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CURRENT POSITION

Department of Biostatistics and Informatics

2020-Present

Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
Assistant Professor on the Tenure Track

Affiliations

- Department of Pediatric Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (Director of Research)
Children's Hospital Colorado
- Computational Bioscience Program (core Faculty)
School of Medicine, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
- Biomedical Sciences Program (training Faculty)
School of Medicine, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
- Department of Pediatric Neurosurgery (secondary Faculty)
Children's Hospital Colorado
- Department of Pediatrics (secondary Faculty)
School of Medicine, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
- Department of Surgery (secondary Faculty)
School of Medicine, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
- Department of Biomedical Informatics (secondary Faculty)
School of Medicine, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

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EDUCATION

B.Sc. Technical Engineering in Computer Systems

2003-2006

University of Cordoba, Spain

Thesis title: Data mining tool to discover sequential rules in the "AHA!"
system.

Supervisor: Dr. Cristobal Romero

B.Sc. Computer Engineering

2006-2008

University of Cordoba, Spain

Thesis title: Collaborative filtering system for digital art
recommendations

Supervisor: Dr. Enrique Garcia

M.Sc. Biomedical Engineering

2008-2010

University of Barcelona / Polytechnic University of Catalonia, Spain
Thesis project at Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg,
Sweden

Thesis title: Accurate segmentation of brain MR images
Supervisor: Dr. Hoi-Shun Lui

Ph.D. – Department of Information and Communication Technologies
Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain 2011-2015
Research Internship at Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium

Thesis title: Multi-cue image integration for cardiac tissue characterization

Supervisors: Dr. Alejandro Frangi and Dr. Gemma Piella

Awards: *Summa cum laude* and International Quality Award – Spanish Government

Postdoctoral training 2019-2020

Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD.

- GENE 500 – Introduction to Medical Genetics (Dr. Susan Hart)
- GENE 505 – Embryology, Developmental Biology and Human Malformations (Dr. Leslie Biesecker)

Children's National Hospital, Washington, DC

- Clinical management of pediatric neurosurgery patients (Dr. Robert Keating).

PRIOR ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH POSITIONS

Biomedical Engineer 2009-2010
Department of Physics, University of Barcelona, Spain

Responsibilities: Development of controllers and graphic software interface to manage a new robotic atomic forces microscope station built for research

Research Assistant 2010
Department of Electrical Engineering, Chalmers University of Technology, and Sahlgrenska Hospital, Gothenburg, Sweden.

Responsibilities: Development and evaluation of a software tool to segment brain structures from magnetic resonance images

Researcher in training 2010-2011
Center for Imaging and Simulation Technologies in Biomedicine (CISTIB)
Department of Information and Communication Technologies, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain

Responsibilities: Development of methods and graphic interface to reconstruct patient-specific cardiac motion using interventional electro-anatomical mapping data

Instructor and research assistant 2011-2015
Department of Information and Communication Technologies, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain

Teaching: Computational Techniques in Biomedicine (1 year), Fundamental of Programming (1 year), and Biomedical Image Analysis courses (2 years)

Research: Multi-cue image integration for cardiac tissue characterization

Postdoctoral research fellow (2015-2016) and **Staff Scientist** (2016-2020) 2015-2020

Sheikh Zayed Institute for Pediatric Surgical Innovation, Children's National Hospital, Washington DC

Responsibilities: Development of quantitative image analysis and machine learning methods for:

- Quantitative evaluation of diuresis renography to assess the need for surgical treatment
- Facial screening for genetic syndromes in diverse pediatric populations
- Interventional planning and surgical treatment evaluation of craniosynostosis using imaging data, statistical models and machine learning
- Predictive modeling of cranial bone development using large cross-sectional data

HONORS AND AWARDS

Global Honors Award 2003-2004

Spanish Ministry of Education. All fees waived during the first year of college in a Spanish university.

General State Scholarship 2004-2008

Spanish Ministry of Education. All costs waived for university studies and funds for materials and transportation.

General State Scholarship for Master Studies 2008-2010

Spanish Ministry of Education. All costs waived for master studies and funds for material, transportation and living expenses.

Erasmus Scholarship for Master Studies 2010

European Commission, Spanish and Catalan Governments. Funds to finish master studies at Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden.

Student Travel and Registration Award 2013

Based on paper review scores – International Conference of Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions, Nagoya, Japan.

Article: Myocardial motion estimation combining tissue Doppler and B-mode echocardiographic images

Best Paper Award 2016

Workshop on Clinical Image-based Procedures – International Conference of Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions, Athens, Greece,

Article: Personalized optimal planning for the surgical correction of metopic craniosynostosis

Best Research Abstract Award 2016

Annual Joseph E. Roberts Jr. Academic Day – Children's National Hospital, Washington, DC.

<u>Title</u> : Early detection of ureteropelvic junction obstruction from diuretic renograms	
Invited demonstration Arab Health, Dubai, United Arab Emirates <u>Project</u> : mGene – Early and Mobile Detection of Genetic Syndromes	2016
Invited participation and finalist World Government Summit – Edge of Government competition. Dubai, United Arab Emirates <u>Project</u> : mGene – Early and Mobile Detection of Genetic Syndromes	2016
Junior Researcher Travel and Registration Award Based on paper review scores – International Conference of Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions, Quebec City, Canada <u>Article</u> : Locally affine diffeomorphic surface registration for planning of metopic craniosynostosis surgery	2017
Finalist to Young Investigator Award International Conference of Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions, Quebec City, Canada. <u>Article</u> : Locally affine diffeomorphic surface registration for planning of metopic craniosynostosis surgery	2017
Cover of Scientific Journal American Journal of Medical Genetics – Part A <u>Article</u> : 22q11.2 deletion syndrome in diverse populations	2017
Cover of Scientific Journal American Journal of Medical Genetics – Part A <u>Article</u> : Noonan syndrome in diverse populations	2017
Second Best Research Work Student Innovators Program, Children’s National Hospital. Washington, DC. <u>Mentee</u> : James Jared	2017
Runner-up STAT Madness – STAT News, Boston Globe. <u>Project</u> : Facial analysis technology for the early identification of genetic syndromes	2018
Cover of Scientific Journal American Journal of Medical Genetics – Part A <u>Article</u> : Williams-Beuren syndrome in diverse populations	2018
Third Best Research Work Student Innovators Program, Children’s National Hospital. Washington, DC. <u>Mentee</u> : Phillip Taylor	2018
Second Best Paper Award Annual Joseph E. Roberts Jr. Academic Day – Children’s National Hospital. Washington, DC. <u>Title</u> : Deep learning for screening of genetic syndromes	2018
Top Cited Article in 2018-2019 American Journal of Medical Genetics Part A	2019

Article: 22q11.2 deletion syndrome in diverse populations

Best Scientific Poster 2019

Annual Research and Education Week at Children's National Hospital.
Washington, DC.

Title: Quantification of head shape from three-dimensional photography
for pre- and post-surgical evaluation of craniosynostosis

Featured paper in scientific journal 2021

IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering

Article: Predictive statistical model of early cranial development

Inducted 2022

Delta Omega National Honors Society for Public Health, Alpha Upsilon
Chapter.

Student Travel and Registration Award 2022

Recipient: Jiawei Liu (PhD Student I mentor)

Based on paper review scores – International Conference of Medical
Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions, Singapore.

Article: Learning with context encoding for single-stage cranial bone
labeling and landmark localization

Top Cited Article during 2021-2022 2023

Molecular Genetics and Genomic Medicine

Article: Objective differential diagnosis of Noonan and Williams-Beuren
syndromes in diverse populations using quantitative facial phenotyping

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions Society 2017-Present
 - Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Denver section 2022-Present
 - IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBS) 2022-Present
 - Society for Advancing Chicanos/Hispanics and Native American in Science (SACNAS) 2022-Present
 - International Association for Dental Research (IADR) 2023-Present
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PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Department / School

- Biostatistics and Informatics Seminar Series (chair) 2020-2022
- Computing Resources Committee (committee member) 2020-2022
- Student recruitment for graduate programs in Biostatistics (participated in research presentations and break-up sessions) 2020-2021
- Computational and Data Science Curriculum Committee (lead) 2021-2022
- Department representative for the School's Research Committee 2023-Present

University

- Chair for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Computational Biosciences Program 2021-Present

- Graduate Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force working group 2021-Present
- Graduate student interviews. Biomedical Sciences Program and Computational Biosciences Program 2021-2023
- Led and coordinated the creation of the first local pediatric craniofacial research biobank between Children's Hospital Colorado and CU Anschutz 2021-2023
- Recruitment of graduate students at the National Diversity STEM Conference (NDiSTEM), the conference of the Society for Advancing Chicanos/Hispanics and Native American in Science (SACNAS) 2022
- Reviewer and judge for Center for Children's Surgery Symposium 2022-2023
- Chair and organizer of the first CU Anschutz Symposium on Biomedical Imaging 2023

International

- Program Committee for the Workshop on Clinical Image-based Procedures. International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions (MICCAI), Athens, Greece, and Quebec City, Canada 2016-2017
- Associate to General Chair, International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions (MICCAI), Granada, Spain 2018
- Co-chair of MICCAI Mentorship Program 2018-2022
- Co-chair for Young Investigators and Early Career Development Program, International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions (MICCAI): Peru, Lima (2020); Strasbourg, France (2021); Singapore (2022); and Vancouver, Canada (2023) 2020-2023
- Chair for Career Development and Student Affairs, International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions (MICCAI) 2024. Marrakesh, Morocco. 2022-2024
- Member of the Computer Aided Diagnosis (CAD) Committee of the International Society of Optics and Photonics (SPIE). 2022-Present
- Mentor and judge at the National Diversity in STEM (NDiSTEM) Conference of the Society for Advancing Chicanos/Hispanics and Native American in Science (SACNAS). San Juan, Puerto Rico. 2022
- Co-founder and member of the MICCAI Society Continuous Mentorship Program working group. 2022-Present
- Co-organizer of the first MICCAI / AFRICAI (African Network for Artificial Intelligence in Biomedical Imaging) Summer school, Marrakesh, Morocco. 2023

Additional continuous education activities

- Researcher Management and Leadership Training by Anne Libby, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Coursera 2020
- Multicultural Mentoring Series, Center for Faculty Development & Advancement, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus 2022
- Bioethics Conference, Colorado Center for Bioethics, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus 2022

- Work in Progress (WIP) working group on Grant Writing led by Dr. Elizabeth Juarez-Colunga, Department of Biostatistics and Informatics, Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. 2022-Present

Intellectual Property

- Patent: PCT/US2018/026726 – System apparatus and method for the detection of ureteropelvic junction obstruction. Status: pending. 2016
- Software copyright: SR 1-8317833951 – Quantitative evaluation of facial dysmorphology of genetic origin. Licensed to mGeneRX (NC) in 2020. 2020

Review, Referee and Editorial Activities

Journal reviews

- Computers in Biology and Medicine
- Frontiers in Radiology
- Frontiers in Surgery
- IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging
- IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics
- Journal of Medical Imaging
- Journal of Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- Journal of Urology
- Nature Scientific Reports
- Personalized Medicine

Conference reviews

- International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions (MICCAI)
- MICCAI Workshop on Clinical Image-based Procedures (CLIP)
- MICCAI Workshop on Statistical Atlases and Computational Models of the Heart (STACOM),
- Computer Aided Diagnosis (CAD) Conference of the International Society of Optics and Photonics (SPIE)
- Center for Children's Surgery (CCS), Children's Hospital Colorado
- CU Anschutz Symposium on Biomedical Imaging, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

Funding proposal review

- Clinical Translational Imaging Science (CTIS) Study Section, National Institutes of Health.
- Colorado Center for Translational Sciences Institute (CCTSI) Pilot Grant Program.
- Colorado Center for Translational Sciences Institute (CCTSI) Translational Methods Grant Program

Invited Lectures, Presentations and Workshops

Invited seminars

Local

- Title: Quantitative imaging for the diagnosis, treatment, and surgical outcome assessment of patients with craniosynostosis. 2018

Venue: Children's Craniofacial Fellowship program. Children's National Hospital. Washington, DC.

- Title: Personalized and quantitative evaluation of cranial malformations in patients with craniosynostosis. 2019
Venue: Innovation Rounds, Sheikh Zayed Institute for Pediatric Surgical Innovation. Children's National Hospital. Washington, DC.
- Title: Predictive statistical model of cranial development 2020
Venue: Department of Bioengineering, Sheikh Zayed Institute for Pediatric Surgical Innovation. Children's National Hospital. Washington, DC.
- Title: Quantitative medical image analysis for a personalized optimal clinical management of craniosynostosis. 2020
Venue: Department of Biostatistics and Informatics, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Aurora, CO.
- Title: Quantitative medical image analysis for a personalized optimal clinical management of craniosynostosis. 2020
Venue: Bioengineering Initiative – Children's National Hospital. Washington, DC.
- Title: Predictive statistical model of cranial development 2020
Venue: Precision Medical Imaging lab – Children's National Hospital. Washington, DC.
- Title: Quantitative characterization of the cranium. 2020
Venue: Department of Pediatric Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Children's Hospital Colorado. Aurora, CO.
- Title: Image-based computational craniofacial phenotyping. 2020
Venue: Computational Bioscience Program. University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Aurora, CO.
- Title: Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions. 2020
Venue: Medical Imaging Working Group. Department of Biostatistics and Informatics. University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Aurora, CO.
- Title: Medical image computing and computational phenotyping. 2020
Venue: Biostatistics and Informatics Seminar Series. Department of Biostatistics and Informatics. University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Aurora, CO.
- Title: Image-based computational craniofacial phenotyping. 2021
Venue: Human Medical Genetics and Genomics Program (HMGGP). University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Aurora, CO.
- Title: Image-based computational craniofacial phenotyping. 2021
Venue: Center for Personalized Medicine. University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Aurora, CO.
- Title: Medical imaging and big data 2021
Venue: Big Data Seminar Series. Center for Innovation Design and Analysis (CIDA). University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Aurora, CO.
- Title: Quantitative medical image analysis for a personalized optimal clinical management of craniosynostosis. 2021
Venue: Department of Bioengineering. University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Aurora, CO.
- Title: Image-based computational craniofacial phenotyping. 2021
Venue: Genetics and Metabolism Grand Rounds. University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Aurora, CO.
- Title: Using pediatric craniofacial imaging to screen for genetic and developmental anomalies. 2022

Venue: Real World Ethics for Artificial Intelligence Research: Managing the Issues. 12th Annual Research Ethics Conference. Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CCTSI). Aurora, CO.

- Title: Medical Image Phenotyping. 2022
Venue: Computational Bioscience Program – Recruitment flash talks. University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Aurora, CO.
- Title: Medical Image Phenotyping. 2023
Venue: CU Anschutz Symposium on Biomedical Imaging. University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Aurora, CO.
- Title: My path to directing a machine learning and biomedical engineering research program. 2023
Venue: Aurora Science and Tech Middle School. Aurora, CO.

National

- Title: Quantification of craniofacial malformations using quantitative imaging technologies. 2018
Venue: Medical Genetics Branch, National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI). National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. Washington, DC.
- Title: Personalized quantitative evaluation, treatment and follow-up of patients with craniosynostosis. 2018
Venue: Clinical Case Conference. National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR). National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD.
- Title: Personalized quantitative evaluation, treatment and follow-up of patients with craniosynostosis. 2019
Venue: Craniofacial Anomalies and Regeneration Section. National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR). National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD.
- Title: Quantitative medical image analysis for a personalized optimal clinical management of craniosynostosis. 2020
Venue: Department of Biomedical Engineering – Columbia University. New York City, NY.
- Title: Quantitative medical image analysis for a personalized optimal clinical management of craniosynostosis. 2020
Venue: Department of Bioengineering – University of Maryland College Park, MD.
- Title: Quantitative medical image analysis for a personalized optimal clinical management of craniosynostosis. 2020
Venue: Department of Radiology – Washington University. St. Louis, MO.
- Title: Medical Image Phenotyping 2023
Venue: Sheikh Zayed Institute for Pediatric Surgical Innovation, Children’s National Hospital. Washington, DC.
- Title: A data-driven approach for the clinical management of craniosynostosis 2023
Venue: Plastic Surgery Grand Rounds – Banner Health, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.

Keynote/invited presentations in international venues

- Title: Computational facial phenotyping of genetic syndromes. 2019
Venue: Digital Health and Artificial Intelligence Seminar – World Orphan Drug Conference. Washington, DC.

- Title: Quantitative phenotyping and predictive modeling of cranial bone development. 2021
Venue: New Trends in Perinatal and Pediatric Imaging. Annual Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBC). Virtual.
- Title: Clinical Workflow 4: Abdominal and Pelvic Imaging (with Dr. Emmanuel Salinas Miranda and Dr. Vinay Duddalwar). 2023
Venue: IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging. Cartagena, Colombia.
- Title: Best Practices for Incorporating Core Principles of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Radiology Research (*accepted invitation to speak on November 2023) 2023
Venue: Annual Meeting of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) – Health Equity Series.

Conference presentations

- Title: Cardiac Deformation from Electro-Anatomical Mapping Data: Application to Scar Characterization 2011
Conference: Functional Imaging and Modeling of the Heart (FIMH)
Format: Poster presentation
- Title: Endocardial motion estimation from electro-anatomical data 2012
Conference: IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI)
Format:
- Title: Temporal Diffeomorphic Free Form Deformation to Quantify Changes Induced by Left and Right Bundle Branch Block and Pacing 2013
Conference: Workshop on Statistical Atlases and Computational Models of the Heart, International Conference of Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions
Format: Oral presentation
- Title: Myocardial Motion Estimation Combining Tissue Doppler and B-mode Echocardiographic Images 2013
Conference: International Conference of Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions
Format: Poster presentation
- Title: Personalized Optimal Planning for the Surgical Correction of Metopic Craniosynostosis 2016
Conference: Workshop on Clinical Image-Based Procedures. International Conference of Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions
Format: Oral presentation
- Title: Locally Affine Diffeomorphic Surface Registration for Planning of Metopic Craniosynostosis Surgery 2017
Conference: International Conference of Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions
Format: Oral presentation
- Title: Quantification of oxygen changes in the placenta from BOLD MR image sequences 2017
Conference: SPIE Computer Aided Diagnosis Conference
Format: Oral presentation
- Title: Early Detection of Ureteropelvic Obstruction from Diuretic Renograms 2017
Conference: American Urological Association (AUA) Annual Meeting
Format: Oral presentation

- Title: Personalized Optimal Planning of Fronto-Orbital Advancement Surgery for the Correction of Metopic Craniosynostosis from CT 2017
Conference: American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association (ACPA) Annual Meeting
Format: Oral presentation
- Title: Progress in Automated Intracranial Volume Quantification from 3D Photography 2017
Conference: Biennial Congress of the International Society of Craniofacial Surgery (ISCFS)
Format: Poster presentation
- Title: Automatic Planning of Cranial Vault Reconstruction for Metopic Craniosynostosis Treatment 2017
Conference: Biennial Congress of the International Society of Craniofacial Surgery (ISCFS)
Format: Oral presentation
- Title: Machine Learning Facilitates Early Detection of Ureteropelvic Junction Obstruction 2018
Conference: American Society for Artificial Internal Organs (ASAIO) Annual Meeting
Format: Oral presentation
- Title: Automatic Measurement of Intracranial Volume from Three-Dimensional Photography 2019
Conference: Biennial Congress of the International Society of Craniofacial Surgery (ISCFS)
Format: Poster presentation
- Title: Quantification of Head Shape from 3D Photography for Automatic Detection of Craniosynostosis 2019
Conference: Biennial Congress of the International Society of Craniofacial Surgery (ISCFS)
Format: Oral presentation
- Title: Quantitative Evaluation of Treatment for Craniosynostosis from 3D Photography 2019
Conference: Biennial Congress of the International Society of Craniofacial Surgery (ISCFS)
Format: Poster presentation
- Title: Normative temporal model of cranial bone development, mineral density changes and suture fusion 2021
Conference: Biennial Congress of the International Society of Craniofacial Surgery (ISCFS)
Format: Oral presentation (presented by PhD student: Jiawei Liu)
- Title: Age-dependent machine learning model improves head shape characterization and enables longitudinal evaluation of patients with craniosynostosis 2021
Conference: Rocky Bioinformatics Conference
Format: Poster presentation (presented by PhD student: Connor Elkhill)
- Title: Age-dependent machine learning model improves head shape characterization and enables longitudinal evaluation of patients with craniosynostosis 2022
Conference: Annual Conference of the American Cleft Palate & craniofacial Association (ACPA)
Format: Oral presentation
- Title: Age-dependent machine learning model improves head shape characterization and enables longitudinal evaluation of patients with craniosynostosis 2022
Conference: Children's Center for Surgery Research Symposium, Children's Hospital Colorado.
Format: Oral presentation (presented by PhD student: Connor Elkhill)

- Title: Graph convolutional network with probabilistic spatial regression: application to craniofacial landmark detection from 3D photogrammetry 2022
Conference: International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions
Format: Poster presentation (presented by PhD student: Connor Elkhill)
- Title: Learning with context encoding for single-stage cranial bone labeling and landmark localization 2022
Conference: International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions
Format: Poster presentation (presented by PhD student: Jiawei Liu)
- Title: Normative temporal model of cranial bone development, mineral density changes and suture fusion 2022
Conference: Children's Center for Surgery Research Symposium, Children's Hospital Colorado.
Format: Oral presentation (presented by PhD student: Jiawei Liu)
- Title: Geometric deep learning for automated pediatric craniofacial landmarking 2022
Conference: National Library of Medicine T15 Conference
Format: Oral presentation (presented by PhD student: Connor Elkhill)

Teaching Record

Courses

At Pompeu Fabra University (Barcelona, Spain)

22109 – Computational Techniques in Biomedicine (20 students) 2011-2012

Role: Single instructor in 22 seminars (2h/seminar, 33% of the course).

Program: BSc Biomedical Engineering, Department of Information and Communication Technologies

Description: This course provides students with fundamental concepts of: (1) algorithms, data structures and programming; and (2) mathematical modeling and finite element method (FEM) to solve biomedical linear differential equation problems.

21595 – Fundamentals of Programming (20 students) 2012-2013

Role: Single instructor in 20 seminars (2h/seminar, 50% of the course).

Program: BSc Computer Engineering, Department of Information and Communication Technologies

Description: This course teaches the basic concepts of algorithms, programming in C language and data structures.

22130 – Biomedical Image Analysis (20 students) 2013-2015

Role: Single instructor in 18 seminars/year (2 years, 2h/seminar, 50% of the course)

Program: BSc Biomedical Engineering, Department of Information and Communication Technologies

Description: The course presents a theoretical and practical introduction to the fundamentals of image processing and analysis with special emphasis on biomedical applications.

At University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus (Aurora, CO)

BIOS 7718 – Introduction to Biomedical Image Analysis (13 students). 2021-2022

Role: Single instructor (3 credits), Department of Biostatistics and Informatics.
Most of the contents and materials of this course were redesigned by the single instructor.

Program: PhD Biostatistics. Colorado School of Public Health.

Description: This course provides students with the theoretical and computational skills to tackle a biomedical image analysis problem, covering important topics such as image segmentation, feature quantification, object recognition, etc.

BIOS 7747 – Machine Learning for Biomedical Applications (13 students).

2022-2024

Role: Single instructor (2 credits), Department of Biostatistics and Informatics.
The entirety of this new course was designed and developed by the instructor.

Program: PhD Biostatistics. Colorado School of Public Health.

Description: Students learn the theoretical background of unsupervised and supervised machine learning methods, and how to develop programs to solve biomedical problems using machine learning techniques.

Guest lectures

CPBS 7711 – Methods and Tools in Biomedical Informatics (3 - 6 students).

2021-2023

Role: Guest 3h lecture on supervised machine learning methods

Program: Computational Bioscience Program. School of Medicine. University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO.

Description: In this class, students receive an overview of the most popular supervised machine learning methods, and they learn about the different steps to build and evaluate a supervised machine learning model using Python.

BIOS 6670 – Special Topics: Biostatistics (20 students).

2023

Role: Four lectures on machine learning methods in biomedicine

Program: Colorado Summer Institute in Biostatistics (CoSIBS). University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO.

Description: Students received an overview of machine learning methods that are typically used to solve biomedical problems, with focus on supervised learning methods.

Mentoring and supervision

Supervision and mentoring at Children's National Hospital, Washington, DC

- Elijah Biggs, Research assistant, University of Maryland College Park, MD.

2015-2017

Role: Supervisor. Mentee duties: clinical data curation and anonymization, MATLAB software development, support on research experiments for pediatric craniofacial analysis studies.

- Catherine Arnold, Summer intern, Colgate University, NY.

2016

Role: Supervisor. Mentee duties: clinical data curation and anonymization, MATLAB software development, support on research experiments for pediatric craniofacial analysis studies.

- Mohammed Al-Tenajji, Summer intern, Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

2016

Role: Mentor. Project: improvement of automated facial analysis technology for the detection of genetic syndromes.

- Scott Ensel, Research assistant, University of Maryland College Park, MD. 2016-2017
Role: Supervisor. Mentee duties: data curation and evaluation of quantitative methods for an automated diagnosis and optimal treatment of craniosynostosis.
- James Jared, Summer intern, Princeton University, NJ. 2017
Role: Mentor. Project: development of mobile phone application using Xamarin for the early detection of genetic syndromes: patient consenting and server-side HIPAA-compliant storage.
- Alec Boyle, Research assistant, University of Maryland College Park, MD. 2017-2018
Role: Supervisor. Mentee duties: clinical data curation and anonymization, MATLAB software development, support on experiments for evaluation of facial analysis technology for the early detection of genetic syndromes in diverse populations.
- Manuel Mastromanolis, Research assistant, University of Maryland College Park, MD. 2017-2018
Role: Supervisor. Mentee duties: data curation and evaluation of quantitative methods for an automated diagnosis and optimal treatment of craniosynostosis. Translation of MATLAB software to Python.
- Phillip Taylor, Summer intern, Princeton University, NJ. 2018
Role: Mentor. Project: implementation of a neural network for the early detection of genetic syndromes using photography data.
- Liyun Tu, Postdoctoral fellow. 2016-2019
Role: supervisor. Project: quantitative evaluation of craniofacial dysmorphology using two- and three-dimensional photographic data.
- Daniel Perez, Research assistant, University of Maryland College Park, MD. 2017-2018
Role: Supervisor. Mentee duties: clinical data curation and anonymization, MATLAB software development, support on research experiments for evaluation of deep learning technology to identify genetic syndromes from photographic data.
- Graham Buck, Research assistant, University of Maryland College Park, MD. 2018-2019
Role: Supervisor. Mentee duties: data curation and evaluation of quantitative methods for automated diagnosis and optimal treatment of craniosynostosis.
- Sacheth Sathyanarayanan, Summer intern, Princeton University, NJ. 2019
Role: Mentor. Project: automated pose estimation and three-dimensional representation of facial geometry and texture using iPhone infrared sensors.
- Sofia Gonzalez, Research assistant, University of Maryland College Park, MD. 2019-2020
Role: Supervisor. Mentee duties: clinical data curation and anonymization, MATLAB software development, support on research experiments for facial analysis studies.
- Tenzin Sonam, Research assistant, University of Maryland College Park, MD. 2019-2020
Role: Supervisor. Mentee duties: clinical data curation and

anonymization, support on research experiments for facial analysis studies.

Student Supervision at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO

- Jiawei Liu, Research assistant (PhD student). Department of Biostatistics and Informatics. 2020-Present
Role: Mentor and thesis supervisor. Project: Development of image computing and machine learning methods to build models of pediatric cranial bone development.
- Connor Elkhill, Research assistant (PhD student). Computational Bioscience Program. 2021-Present
Role: Mentor and thesis supervisor. Project: Development of geometric deep learning algorithms for craniofacial evaluation from non-invasive 3D photogrammetry data.
- Abbas Shaikh, Research intern (high school senior). 2021-2022
Role: Mentor. Project: development and testing of convolutional neural network for the automated segmentation of cranial bones in computed tomography images.
- Joseph Froelicher, Research assistant (MS student). Department of Biostatistics and Informatics. 2021-2022
Role: Mentor and thesis supervisor. Project: Data-driven diffeomorphic cranial suture growth model. Graduated in 2022.
- David Baraghoshi, Research assistant (PhD student). Department of Biostatistics and Informatics. 2022-Present
Role: Mentor and thesis supervisor. Project: Bayesian deep learning method for uncertainty quantification in the evaluation of patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease from computed tomography images.
- Jasmine Chajj, Fellow (Medical student). Department of Pediatric Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. 2023-Present
Role: Research mentor. Project: Clinical translation of artificial intelligence methods to improve the clinical management of pediatric craniofacial disorders.
- Marcel Roux, Research assistant (MS student). Department of Applied Mathematics. 2023-Present
Role: Mentor and thesis supervisor. Project: Deep geometric surface-matching framework for anatomical standardization in 3D photogrammetry data.

Thesis Committee Member at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO

- Benjamin Steinhart (MS student). Department of Biostatistics and Informatics. 2021-2022
Project: A Video Analysis Pipeline for Detecting Differences in Pupil Dilation across Marijuana User Groups. Primary advisor: Dr. Julia Wrobel. Status: graduated.
- Jared Rieck (MS student). Department of Biostatistics and Informatics. 2022-2023
Project: fMRI data analysis for emotional response prediction. Primary

advisor: Dr. Julia Wrobel. Status: expected to graduate in Spring 2023.

- Xinyi Yang (PhD student). Department of Biostatistics and Informatics. Project: Domain adaptation and domain generalization methods for hepatic lesion detection on PET images. Primary advisor: Dr. Fuyong Xing. Status: ongoing. 2023-Present

Mentoring within the MICCAI Mentorship Program

- Luke Shepherd, MS student at University College London (UCL), United Kingdom. 2020-2021
- Charles Lu, PhD student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA. 2022

Other teaching activities

- Weekly Python working group to help students improve their computational and programming skill (instructor) 2021
- Working group on Neural Networks (Biostatistics Department and Computational Bioscience Program) 2023

Training grants

ACTIVE

International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions (MICCAI) 2021 2020-2023

Funding agency: National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, National Institutes of Health

Award identifier: R13EB032243

Total award: \$29,850 (FY 2021); \$10,000 (FY 2022); \$10,000 (FY 2023)

Summary: This award aims to enhance the diversity of the attendees to the International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions (MICCAI) in 2021, 2022 and 2023 by funding travel awards to students and early career investigators from underrepresented groups in science including women, racial/ethnic minorities, students with disabilities, and people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Role: Co-principal investigator

Colorado Biomedical Informatics Training Program 2020-2023

Funding agency: National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health

Award identifier: T15LM009451

Total award: \$445,363 (FY 2020); \$613,049 (FY 2021); \$465,973 (FY 2022)

Summary: Our program is designed to provide graduate students and post-doctoral fellows training in both computational methods and molecular biology, an intimate familiarity with the science and technology that synthesizes the two, and the skills necessary to pioneer novel computational approaches to significant biomedical questions.

Role: Core faculty, mentor

Principal investigator: Dr. Larry Hunter

PENDING

International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions (MICCAI) 2024-2027

Funding agency: National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, National Institutes of Health

Total award: \$30,000.

Status: submitted.

Summary: This award aims to enhance the diversity of the attendees to the International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions (MICCAI) in 2024, 2025 and 2026 by funding travel awards to students and early career investigators from underrepresented groups in science including women, racial/ethnic minorities, students with disabilities, and people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Role: Co-principal investigator

COMPLETED

International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions (MICCAI) 2020 2019-2020

Funding agency: National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, National Institutes of Health

Award identifier: R13EB030422

Total award: \$9,850

Summary: This award aims to enhance the diversity of the attendees to the International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Interventions (MICCAI) in 2021, 2022 and 2023 by funding travel awards to students and early career investigators from underrepresented groups in science including women, racial/ethnic minorities, students with disabilities, and people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Role: Co-principal investigator

Development and clinical translation of machine learning methods to optimize treatment outcomes in craniosynostosis on a patient specific level 2022-2023

Funding agency: National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, National Institutes of Health

Award identifier: TL1TR2533

Total award: \$26,352

Summary: This predoctoral award has the goal to partially fund one of the PhD students that I supervise in my lab, Connor Elkhill, who is developing novel geometric learning methods to quantify and optimize treatment outcomes of patients with craniosynostosis in collaboration with the Children's Colorado Craniofacial Clinic.

Role: Primary mentor

Trainee: Connor Elkhill

Research Record

ACTIVE

Quantitative characterization and predictive modeling of cranial bone development in patients with craniosynostosis 2020-2024

Funding agency: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Award identifier: R00DE027993

Total award: \$737,906 (+\$115,969.66 transferred from previous K99 award)

Summary: To develop a normative evidence-based predictive development model of the cranial bones to characterize and predict normal and abnormal growth in children with craniosynostosis

Role: Principal investigator

Early joint cranial and brain development from fetal and pediatric imaging

2021-2025

Funding agency: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Award identifier: R01DE030286

Total award: \$ 2,162,069 (total budget awarded only until May 2024)

Summary: The main goal of this project is to study the coupled mechanisms of cranial and brain development using perinatal and pediatric imaging data

Role: Co-investigator

Principal investigators: Dr. Natasha Lepore, Dr. Marius Linguraru

Data-driven quantification and prediction of pre-surgical local head volume distributions and post-surgical development in patients with craniosynostosis

2023-2028

Funding agency: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Award identifier: R01DE032681

Total award: \$1,965,270

Summary: To study, model and predict the compensatory volume mechanisms in the cranium in presence of growth constraints, and how they are modified after surgical treatment.

Role: Principal investigator

Development of CT image-based cranial bone markers of intra-cranial hypertension

2023-2025

Funding agency: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Award identifier: R21DE031824

Total award: \$447,497

Summary: We aim to create image analysis and machine learning methods to identify and quantify for the first time cranial bone development anomalies that are indicative of intra-cranial hypertension. Then, we will investigate the development of elevated pressure in patients with non-syndromic craniosynostosis and we will study if there are differential patterns across patient groups.

Role: Principal-investigator

PENDING

Identification of intracranial hypertension in pediatric patients using CT images and machine learning

2023-2024

Funding agency: Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, and NIH National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences

Award identifier: CO-J-23-99

Total award: \$40,000.

Status: selected for funding.

Summary: We aim to quantify local bone thickness, density and volume anomalies in patients with ICH, and study elevated pressure in patients with syndromic and non-syndromic craniosynostosis.

Role: Principal-investigator

COMPLETED

Convergence of medical technologies for the integral management of cardiovascular remodeling

2010-2012

Funding agency: Center for Industrial Technology Development (CDTI), Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation

Award identifier: CEN20091044

Total award: €13.6M

Summary: This multi-institutional national project supported the development of methods, computational models and tools to help evaluate cardiac remodeling in presence of cardiovascular disease, with the overall goal to achieve personalized prevention, diagnosis and treatment strategies through the use of patient-specific quantitative information.

Role: Research assistant Local principal investigator: Dr. Alejandro Frangi

Multi-modal data fusion for cardiac tissue characterization in patients with ischemic cardiomyopathy

2011-2015

Funding agency: FPU - Training program for university professors, Spanish Ministry of Education

Award identifier: AP2010-3684

Total award: €60,000

Summary: This competitive grant funded a PhD research project towards creating new computational and image analysis methods to quantitatively characterize ischemic cardiomyopathy

Role: Principal investigator

Physiological integration of morphological and functional information for quantification of cardiac motion (PhysIQ)

2012-2015

Funding agency: National plan for research, development and innovation, Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness

Award identifier: TIN2012-35874

Total award: €33,520

Summary: The goal of this project was to develop computational techniques to integrate patient-specific information from different sources to quantify accurately cardiac motion.

Role: Co-investigator

Principal investigator: Dr. Gemma Piella

mGene – Early and Mobile Detection of Genetic Syndromes

2015-2018

Funding agency: Pediatric Innovation Fund, Children's Hospital Foundation, Children's National Hospital

Total award: \$100,000

Summary: These funds were awarded to develop and validate a mobile technology for facial analysis for the early and non-invasive screening of genetic syndromes with dysmorphology.

Role: Co-investigator.

Principal investigators: Dr. Marius Linguraru, Dr. Marshall Summar

Early detection of ureteropelvic junction obstruction using signal analysis and machine learning 2016-2018

Funding agency: Joseph E. Roberts, Jr. Award, Children's National Hospital

Total award: \$25,000

Summary: The goal of this projects was to improve the interpretation of dynamic information embedded in the renal drainage curves trough developing signal processing and machine learning methods to assess disease severity.

Role: co-investigator

Principal investigators: Dr. Marius Linguraru, Dr. Hans Pohl

Image-guided planning system for skull correction in children with craniosynostosis 2016-2019

Funding agency: Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Award identifier: R42HD081712

Total award: \$1,445,476

Summary: The goal of this project was to develop a personalized pre-operative planning framework for cranial remodeling of infants with craniosynostosis using image computing and statistical shape analysis methods to decrease operative time and morbidity.

Role: Co-investigator

Principal investigators: Dr. Marius Linguraru, Dr. Andinet Enquobahrie

Quantitative characterization and predictive modeling of cranial bone development in patients with craniosynostosis 2019-2020

Funding agency: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Award identifier: K99DE027993

Total award: \$251,529

Summary:

- Training: To receive formal training in medical genetics, embryology, developmental biology and craniofacial surgery.
- Research: To develop a normative evidence-based predictive development model of the cranial bones to characterize and predict normal and abnormal cranial bone growth in children with craniosynostosis.

Role: Principal investigator

Mentors: Dr. Marius Linguraru (Children's National Hospital), Dr. Robert Keating (Children's National Hospital), Dr. Maximilian Muenke (National Human Genome Research Institute), Dr. Janice Lee (National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research).

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