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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

<i>Associate Professor</i> (with tenure)	7/2011 - current	Dept. of Statistics The Wharton School University of Pennsylvania
<i>Associate Professor</i> (with tenure)	6/2012	Dept. of Statistics Stanford University, CA.
<i>Assistant Professor</i>	9/2006 - 6/2012	Dept. of Statistics Stanford University, CA.
<i>Post-doctoral Fellow</i>	10/2005 - 7/2006	Depts. of Statistics and Plant Biology University of California at Berkeley

EDUCATION

<i>Doctor of Philosophy</i>	9/2005	Dept. of Statistics Stanford University, CA.
<i>Master of Science</i>	6/2001	Dept. of Computer Science Stanford University, CA.
<i>Bachelor of Science</i>	6/2001	Dept. of Mathematics Stanford University, CA

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in refereed Journals:

- (1) Zhang, N.R. and Siegmund, D.O., 2007, A modified Bayes information criterion with applications to the analysis of comparative genomic hybridization data. *Biometrics* 63, 22–32.
- (2) Chan, H.P. and Zhang, N.R., 2007, Scan statistics with weighted observations. *JASA Theory and Methods*, 102, 595–602.*
- (3) The Encode Consortium, 2007, Identification and analysis of functional elements in 1% of the human genome by the ENCODE pilot project. *Nature* 447, 799–816.
- (4) Lai T.L., Xing, H and Zhang, N.R., 2008, Stochastic segmentation models for array-based comparative genomic hybridization data analysis. *Biostatistics*, 9, 290-307.*

- (5) Zhang, N.R., Wildermuth, M.C. and Speed, T.P., 2008, Transcription factor binding site prediction with multivariate gene expression data. *Annals of Applied Statistics*, 2, 332–365.
- (6) Zhang, N.R., Senbabaoglu, Y. and Li, J., 2010, Joint estimation of DNA copy number from multiple platforms. *Bioinformatics*, 26, 153–160.
- (7) Siegmund, D.O., Yakir, B. and Zhang, N.R., 2010, Tail approximations for maxima of random fields by likelihood ratio transformations. *Sequential Analysis*, 29, 245–262.*
- (8) Zhang, N.R., Siegmund, D.O., Ji, H., and Li, J., 2010, Detecting simultaneous change-points in multiple sequences. *Biometrika*, 97, 631–645.
- (9) Li, F. and Zhang, N., 2010, Bayesian variable selection in structured high-dimensional covariate spaces with applications in genomics. *Journal of the American Statistical Association – Theory and Methods*, 105, 1202-1214.*
- (10) Bickel, P., Boley, N., Brown, B., Huang, H. and Zhang, N.R., 2010, Subsampling methods for genomic inference. *Annals of Applied Statistics*, 4, 1660-1697.*
- (11) Chan, H.P.[‡], Zhang, N.R.[‡], and Chen, L.H.S., 2010, Importance sampling of word patterns in DNA and protein sequences. *Journal of Computational Biology*, 17, 1697-1709.
- (12) Chen, H., Xing, H., and Zhang, N.R.[†], 2011, Estimation of parent specific DNA copy number in tumors using high-density genotyping arrays, *PLoS Computational Biology*, 7, e1001060.
- (13) Siegmund, D.O., Yakir, B. and Zhang, N.R., 2011, Detecting simultaneous variant intervals in aligned sequences. *Annals of Applied Statistics*, 5, 645-668.*
- (14) Efron, B. and Zhang, N.R., 2011, False Discovery Rates and Copy Number Variation, *Biometrika*, 98, 251-271.*
- (15) Natsoulis, G., Bell, J.M., Xu, H., Buenrostro, J.D., Ordonez, H., Grimes, S., Newburger, D., Jensen, M., Zahn, J.M., Zhang, N. and Hanlee P. Ji, 2011, A Flexible Approach for Highly Multiplexed Candidate Gene Targeted Resequencing. *PLoS One*. 2011; 6(6):e21088.
- (16) Siegmund, D., Yakir, B. and Zhang, N.R., 2011, The false discovery rate for scan statistics, *Biometrika*, 98, 979-985.*
- (17) Zhang, N.R. and Siegmund, D., 2011, Model Selection for High Dimensional, Multi-sequence Change-point Problems, *Statistica Sinica*, 22, 1507-1538.
- (18) Muralidharan, O., Natsoulis, G., Bell, J., Newburger, D., Xu, H., Keta, I., Ji, H. and Zhang, N.[†], 2011, A Cross-Sample Statistical Model for SNP Detection in Short-Read Sequencing Data. *Nucleic Acids Research*, 40, e5.

- (19) Flaherty P., Natsoulis G., Muralidharan O., Winters M., Buenrostro J., Bell J., Brown S., Holodniy M., Zhang N., Ji H.P., 2011, Ultra-sensitive detection of rare mutations using next-generation targeted resequencing. *Nucleic Acids Research*, 40, e2.
- (20) Shen, J. and Zhang, N.R.[†], 2011, Change-point model on nonhomogeneous Poisson processes with application in copy number profiling by next-generation DNA sequencing. *Annals of Applied Statistics*, 6, 476-496.
- (21) Muralidharan, O., Natsoulis, G. and Zhang, N.[†], 2011, Detecting mutations in mixed sample sequencing data using empirical Bayes. *Annals of Applied Statistics*, 6, 1047-1067.
- (22) Sun, Y., Zhang, N.R. and Owen, A., 2012, Multiple hypothesis testing, adjusting for latent variables. *Annals of Applied Statistics*, 6, 1664-1688.
- (23) Chen, H. and Zhang, N.R., 2013, Graph-based tests for two-sample comparisons of categorical data. *Statistica Sinica* 23: 1479-1503.
- (24) Natsoulis G., Zhang N., Welch K., Bell J., and Ji H.P., 2013, Identification of insertion deletion mutations from deep targeted resequencing. *Journal of Datamining in Genomics and Proteomics* 4: 132.
- (25) Chen, H., Bell, J. M., Zavala, N. A., Ji, H. P. and Zhang, N. R.[†], 2014. Allele-specific copy number profiling by next-generation DNA sequencing. *Nucleic Acids Research*, 43, e23.
- (26) Nadauld, L. D., Garcia, S., Natsoulis, G., Bell, J. M., Miotke, L., Hopmans, E. S., Xu, H., Pai, R. K., Palm, C., Regan, J. F., Chen, H., Flaherty, P., Ootani, A., Zhang, N. R., Ford, J. M., Kuo, C. J. and Ji, H. P. 2014. Metastatic tumor evolution and organoid modeling implicate TGFBR2 as a cancer driver in diffuse gastric cancer. *Genome Biology* 15:428.
- (27) Chen, H. and Zhang N.[†], 2015, Graph-based change-point detection. *The Annals of Statistics* 43:139.
- (28) Jiang, Y., Oldridge, D. A., Diskin, S. J. and Zhang, N.[†], 2015, CODEX: a normalization and copy number variation detection method for whole exome sequencing. *Nucleic Acids Research*, 43, e39.
- (29) Cushing, A., Kamali, A., Winters, M., Hopmans, E.S., Bell, J.M., Grimes, S.M., Li, C.X., Zhang, N.R., Moss, R.B., Holodniy, M., Ji, H.P., 2015. Emergence of Hemagglutinin Mutations During the Course of Influenza Infection, *Science Reports*. 5, 16178.
- (30) Peixoto LL, Wimmer ME, Poplawski SG, Tudor JC, Kenworthy CA, Liu S, Mizuno K, Garcia BA, Zhang NR, Giese K, Abel T. 2015, Memory acquisition and retrieval impact different epigenetic processes that regulate gene expression, *BMC Genomics*, 16, S5.

- (31) Yue, M., Han, X., De Masi, L., Zhu, C., Ma, X., Zhang, J., Wu, R., Schmieder, R., Kaushik, R.S., Fraser, G.P., Zhao, S., McDermott, P.F., Weill, F.X., Mainil, J.G., Arze, C., Fricke, W.F., Edwards, R.A., Brisson, D., Zhang, N.R., Rankin, S.C., Schifferli, D.M., 2015. Allelic variation contributes to bacterial host specificity, *Nature Communications*, 6, 8754.
- (32) Wang, X., Chen, M., Yu, X., Pornputtapong, N., Chen, H., Zhang, N.R., Powers, R.S., Krauthammer, M., 2016, Global copy number profiling of cancer genomes, *Bioinformatics*, *to appear*.
- (33) Zhang N.R., Siegmund, D.O., X. Charlie, Yakir, B., 2016, Scanning a Poisson random field for local signals, *Annals of Applied Statistics*, *to appear*.

Published book chapters:

- (34) Chan, H.P., Tu, I.P. and Zhang, N.R., 2009, Boundary crossing probability computations in the analysis of scan statistics. in *Scan Statistics - Methods and Applications*. Birkhauser, Boston.*
- (35) Zhang, N.R., 2010, DNA copy number profiling in normal and tumor genomes. *Frontiers in Computational and Systems Biology*, ed. Jianfeng Feng, Wenjiang Fu and Fengzhu Sun. pp. 259–281.

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TEACHING

I have taught the following courses:

- 06-07 Winter, 07-08 Winter:** Applied Statistics (Stanford STAT191)
08-09 Winter, 09-10 Winter: Introduction to ANOVA (Stanford STAT203)
06-07 Spring, 07-08 Spring: Nonparametric Statistics (Stanford STAT205)
08-09 Winter, 09-10 Winter, 10 Fall: Stochastic Processes with Applications in Biology (Stanford STAT215)
08-09 Spring: Computational Algorithms in Statistical Genetics (Stanford STAT345/GEN245)
09-10 Spring: Statistical Methods in Genetics (Stanford STAT166/STAT366)
11-12 Spring: Introductory Statistics (Wharton STAT102)
12-13 Fall: Introductory Statistics (Wharton STAT431)
12-13 Spring: Intermediate Statistics (Wharton STAT471)
14-15 Spring: Introductory Statistics (Wharton STAT102)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2014-2017:** NIH 2-R01-HG-006137, co-PI, Project title: “Statistical Models and Analysis of Complex Genomic Variation in Clonal Mixtures”

- 2011:** Sloan Fellowship, Sloan Foundation
2011-2014: NIH R01 HG006137, PI, Project title: “Statistical Models for Genome Sequencing and Association”.
2010-2013: NSF DMS Grant ID 1043204, co-PI with David Siegmund, Project title: “Statistical Methods for Threat Detection”
2009-2012: NSF DMS Grant ID 0906394, PI, Project title: “Change-point Problems in Genomic Profiling”
2006-current: Terman Fellowship, Stanford University
2007: New World Silver Medal for the Best PhD Thesis in the Mathematical Sciences
2002: Honorary Stanford Graduate Fellow
2002: National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship

PAST AND CURRENT DOCTORAL STUDENTS AND POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS

- (1) Li Xia, Department of Medicine, Stanford University (Joint with Hanlee Ji).
- (2) Xuran Wang, Graduate Group in Applied Mathematics and Computational Science, University of Pennsylvania (Joint with Dylan Small).
- (3) Yuchao Jiang, Graduate Group in Genomics and Computational Biology, Stanford University.
- (4) Hao Chen, Department of Statistics, Stanford University.
- (5) Jeremy Shen, Department of Statistics, Stanford University.
- (6) Yunting Sun, Department of Statistics, Stanford University (Joint with Art Owen).

SERVICE AND SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES

- 2014-current:** Doctoral program co-advisor for Graduate Group in Genomics and Computational Biology.
2012-current: Doctoral program co-director for Wharton Statistics Department.
2010 fall: Masters student advisor for Stanford statistics department.
2007-current: Faculty advisor for the Computational Mathematics Undergraduate major at Stanford University.
2006-current: Part of the development team for the statistical analysis portal for ENCODE data.
2009 spring: Organized the workshop titled “Mathematical Genomics” during April 13, 2009 to April 15, 2009 at the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute in Berkeley.
2007 summer: Coordinated the Stanford VPUE Undergraduate Research Program, advised undergraduates in their research projects.

INVITED TALKS

- 2006/01:** IPAM Workshop in Mathematical Biology, UCLA
2006/01: Statistics Department, Stanford University
2006/02: Statistics Department, UC Berkeley
2006/07: Statistica Sinica, Taiwan
2006/07: National Health Research Institute, Taiwan
2006/11: Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, UC San Francisco
2007/04: Biostatistics Workshop, Stanford University
2007/05: Bayesian Statistics Conference, Harvard University
2007/06: Graybill Conference, Fort Collins, Colorado
2007/06: Taipei International Statistical Symposium, Taiwan
2007/08: International Conference on the Frontiers of Statistics: High Dimensional Data Analysis, Kunming, China
2007/09: Department of Statistics, Duke University
2007/10: Department of Biomathematics, UCLA
2008/01: Computational Biology Seminar, Carnegie Mellon University
2008/04: Biostatistics Workshop, Stanford University
2008/06: WNAR, Davis, CA
2008/07: International Workshop on Applied Probability, Campiegne, France
2008/08: Joint Statistical Meetings, Denver
2008/09: Workshop Change-Point Detection Methods and Applications, Paris
2008/10: Department of Statistics, UC Berkeley
2008/11: Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, UC San Francisco
2009/04: Department of Statistics, University of Chicago
2009/04: Mathematical Biology Workshop, Mathematical Sciences Research Institute, Berkeley
2009/06: Conference in Honor of 70-th Birthday of Minping Qian
2009/06: ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium, San Francisco, CA
2009/06: IMS Asian Pacific Rim Meeting, Seoul, Korea
2009/06: Statistical Genomics Workshop, Singapore
2009/07: Department of Mathematics, Nankai University, Tianjin, China
2009/07: IMS-China International Conference on Statistics and Probability
2009/10: Department of Statistics, UC Davis
2009/10: Seminar in Computational Biology, University of Southern California
2009/10: Department of Statistics, Stanford University
2010/01: Neyman Seminar, UC Berkeley
2010/02: Seminar in Computational Biology, Stanford University

- 2010/06:** ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium, Indianapolis (Jeremy Shen gave the talk.)
- 2010/08:** Joint Statistical Meetings, Vancouver, Canada
- 2010/12:** Department of Statistics, University of Pennsylvania
- 2011/03:** ENAR, Miami, FL (Jeremy Shen gave the talk.)
- 2012/04:** Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Delaware
- 2012/05:** Conference on Next Generation Sequencing Data, Iowa State University, IA
- 2012/06:** ICSA, Boston, MA
- 2012/08:** JSM, San Diego, CA
- 2013/04:** Department of Statistics, Harvard University