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## Education

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### University of North Carolina

#### PHD BIOSTATISTICS

- Advisors: Drs. Matthew Psioda and Joseph Ibrahim
- Dissertation: *Bayesian Methods for the Use of Historical Data and Prior Information in Clinical Trials*

Chapel Hill, NC  
Aug. 2017 - Sep. 2021

### University of Florida

#### MS STATISTICS

- Thesis Advisor: Dr. James Hobert
- GPA: 3.50
- *Magna Cum Laude*

Gainesville, FL  
Aug. 2015 - May 2017

### Loyola University Chicago

#### BA ECONOMICS

- Minor: Mathematics
- GPA: 3.81

Chicago, IL  
Aug. 2009 - May 2013

## Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

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- 2022 **Delta Omega Honor Society Inductee**, University of North Carolina
- 2021 **Honorable Mention, Student Paper Competition**, Joint Statistical Meetings
- 2017-20 **NIH Trainee**, University of North Carolina
- 2015-17 **Graduate School Fellow**, University of Florida
- 2015-17 **Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society Inductee**, Loyola University Chicago

## Professional Experience

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- 2022 - **Research Assistant Professor**, Dept. of Biostatistics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2021 - 2022 **Instructor of Medicine**, Dept. of Medicine, Harvard Medical School
- 2020 - 2021 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Dept. of Biostatistics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2017 - 2020 **NIH Trainee**, Dept. of Biostatistics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2015-2017 **Graduate Fellow and Instructor**, Dept. of Statistics, University of Florida
- 2013-2015 **Research Assistant**, International Monetary Fund
- 2012-2013 **Research Assistant**, Dept. of Economics, Loyola University Chicago

## Publications

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### STATISTICAL METHODOLOGY

#### Published and Accepted

**Ethan M. Alt**, Matthew A. Psioda, and Joseph G. Ibrahim. Bayesian multivariate probability of success using historical data with type I error rate control. *Biostatistics* (in press).

**Ethan M. Alt**, Matthew A. Psioda, and Joseph G. Ibrahim. A hierarchical prior for generalized linear models based on predictions for the mean response. *Biostatistics* (in press).

**Ethan M. Alt**, Brady Nifong, Xinxin Chen, Matthew A. Psioda, and Joseph G. Ibrahim. The scale transformed power prior for use with historical data from a different outcome model. *Statistics in Medicine* (in press).

### Under Revision

**Ethan M. Alt**, Matthew A. Psioda, and Joseph G. Ibrahim. Bayesian multivariate probability of success for outcomes of different types. *Statistics in Medicine* (Manuscript under minor revision).

**Ethan M. Alt**, Brady Nifong, Xinxin Chen, Matthew A. Psioda, and Joseph G. Ibrahim. The scale transformed power prior for time-to-event data. *Lifetime Data Analysis*. (Manuscript under major revision).

### Under Preparation

**Ethan M. Alt**, Coco Chang, and Joseph G. Ibrahim. LEAP: The latent exchangeability prior for incorporating relevant historical data with an application to a trial in plaque psoriasis. (In progress for 2023 submission).

**Ethan M. Alt**, Anil Anderson, and Joseph G. Ibrahim. A novel grouped horseshoe prior for subgroup identification. (In progress for 2023 submission).

**Ethan M. Alt** and Joseph G. Ibrahim. A Bayesian semi-nonparametric approach towards latent subgroup identification. (In progress for 2023 submission).

### COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

#### Accepted and Published

Allison J Burbank, Anusha Vadlamudi, Katherine H Mills, **Ethan M. Alt**, Heather Wells, Haibo Zhou, Neil Alexis, Michelle L Hernandez, and David B Peden. The glutathione-s-transferase mu-1 null genotype increases wood smoke-induced airway inflammation. *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*, 143(6):2299–2302, 2019.

#### In Progress

Elvira D. D’Andrea., Deborah Wexler, Julie Paik, **Ethan M. Alt**, Seoyoung C. Kim, Elisabetta Patorno. Does effectiveness and safety of sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitors differ in patients with type 2 diabetes and varying baseline HbA1c levels? (In progress for 2023 submission).

Phyo T. Htoo, Julie M. Paik, **Ethan M. Alt**, Dae Hyun Kim, Deborah J. Wexler, Seoyoung C. Kim, and Elisabetta Patorno. Association of sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitors vs. incretin-based medications with the risk of hypoglycemia stratified by insulin or sulfonylurea use. (In progress for 2023 submission)

Devin Abrahami, Elvira D’Andrea, Julianna Mastrorilli, **Ethan M. Alt**, Julie M. Paik, Deborah Wexler, Brendan Everett, Seoyoung C. Kim, Kazuki Yoshida, Robert J. Glynn, Elisabetta Patorno Cardiovascular effectiveness of individual SGLT2 inhibitors: head-to-head comparisons (In progress for 2023 submission).

### Software

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hdbayes **Bayesian analysis of GLMs with historical data**, <https://github.com/ethan-alt/hdbayes>  
bmabasket **Power analysis of basket trials**, <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/bmabasket/index.html>

### Mentoring

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2022- **Anil Anderson**, Graduate Research Assistant, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
2022- **Coco Chen**, Graduate Research Assistant, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
2021- **Xinxin Chen**, Graduate Research Assistant, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

### Teaching Experience

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Spring 2017 **Engineering Statistics**, Instructor, University of Florida *Gainesville*  
Fall 2016 **Statistical Methods I**, Teaching Assistant, University of Florida *Gainesville*  
2011-12 **Mathematics**, Peer Tutor, Loyola Univeristy Chicago *Chicago*  
2010-11 **K-12 Education**, Substitute Teacher, Michigan City Area Schools *Michigan City*

## Presentations

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### INVITED TALKS

**Ethan M. Alt**, Matthew A. Psioda\*, and Joseph G. Ibrahim. A hierarchical prior for generalized linear models based on predictions for the mean response. Joint Statistical Meetings, 2022

**Ethan M. Alt\***, Luiz Carvallho, and Joseph G. Ibrahim A computationally efficient approach to the normalized power prior. StanCon, 2021.

**Ethan M. Alt\***, Matthew A. Psioda, and Joseph G. Ibrahim Bayesian multivariate probability of success for multivariate generalized linear models with type I error control. DIA Bayesian Scientific Working Group, 2021.

**Ethan M. Alt\***, Matthew A. Psioda, and Joseph G. Ibrahim Bayesian multivariate probability of success for rare diseases. American Statistical Association Biopharmaceutical Section, 2020.

### CONTRIBUTED PRESENTATIONS

**Ethan M. Alt\***, Matthew A. Psioda, and Joseph G. Ibrahim Study design and multiplicity control for multivariate outcomes of mixed types. Eastern North American Regional, 2022.

**Ethan M. Alt\***, Matthew A. Psioda, and Joseph G. Ibrahim Bayesian multivariate probability of success for the multivariate normal linear model. Eastern North American Regional, 2020.

### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

**Ethan M. Alt\***, Matthew A. Psioda, and Joseph G. Ibrahim A hierarchical prior for generalized linear models based on predictions for the mean response. International Society for Bayesian Analysis, 2022.

## Professional Development

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### DEVELOPMENT

**Bayesian Causal Inference Workshop**, an introduction to Bayesian nonparametric methods with an application to causal inference.

### PEER REVIEW

Statistics in Medicine

Biostatistics

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Statistical Association

International Society for Bayesian Analysis

Eastern North American Regional