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### Education

University of Chicago	2017 - 2022
PhD in Statistics	
Advisor: Rebecca Willett	
Rising Star in Data Science, 2021	
David Wallace Award for Applied Statistics, 2020	
Grinnell College	2010 - 2014
BA in Mathematics (with Honors)	
Pamela Ferguson Endowed Prize in Mathematics, 2013	
Budapest Semesters in Mathematics	Spring 2013
Semester abroad	
Professional Experience	
Argonne National Laboratory, Computational Data Scientist	2022 - Present
Doximity, Data Scientist	2014 - 2017
Betaworks. Data Science Intern	Summer 2014

## Publications

Fadikar, A., **Stevens, A.**, Collier, N., Toh, K., Morozova, O., Hotton, A., Clark, J., Higdon, D., and Ozik, J. (2024). Towards improved uncertainty quantification of stochastic epidemic models using sequential monte carlo. In 2024 IEEE International Parallel and Distributed Processing Symposium Workshops (IPDPSW), pages 843–852. IEEE

Fadikar, A., Collier, N., **Stevens, A.**, Ozik, J., Binois, M., and Toh, K. B. (2023). Trajectory-oriented optimization of stochastic epidemiological models. In 2023 Winter Simulation Conference (WSC), pages 1244–1255. IEEE

Collier, N., Wozniak, J. M., **Stevens, A.**, Babuji, Y., Binois, M., Fadikar, A., Würth, A., Chard, K., and Ozik, J. (2023). Developing distributed high-performance computing capabilities of an open science platform for robust epidemic analysis. In 2023 IEEE International Parallel and Distributed Processing Symposium Workshops (IPDPSW), pages 868–877. IEEE

**Stevens, A.**, Ozik, J., Chard, K., Gerardin, J., and Wozniak, J. M. (2023a). NSF RESUME HPC Workshop: High-Performance Computing and Large-Scale Data Management in Service of Epidemio-logical Modeling. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2308.04602* 

**Stevens, A.**, Ozik, J., Chen, J., Poretsky, R., and Ramanathan, A. (2023b). NSF RESUME EcoEpi Workshop: One Health Surveillance and Predictive Intelligence for Eco-Epidemiological Modeling. https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/tazm2

Nascimento de Lima, P., **Stevens, A.**, Vardavas, R., Ozik, J., and Lempert, R. J. (2023). Co-designing capabilities for a robust pandemic. *RAND Corporation* 

Gao<sup>\*</sup>, Y., **Stevens<sup>\*</sup>**, **A.**, Raskutti, G., and Willett, R. (2022). Lazy estimation of variable importance for large neural networks. In *Proceedings of the 39th International Conference on Machine Learning*, volume 162 of *Proceedings of Machine Learning Research*, pages 7122–7143. PMLR

Hotton, A. L., Ozik, J., Kaligotla, C., Collier, N., **Stevens, A.**, Khanna, A. S., MacDonell, M. M., Wang, C., LePoire, D. J., Chang, Y.-S., Martinez-Moyano, I. J., Mucenic, B., Pollack, H. A., Schneider, J. A., and Macal, C. (2022). Impact of changes in protective behaviors and out-of-household activities by age on covid-19 transmission and hospitalization in chicago, illinois. *Annals of Epidemiology* 

Mucenic, B., Kaligotla, C., **Stevens, A.**, Ozik, J., Collier, N., and Macal, C. (2021). Load balancing schemes for large synthetic population-based complex simulators. In 2021 IEEE International Parallel and Distributed Processing Symposium Workshops (IPDPSW), pages 985–988

**Stevens, A.**, Willett, R., Mamalakis, A., Foufoula-Georgiou, E., Randerson, J., Smyth, P., Wright, S., and Tejedor, A. (2020). Learning patterns of predictability for southwestern us precipitation using graph-guided regularized regression of pacific ocean climate variables. *Journal of Climate*, 34(2):737–754

Kaligotla, C., **Stevens, A.**, Ozik, J., Collier, N., Macal, C., Martinez-Moyano, I. J., Mucenic, B., Hotton, A., and Choe, K. W. (2020). Development of a large-scale synthetic population to simulate covid-19 transmission and response. *Proceedings of the 2020 Winter Simulation Conference* 

Saleiro, P., Kuester, B., Hinkson, L., London, J., **Stevens, A.**, Anisfeld, A., Rodolfa, K. T., and Ghani, R. (2018). Aequitas: A Bias and Fairness Audit Toolkit. *eprint arXiv:1811.05577.* 

#### Talks & Posters

"Lazy Estimation of Variable Importance for Large Neural Networks," 39th International Conference on Machine Learning, July 2022.

"Modeling the Impact of Social Determinants of Health on COVID-19 Transmission and Mortality to Understand Health Inequities," *Rising Stars in Data Science, Center for Data and Computing, University of Chicago*, January 2021.

"Graph-guided regularized regression to improve predictive skill of precipitation at seasonal timescales," *American Geophysical Union, AGU Fall Meeting*, December 2020.

"Modeling the Impact of Social Determinants of Health on COVID-19 Transmission and Mortality to Understand Health Inequities," Consortium for Data Scientists in Training, Michigan Institute for Data Science, University of Michigan, October 2020.

"Graph-guided regularization for improved forecasting of Southwestern US winter precipitation," American Geophysical Union, AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 2019. (poster)

"Graph-guided regularization for improved seasonal forecasting," Workshop on Climate Informatics, Paris, France, September 2019. (poster)

"Leveraging large ensemble climate simulations and graph-guided regularization for improving seasonal hydroclimatic forecasting," *Large Ensembles Workshop*, Boulder, CO, July 2019. (*poster*)

"Leveraging large ensemble climate simulations and graph-guided regularization for improving seasonal hydroclimatic forecasting," *Midwest Machine Learning Symposium*, Madison, WI, June 2019. (*poster*)

"Graph Total Variation for Seasonal Forecasting," Computational and Applied Mathematics Student Seminar, Chicago, IL, April 2019.

STAT 10118 94 - Pathways in Data Science, Instructor	Summer 2021
STAT/CMSC 118 - Introduction to Data Science I, Head TA	Fall 2018-2021
STAT/CMSC 119 - Introduction to Data Science II, Head TA	Winter 2019-2022
STAT 234 - Statistical Models and Methods, $TA$ , head $TA$	Winter, Spring 2018

# Service

University of Chicago	
· Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Student Committee	2019 - 2021
· Statistics Consulting Program	2017 - 2022
· Panelist, Discover UChicago	2019
· Panelist, FermiLab & Argonne intern summer visit	2019
$\cdot$ Invited speaker, Physical Sciences Division fall orientation	2019
· Department of Statistics, Student Representative	2018 - 2019
$\cdot$ Dean's Student Advisory Committee, Physical Sciences Division	2018 - 2019
$\cdot$ Center for Data Science and Public Policy, volunteer	2018
Professional	
· Ambassador and organizer, Women in Data Science Chicago	2019 - 2022
$\cdot$ Code for San Francisco, Data Science Working Group	2016-2017
· Invited speaker, Women in Mathematics Colloquium, Mills College	2015