

[Model-Based Community Detection for Networks with Node Covariates](#)

Ji Zhu, University of Michigan

2:05 PM

[Nearly Optimal Adaptive Procedure with Change Detection for Piecewise-Stationary Bandit](#)

Zheng Wen, Adobe Research



CS56 - Data for Human Health
Contributed

Sat, Jun 1, 1:00 PM - 2:35 PM

Grand Ballroom E

Chair(s): Xiyue Liao, Department of Statistics and Applied Probability, University of California, Santa Barbara

1:05 PM

[Multiple-target Robust Design of a Coronary Stent with Multiple Functional Outputs](#)

Fan JIANG, City University of Hong Kong

1:20 PM

[Multiple Hypotheses Testing for Discrete Data - "MHTdiscrete" R package](#)

Yalin Zhu, Merck & Co., Inc.

1:35 PM

[What Are the Comorbidities That Go with Asthma? Basket Analysis Approach](#)

Tianyuan Guan, University of Cincinnati

1:50 PM

[An Optimal Kernel-Based U-Statistic Method for Quantitative Gene-Set Association Analysis](#)

Tao He, San Francisco State University

2:05 PM

[A Nonlinear Hierarchical Modeling Approach to Estimating the BAT Curve Using Markov Chain Monte Carlo](#)

Colin O'Rourke, Benaroya Research Institute

2:20 PM

[Floor Discussion](#)



CS57 - Visualization Methods

Contributed

Sat, Jun 1, 1:00 PM - 2:35 PM

Regency Ballroom C

Chair(s): Tiffany Jiang, UC Davis

1:05 PM

[Advanced Visualization Techniques for Big Data](#)

Scott Lee Wise, SAS Institute, Inc.

1:20 PM

[Interactive Ggplots in R](#)

Zehao Xu, University of Waterloo

1:35 PM

[Visualizing associations of multiple related but distinct phenomena](#)

Maia P Smith, St George's University

1:50 PM

[Data visualization techniques for the analysis of eczema-affected specific regions of the body as predictors of food allergy risk](#)

Alyssa Ylescupidez, Benaroya Research Institute and the Immune Tolerance Network, Seattle

2:05 PM

[Floor Discussion](#)

Hackathon Update

Special Session

Sat, Jun 1, 1:00 PM - 2:35 PM

Regency Ballroom EF

Join the Hackathon participants as they present their findings.



CS58 - When Biomedical Data Gets Big: Challenges and Solutions in Biomedical Data Science
Invited

Sat, Jun 1, 2:45 PM - 3:50 PM
Grand Ballroom E

Organizer(s): James Eddy, Sage Bionetworks
Chair(s): Yalin Zhu, Merck & Co., Inc.

2:50 PM

[Analysis of Whole Genome Sequence Analysis in >100k Individuals: Experience in the TOPMed Program](#)

Ken Rice, University of Washington

3:20 PM

[Biomedical Informatics and Precision Medicine Are Laying the Framework for the Next Generation of Data-Driven Clinical Research](#)

Sean Mooney, University of Washington

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CS59 - Data Science Platforms: Docker and Kubernetes

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Sat, Jun 1, 2:45 PM - 3:50 PM
Grand Ballroom I

Organizer(s): Jim Harner, West Virginia University
Chair(s): Sirish Shrestha, West Virginia University

2:50 PM

[RsparkHub: Scaling Rspark with Kubernetes](#)

Jim Harner, West Virginia University

3:20 PM

[Using Rocker Containers and CI for Teaching R-Based Courses](#)

Colin Wiiter Rundel, Duke University



CS60 - Expanding the Toolkit for Teaching Statistics

Invited

Sat, Jun 1, 2:45 PM - 3:50 PM
Regency Ballroom EF

Organizer(s): Alicia Johnson, Macalester College
Chair(s): Mikael Vejdemo-Johansson, CUNY College of Staten Island

2:50 PM

[\(A Picture-Book Approach To\) Teaching the Analytics Process](#)

Ruth M Hummel, SAS Institute / JMP Division

3:20 PM

Teaching Data Science Using Jupyter Notebooks and Binder

Brian Kim, University of Maryland



CS61 - Advances in Regression and Modeling

Contributed

Sat, Jun 1, 2:45 PM - 3:50 PM

Grand Ballroom J

Chair(s): Yongli Sang, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

2:50 PM

[Nonparametric Estimation of a Mixing Distribution for Pharmacokinetic Stochastic Models](#)

Alona Kryshchenko, California State University Cannel Islands

3:20 PM

[Floor Discussion](#)



CS62 - New Developments in Statistical Learning

Contributed

Sat, Jun 1, 2:45 PM - 3:50 PM

Regency Ballroom AB

Chair(s): Gen Li, Columbia University

2:50 PM

[Flexible Functional Specification in Hierarchical Bayesian Estimation of Discrete Choices](#)

Kali (Duke) Chowdhury, University of California, Irvine

3:05 PM

[Correlation Tensor Decomposition and Its Application in Spatial Imaging Data](#)

Yujia Deng, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

3:20 PM

[INDIVIDUALIZED MULTI-DIRECTIONAL VARIABLE SELECTION](#)

Xiwei Tang, University of Virginia

3:35 PM

[Quantile Regression for Big Data with Small Memory](#)

Yichen Zhang, New York University

GS05 - Closing Keynote Address

General Session

Sat, Jun 1, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Grand Ballroom E

Organizer(s): Kelly McConville, Reed College

Chair(s): Tim Hesterberg, Google

4:05 PM

[Data Science and Statistics: Let's Not Call the Whole Thing Off!](#)

Daniela Witten, University of Washington