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#### BIO

I am an Associate Professor of Biomedical Data Science and, by courtesy, of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering at Stanford University. I work on making AI more reliable, human-compatible and statistically rigorous, and am especially interested in applications in human disease and health. I received my Ph.D from Harvard in 2014, and was at one time a member of Microsoft Research, a Gates Scholar at Cambridge and a Simons fellow at U.C. Berkeley. I joined Stanford in 2016 and am excited to also be a Chan-Zuckerberg Investigator. We are also a part of the Stanford AI Lab. My research is supported by two Chan-Zuckerberg Biohub Investigator Awards, the Sloan Fellowship, the NSF CAREER Award, a Top Ten Clinical Achievement Award and faculty awards from Google, Adobe and Amazon.

#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Department of Biomedical Data Science
- Associate Professor (By courtesy), Computer Science
- Associate Professor (By courtesy), Electrical Engineering
- Member, Bio-X
- Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI)
- Member, Stanford Cancer Institute
- Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

- Chan-Zuckerberg Investigator, CZ Biohub (2023)
- Sloan Research Fellowship, Sloan Foundation (2021)
- NSF CAREER Award, NSF (2020)
- RECOMB Best Paper, RECOMB (2019)
- Google Faculty Award, Google (2018)
- Chan-Zuckerberg Investigator, CZ Biohub (2017)
- Simons Research Fellow, Simons Foundation (2014)
- NSF GRFP, NSF (2008)
- Gates-Cambridge Scholar, Gates Foundation (2007)

#### LINKS

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## Research & Scholarship

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### CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

My group works on both foundations of statistical machine learning and applications in biomedicine and healthcare. We develop new technologies that make ML more accountable to humans, more reliable/robust and reveals core scientific insights.

We want our ML to be impactful and beneficial, and as such, we are deeply motivated by transformative applications in biotech and health. We collaborate with and advise many academic and industry groups.

## Teaching

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### COURSES

#### 2025-26

- Deep Learning in Genomics and Biomedicine: BMDS 273, CS 273B, GENE 236 (Spr)
- Foundation Models for Healthcare: BMDS 271, CS 277, RAD 271 (Win)

#### 2024-25

- Foundation Models for Healthcare: BIODS 271, CS 277, RAD 271 (Spr)

#### 2023-24

- Biomedical Data Science Student Seminar: BIODS 201, BIOMEDIN 201 (Win)
- Critical Exploration of Topics in Biomedical Data Science: Generative AI: BIODS 290 (Aut)
- Deep Learning in Genomics and Biomedicine: BIODS 237, CS 273B (Spr)
- Foundation Models for Healthcare: BIODS 271, CS 277, RAD 271 (Win)

#### 2022-23

- Deep Learning in Genomics and Biomedicine: BIODS 237, BIOMEDIN 273B, CS 273B, GENE 236 (Spr)
- Workshop in Biostatistics: BIODS 260B, STATS 260B (Win)

### STANFORD ADVISEES

#### Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Hannah Kleidermacher

#### Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Siyu He, Sheng Liu

#### Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Joseph Boen, Bowen Chen, Batu El, Yixing Jiang, Alan Mao, Andrew Shen, Jake Silberg, Elana Simon, Rahul Thapa

#### Master's Program Advisor

Shyam Sai Bethina, Andrew Gao, Everett Lee, Eric Liu, Ryan Park, Rohan Sikand, Aditi Somayajula, Jessy Song, Justin Wu, Luke Zhao

#### Undergraduate Major Advisor

Nikhiya Shamsher

#### Doctoral (Program)

Samuel Alber, Jake Chang, Peter Eckmann, Karen Feng, Arushi Gupta, Owen Queen, Nitya Thakkar, Haotian Ye, Wanja Zhao

## Publications

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### PUBLICATIONS

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