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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Microbiome, Statistical genetics, Biological networks, Cancer Epidemiology, Cluster-correlated data analysis, Informative Cluster Size, Univariate and Multivariate time-to-event data.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

#### Postdoctoral Research Fellow

low Sept. 2023 - Present

Biostatistics Branch,

Division of Cancer Epidemiology & Genetics, National Cancer Institute, Rockville, MD, USA

# University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, USA

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Biostatistics

Aug. 2023

- Thesis Topic: Advances in cluster-correlated data analysis when cluster size is informative
- Advisor: Somnath Datta, Ph.D.

# Boise State University, Boise, ID, USA

Master of Science (M.S.), Mathematics

May 2019

- Thesis Topic: Dynamic Sampling Versions of Popular SPC charts for Big Data Analysis
- Advisor: Partha Mukherjee, Ph.D.
- Area of Study: Statistics

# Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Nigeria

Bachelor of Technology (BTech.), Statistics

Dec. 2014

- Thesis Topic: Some contributions to the interpretation of Fuzzy Regression Intervals
- Advisor: Benson Onoghojobi, Ph.D.

Professional Experience

#### Biostatistician

Brain Rehabilitation Research Center,

Aug. 2020 - Aug. 2023

NF/SG VHS Malcom Randall VA Medical Center, Gainesville, FL, USA

# **Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant**

Aug. 2019 - Aug. 2023

Department of Biostatistics,

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, USA

# **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Aug. 2017 - May 2019

Department of Mathematics,

Boise State University, Boise, ID, USA

# HONORS AND AWARDS

- Selected for Multi Omics NETwork Analysis (MONET) Workshop at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus (June 2025)
- Blackwell-Tapia Conference Travel Award (Nov. 2024)
- Southern Regional Council on Statistics Summer Research Conference Travel Award (May 2024).
- 2023 Lifetime Data Science Conference Student Poster Award (June 2023).
- 2023 Symposium on Data Science & Statistics Student & Early Career Travel Award (May 2023).

- 2023 Fostering Diversity in Biostatistics (ENAR) Student Scholarship (Mar. 2023).
- Poster Award (Data Science); 2022 College of Medicine Research Day (Apr. 2022).
- UF Department of Biostatistics PhD Travel Award (Mar. 2022).
- 2020 Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology Fellowship Award (July 2020).
- 2019 JSM Diversity Workshop and Mentoring Program Student Scholarship (July 2019).
- 36th ASA Quality & Productivity Research Conference Student Scholarship (June 2019).
- 2019 ASA/IMS Spring Research Conference Student Scholarship (May 2019).
- Best Poster; Workshop on Emerging Data Science Methods for Complex Biomedical and Cyber Data, *Department of Population Health Sciences, Medical College of Georgia* (Mar. 2019).
- Best Poster from College of Engineering; Boise State University service-learning student exhibition, *Boise State University* (Dec. 2018).
- ACM Richard Tapia Celebration of Diversity in Computing Conference Scholarship (Sept. 2018).
- Student Representative, American Statistical Association, Boise State University (June 2018).
- Graduate Summer Fellowship, Department of Mathematics, Boise State University (May 2018).
- Alfred M. Dufty Jr. Award, Boise State University (May 2018).
- Computing Research Association (CRA) Sponsorship for CRA URMD workshop (Mar. 2018).
- Graduate Residential Scholars Program, Boise State University (Aug. 2017).

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- 10. Bather, J., **Anyaso-Samuel, S.**, Chen, Y., Elliott, L., Bennett, A., and Goodman, M. Clusterweighted modified Poisson regression for estimating risk ratios in longitudinal data with informative cluster sizes. doi.org/10.1101/2025.05.23.25328253 (2025+).
- 9. **Anyaso-Samuel S.**, and Datta S. Nonparametric estimation of a future entry time distribution given the knowledge of a past state occupation in a progressive multistate model with current status data. doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2405.05781 (2025+).
- 8. **Anyaso-Samuel S.**, Datta S., Roos E., and Nevalainen J. Can the unit size predict outcomes? Testing for informativeness in three-level designs. *Statistics in Medicine*, (In Print) (2025).
- 7. **Anyaso-Samuel S.**, and Datta S. Testing for marginal covariate effect when the subgroup size induced by the covariate is informative. *Statistical Methods in Medical Research*, 33(7):1264-1277, (2024).
- Sarkar S., Anyaso-Samuel S., Qiu P., and Datta S. Multiblock Partial Least Squares and Rank Aggregation: Applications to Detection of Bacteriophages Associated with Antimicrobial Resistance in the Presence of Potential Confounding Factors. *Statistics in Medicine*, 43(13):2527-2546 (2024).
- 5. Leinen M., Grandy E., Gebel L., Santana T., Rodriguez A., Singh S., Fernandez M., Dalugdug J., Garcia-Colon E., Lybeshari K., Alexander D., Maura M., Gonzalez M., Almeida C., **Anyaso-Samuel S.**, Datta S., and Schiefer M. Bilateral Subdiaphragmatic Vagal Nerve Stimulation Using a Novel Waveform Decreases Body Weight, Food Consumption, Adiposity, and Activity in Obesity-Prone Rats. *Obesity Surgery*, 34(1):1-14, (2024).
- 4. **Anyaso-Samuel S.**, Bandyopadhyay D, and Datta S. Pseudo-value regression of clustered current status data with informative cluster or subcluster sizes in a multistate model. *Statistical Methods in Medical Research*, 32(8):1494-1510, (2023).
- 3. **Anyaso-Samuel S.**, and Datta S. Adjusting for informative cluster size in pseudo-value based regression approaches with clustered time-to-event data. *Statistics in Medicine*, 42(13): 2162-2178 (2023).
- 2. **Anyaso-Samuel S.**, Sachdeva A., Guha S., and Datta S. Bioinformatics preprocessing of microbiome data with an application to metagenomic forensics. In *Statistical Analysis of Microbiome Data*, (pp. 45-78), Eds: S. Datta and S. Guha, Springer (2021).

1. **Anyaso-Samuel S.**, Sachdeva A., Guha, S., and Datta S. Metagenomic geolocation prediction using an adaptive ensemble classifier. *Frontiers in Genetics*, 12, p.642282 (2021).

#### OTHER ABSTRACTS

- 3. Ashby F., **Anyaso-Samuel S.**, Gamlin P., Kabbej N., Andraka N., Mandel R., Riva A., Datta S., Heldermon C. AAV-barcoding for High-throughput Screening of Vector Transduction Efficiency in the CNS of Cynomolgus Macaques Compared to C57BL/6 Mice. *Florida Genetics Symposium*, Gainesville, FL, (Nov. 2022).
- 2. Kabbej N., Ashby F.J., Riva A., **Anyaso-Samuel S.**, Datta S., Heldermon C.D. Transcriptomic Disparities Between Male and Female Non-Human Primates Related to AAV Transduction Efficiency. *American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy (ASGCT) 25th Annual Meeting*, Washington DC, (May 2022).
- 1. Ashby F., Kabbej N., Riva A., Rouse C.J., Hawkins K., Andraka N., **Anyaso-Samuel S.**, Gamlin P., Mandel R., Kondratov O., Zolotukhin S., Datta S., Heldermon C. Genetic Barcoding Identifies Similar Transduction Efficiency Rankings within Disease Models of Sanfilippo Syndrome Type-B and Controls. *19th Annual WORLDSymposium*, Orlando, FL, (Feb. 2022).

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### Invited, Refereed & Seminar Talks

- Identifying high-dimensional genomic factors associated with biological networks, *Department* of *Biostatistics at Virginia Commonwealth University* (Aug. 2025).
- Inference for current status observations in a multi-state setting, *Department of Statistical Sciences* and *Operations Research at Virginia Commonwealth University* (Aug. 2025).
- Early career panel: Transition from graduate school to the workplace, 2025 Diversity Mentoring Workshop at the Joint Statistical Meetings, NASHVILLE, TN (Aug. 2025).
- Nonparametric estimation of a future state occupation given the knowledge of a past state occupation in a multistate model with current status data, 2025 Lifetime Data Science Conference, BROOKLYN, NY (May 2025).
- Identifying High-Dimensional Genomic Factor Associations in Biological Networks, *Department of Quantitative Health Sciences at the University of Hawai'i* (Apr. 2025).
- Estimating marginal association in clustered data with informative subgroups induced by a given covariate, *The 7th International Conference on Econometrics and Statistics*, BEIJING, CHINA (July 2024) [virtual presentation].
- Regression analysis for clustered multistate current status data using the pseudo-value approach, 2023 Symposium on Data Science & Statistics, St. Louis, MO (May 2023).
- Regression analysis of clustered time-to-event data when the cluster size is informative: a pseudo-value approach, *Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, West Virginia University* (Mar. 2023).
- Pseudo-value-based regression analysis of clustered multistate time-to-event data when the cluster size is informative, *Biostatistics Branch*, *National Cancer Institute* (Mar. 2023).
- Regression analysis of clustered time-to-event data when the cluster size is informative, *Division of Computing, Analytics, and Mathematics, University of Missouri*, KANSAS CITY (Feb. 2023).
- Regression analysis of clustered time-to-event data when the cluster size is informative, *UFSTAT Student Seminar Series*, GAINESVILLE, FL (Feb. 2023).
- Bioinformatics Pre-processing of Microbiome Data with an Application to Metagenomics Forensics, 2021 *Joint Statistical Meetings*, VIRTUAL CONFERENCE (Aug. 2021).
- Metagenomic Geolocation Prediction Using an Adaptive Ensemble Classifier, 28th Conference on

Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology, VIRTUAL CONFERENCE (July 2020).

• Fuzzy Regression Intervals, Graduate Student Seminar, Department of Mathematics, Boise State University, BOISE, ID (Dec. 2017).

#### **Contributed Talks**

- Identifying high-dimensional genomic factors associated with biological networks, 2025 *Joint Statistical Meetings*, NASHVILLE, TN (Aug. 2025).
- Can the unit size predict outcomes? Testing for informativeness in three-level designs, 2025 *ENAR Spring meeting*, NEW ORLEANS, LA (Mar. 2025).
- Nonparametric estimation of a future state occupation given the knowledge of a past state occupation in a multistate model with current status data, 2024 *Joint Statistical Meetings*, PORTLAND, OR (Aug. 2024).
- Testing for Marginal Covariate Effect when the Subgroup Size Induced by the Covariate is Informative, 2024 ENAR Spring meeting, BALTIMORE, MD (Mar. 2024).
- Regression analysis of multistate current status data with informative cluster sizes: a pseudo-value approach, *UF PHHP Research Day* 2023, GAINESVILLE, FL (Feb. 2023).
- Adjusting for Informative Cluster Size in Pseudo-Value-Based Regression Approaches with Clustered Time-to-Event Data, 2022 *Joint Statistical Meetings*, WASHINGTON DC (Aug. 2022).
- Pseudo-value based regression for clustered time-to-event data when cluster size is informative, *UF PHHP Research Day* 2022, VIRTUAL CONFERENCE (Feb. 2022).
- Bioinformatics Pre-processing of Microbiome Data with an Application to Metagenomics Forensics, *UF PHHP Research Day* 2021, VIRTUAL CONFERENCE (Feb. 2021)

#### **Posters**

- Testing for Marginal Covariate Effect When the Subgroup Size Induced by the Covariate is Informative, *Blackwell-Tapia Conference*, PROVIDENCE, RI (Nov. 2024).
- Testing for Marginal Covariate Effect When the Subgroup Size Induced by the Covariate is Informative, *The Southern Regional Council on Statistics 59th Summer Research Conference*, CLEMSON, SC (June 2024).
- Pseudo-Value Regression of Clustered Current Status Data with Informative Cluster or Subcluster Sizes in a Multistate Model, 2023 Lifetime Data Science Conference, RALEIGH, NC (May 2023).
- Pseudo-Value Regression of Clustered Current Status Data with Informative Cluster or Subcluster Sizes in a Multistate Model, 2023 Annual ASA Florida Chapter Meeting, GAINESVILLE, FL (Mar. 2023).
- Pseudo-Value Regression of Clustered Current Status Data with Informative Cluster or Subcluster Sizes in a Multistate Model, 2023 ENAR Spring meeting, NASHVILLE, TN (Mar. 2023).
- Pseudo-value based regression for clustered time-to-event data when cluster size is informative, 2022 International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA) Applied Statistics Symposium, GAINESVILLE, FL (June 2022).
- Pseudo-value based regression for clustered time-to-event data when cluster size is informative, UF College of Medicine Research Day 2022, GAINESVILLE, FL (Apr. 2022).
- EWMA Control Chart with a Dynamic Sampling Scheme, 2019 Quality and Productivity Research Conference, WASHINGTION D.C. (June 2019).

- Dynamic Sampling Versions of Popular SPC charts for Big Data Analysis, 2019 IMS/ASA Spring Research Conference, BLACKSBURG, VA. (May 2019).
- Statistical Process Control Charts for Monitoring Big Data Streams, Workshop on Emerging Data Science Methods for Complex Biomedical and Cyber Data, AUGUSTA, GA. (Mar. 2019).
- Using Data Science to help Idaho cities make hiring decisions, *Boise State University Service-learning student exhibition*, BOISE, ID. (Dec. 2018).
- Some contributions to the interpretation of Fuzzy Regression Intervals, *Computing Research Association URMD Workshop*, SAN DIEGO, CA. (Mar. 2018).

#### **GRANTS**

- 3. **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs IPA**, "Brain Rehabilitation Research Projects". Sept. 2022 Aug. 2023. Role: Principal Investigator (Mentor: Somnath Datta; VA PIs: D. Clark, R. M. Bauer).
- 2. **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs IPA**, "Brain Rehabilitation Research Projects". Sept. 2021 Aug. 2022. Role: Principal Investigator (Mentor: Somnath Datta; VA PIs: D. Clark, R. M. Bauer).
- 1. **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs IPA**, "Brain Rehabilitation Research Projects". Sept. 2020 Aug. 2021. Role: Principal Investigator (Mentor: Somnath Datta; VA PIs: D. Clark, R. M. Bauer).

#### **SOFTWARE**

- 5. **Anyaso-Samuel S.** and Datta S. **crspack** R package to conduct inference based on rank-sum statistics for cluster-correlated data with informativeness of the total cluster size, informativeness of a binary covariate distribution or informativeness of a subject-level covariate distribution.
- 4. **Anyaso-Samuel S.**, Bandyopadhyay D., and Datta S. **mspack2**. R package for estimating several temporal functions (e.g. state occupation probabilities) for current-status data from of a general multistate model. The code estimates the SOP for the setting where the current-status data is either uncorrelated or cluster-correlated.
- Anyaso-Samuel S. and Datta S. pseudoReg-ICS. R program for estimating the state occupation probability for cluster-correlated data from a multistate model. The program allows for adjusting for informative cluster size.
- Anyaso-Samuel S., Sachdeva A., Guha S., and Datta S. metagenomic\_data\_analysis Suite of
  programs for the bioinformatics pre-processing and downstream analysis of raw sequence
  metagenomics data.
- 1. **Anyaso-Samuel S.**, and Mukherjee P. **DyAEWMA** R package for estimating the average time to signal (ATS) of an adaptive EWMA chart with a dynamic sampling scheme or the average run length (ARL) of the adaptive EWMA chart.

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### Short courses

- Division of Cancer Epidemiology & Genetics, National Cancer Institute Feb. 2025 Co-instructor for the course "Multistate models for studying the natural history of cancer" delivered to staff and fellows within the division as part of a lecture series on statistical modeling in cancer epidemiology.
- Fostering Diversity in Biostatistics, ENAR Mar. 2025

  Co-instructor for the course "Introduction to Statistical Analysis using R" delivered to high

school and undergraduate students.

# Regular courses

Department of Biostatistics, University of Florida

Instructor Fall 2022

• STA 6177 - Applied Survival Analysis.

Guest lecturer

Spring 2021, Spring 2022

- PHC 7066: Large Sample Theory.
- Gave lectures on *Modes of convergence* and *Asymptotic normality of the MLE* to PhD students.

# Teaching Assistant

Fall 2019 - Summer 2023

- PHC 6937: Bayesian Biostatistical Methods
- PHC 6089: Pubic health computing
- PHC 6937: Fontiers in Biostatistics
- PHC 6937: Introduction to Applied Biostatistical Computing Using SAS
- PHC 6052: Introduction to Biostatistical Methods
- PHC 6937: Data Visualization in the Health Sciences
- PHC 6092: Introduction to Biostatistical Theory
- Department of Mathematics, Boise State University

Instructor

Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

- MATH 149: Pre-Calculus.
- MATH 108: Intermediate Algebra.

Tutor Spring 2018

• Tutored students enrolled in *Intermediate Algebra*, *College Algebra* and *Pre-calculus* classes.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

# **Preparing Future Faculty**

Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Florida

Aug. 2022 - Dec. 2022

- Competitive and selective semester-long workshop focused on preparing participants for future careers in various academic settings.
- Devoted emphasis on evidence-based teaching, learning practices, expanding mentoring team, and strategies for being a successful faculty member.

#### **SERVICE**

# **Scholarly Journal Refereeing**

Referee for Biometrics (3), Statistical Methods in Medical Research (3), Statistics in Medicine (3), Journal of Applied Statistics (2), Biometrical Journal (1), Lifetime Data Analysis (1), Sankhya B (1).

# Conference Session Organizer/Chair

- 2025 Joint Statistical Meetings Innovations in Biological Network Modeling: Unraveling Omics Data Analysis
- 2025 Lifetime Data Science Conference Beyond Right-censoring: Unveiling New Insights with Interval-censored Data Models
- 2025 Eastern North American Region, Spring meeting Innovative Strategies for Integrating Epidemiology and Biostatistics in Cervical Cancer Screening
- 2024 Joint Statistical Meetings Recent advances in the analysis of multistate survival models

- 2024 Eastern North American Region, Spring meeting Advances in Epidemiologic Methods
- 2023 Symposium on Data Science & Statistics Methods in Health & Medical Research
- 2023 Eastern North American Region, Spring meeting Clustered data methods

# **Conference & Seminar Service**

- Poster Judge for 2025 NIH Graduate Student Research Symposium
- Planning committee member for 2025 ENAR Fostering Diversity in Biostatistics Workshop
- Poster Judge for 2025 ENAR Spring Meeting's Student Poster Competition
- Judge for 2025 LiDS Student Paper Awards

# **University Service (University of Florida)**

- Member, Student recruitment committee; Department of Biostatistics (Nov. 2021 Apr. 2023).
- Vice President, Biostatistics Students' Organization (Sept. 2021 Sept. 2022).
- President, Biostatistics Students' Organization (Sept. 2022 Apr. 2023).

# PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

# American Statistical Association (ASA)

2018 - Present

- Lifetime Data Analysis Section
- Biometrics Section
- Section on Statistics in Epidemiology

| Royal Statistical Society (RSS)                                       | 2014 - 2023 |
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| Institute of Mathematical Statistics (IMS)                            | 2014 - 2023 |
| International Biometric Society, Eastern North American Region (ENAR) | 2022 - 2023 |
| International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA)                  | 2022 - 2023 |
| International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB)                | 2020 - 2021 |
| Mathematical Association of America (MAA)                             | 2017 - 2019 |

#### COMPUTER SKILLS General Software

- *Operating systems.* WINDOWS, LINUX and MACOS.
- Productivity applications. Advanced skills in WORD, EXCEL, and POWERPOINT.

# **Computing & Programming**

- Parallel Computing in selected scripting languages.
- Extensive experience with **R**/RStudio, **C++**, MATLAB, PYTHON/JUPYTER, UNIX, LATEX.
- Intermediate experience with SAS, STATA, SPSS.
- Version control: GitHub user @samuelanyaso

# **Bioinformatics**

- Extensive experience in building pipelines for pre-processing and analysis of large-scale sequencing data.
- Downstream analysis of -omics data.

# REFEREES

# Available upon request.