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## EDUCATION

### **Biomedical and Health Informatics Ph.D., Advanced Data Science Option** — University of Wash., Seattle

SEPTEMBER 2018 – DECEMBER 2022

- Advisor: Trevor Cohen, MBChB, PhD, FACMI
- NLM Predoctoral Fellow (2018-2021) - the NLM informatics training fellowship is a nationwide, renowned, highly selective grant program.
- Mentored several students
- Dissertation: "Needs-driven, utility-oriented, standards-based operationalization of artificial intelligence for clinical decision support: a framework with application to suicide prevention".
  - Conducted qualitative user research to determine software design and AI requirements;
  - used social media data to develop a BERT-based natural language processing model for suicide risk detection;
  - designed, developed, and deployed a FHIR-based React.js web application for suicide prevention.

Courses taken: Data Visualization; Mathematical Statistics

### **Graduate student** — University of Wisconsin, Madison

SEPTEMBER 2016 – DECEMBER 2018

Courses taken: Database Systems; Human-Computer Interaction; Machine Learning

### **Bioinformatics, B.S.** — University of California, San Diego

SEPTEMBER 2011 - JUNE 2014

Comprehensive Computer Science, Biology, and Bioinformatics curriculum

## RESEARCH & PROJECT EXPERIENCE

### **Informatics-Supported Administration of Caring Contacts (ISACC): Standards-based ML-enabled full stack web app development of a suicide prevention tool** — University of Washington, Seattle (PI: Dr. Bill Lober)

SUMMER 2022 – FALL 2022

- FHIR, SMART on FHIR, React.js, TypeScript, Python, Flask, Twilio API for SMS (text message) integration
- Transfer learning from social media data to patient-generated messages from online therapy sessions for suicide risk detection
- Integration of the suicide risk detection NLP model described below
- Open-sourced on GitHub
- Clinical deployments are underway

**Neural transfer learning for NLP and suicide risk detection in online therapy messages** — University of Washington, Seattle (PI: Dr. Trevor Cohen)

SPRING 2022 – SUMMER 2022

- A natural language processing project using Python
- Transfer learning from social media data to patient-generated messages from online therapy sessions for suicide risk detection

**Qualitative needs assessment for suicide prevention tools** — University of Washington, Seattle (PI: Dr. Andrea Hartzler)

WINTER 2022 – SPRING 2022

- Qualitative methods for user research & user-centered design for AI-assisted suicide prevention software
- Conducted semi-structured interviews
- Developed software requirements specification

**Extraction of language features of depression and anxiety in online therapy messages** — University of Washington, Seattle (PI: Dr. Trevor Cohen)

FALL 2021 – WINTER 2022

- A natural language processing project using Python, PyTorch, BERT, and LIWC
- Analysis of longitudinal changes in the language used by depression and anxiety patients to monitor and optimize treatment in online psychotherapy

**Distributional semantics for detection of Behavioral Activation in online therapy messages** — University of Washington, Seattle (PI: Dr. Trevor Cohen)

SUMMER 2021

- A natural language processing project using Python, SemanticVectors & word embeddings
- Extraction and comparison of language features using Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count (LIWC) and GoEmotions (a BERT model)
- Investigation of differential language use in depression and anxiety

**EHR data mining & NLP for lung cancer detection** — University of Washington, Seattle (PI: Dr. Matthew Thompson)

SPRING 2021 – SUMMER 2022

- Analysis and visualization of clinical data collected during routine care (i.e. EHR data) to characterize lung cancer diagnosis pathways at the UW, using Python and R
- Comparative study of symptom data sources (clinical notes/NLP vs. structured EHR data) for predicting lung cancer
- Biostatistics and NLP consulting for an ancillary project investigating the predictive power of weight loss for subsequently developing lung cancer

**EHR data mining & NLP for COVID-19 detection and characterization** — University of Washington, Seattle (PI: Dr. Kari Stephens)

SPRING 2020 – FALL 2020

- Analysis and visualization of clinical data collected during routine care (i.e. EHR data) to characterize COVID-19 symptom presentation and equity in care delivery, using Python and R
- Work directly with the UW enterprise data warehouse (SQL)

**Determining patient factors contributing to errors in point-of-care blood glucose monitoring** — University of Washington, Seattle (PI: Dr. Brent Wisse)

WINTER 2020 – FALL 2020

- Statistical modeling of a large sample of EHR data from hospitalized diabetic patients undergoing blood glucose testing, using Python and R
- Applied machine learning methods to determine modifiable factors predictive of low accuracy in point-of-care tests compared to laboratory tests

**StayHome: Full-stack web app for COVID-19 symptom tracking and reporting** — University of Washington, Seattle (PI: Dr. Bill Lober)

SUMMER 2019 – FALL 2020

- Design and development of a cross-platform, FHIR-backed mobile application for patient-reported outcomes collection, using Flutter (Dart), Flask, and Gitlab
- Research on standards-based, offline-first software architectures
- Open-sourced on GitHub

**Voice signal analysis for detection of cognitive impairment** — University of Washington, Seattle (PI: Dr. Reza Hosseini Ghomi)

SPRING 2019 – SUMMER 2020

- Analysis of voice recordings of neuropsychological testing batteries from the Cognitive Aging Cohort in the Framingham Heart Study
- Development of a machine learning model for prediction of cognitive status from linguistic and acoustic features of speech
- Resulted in co-first-authored publication in the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease (2020)

**Depression phenotype subgroup detection** — University of Washington, Seattle (PI: Dr. Adam Wilcox)

SPRING 2019

- Statistical analysis and data visualization of PHQ-9 survey data for visual discovery of clinical subgroups of depressed patients based on patterns in symptoms

**Drug-drug interactions discovery** — University of Washington, Seattle (PI: Dr. Trevor Cohen)

WINTER 2018 – SPRING 2019

- Modeling of drug interactions using observational pharmacovigilance data sources
  - Resulted in first-authored publication in the Proceedings of the Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association's Annual Symposium (2019)
- Contributions to open-source software package SemanticVectors (for Java and Python)

**Fracture risk modeling with EHR data** — University of Wisconsin, Madison (PI: Dr. Eneida Mendonça)

FALL 2017

- Descriptive statistics of Electronic Health Record data extracted from UW Madison's health system databases
- Exploration of predictive modeling for fracture risk in children due to oral corticosteroid use

**Genetic variant analysis for Kawasaki's Disease** — Division of Biomedical Informatics, UC San Diego (PI: Dr. Lucila Ohno-Machado)

WINTER 2013 - WINTER 2014

- Worked in a small team on variant analysis of Kawasaki's Disease patient genomes
- Review of published research work for techniques and relevant research findings
- Development of a genomic variant analysis pipeline for Unix shell

**Genome sequencing error profiling** — SG Biofuels, San Diego, CA

SUMMER 2013

- Small start-up
- Error profiling and data mining for the company's own genome sequencing machine
- In-silico prediction and modeling of biological experiments
- Presentation of results to company leadership

**CONFERENCE AND JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS**

**Submitted**

**Burkhardt, H. A.**, Ding, X., Kerbrat, A., Comtois, K. A., & Cohen, T. (n.d.). From benchmark to bedside: Transfer learning from social media for suicide risk prediction with patient-generated text. Under Review.

Prado, M. G., Kessler, L. G., Au, M. A., **Burkhardt, H. A.**, Suchsland, M. Z., Kowalski, L., Otr, L., Walter, F. M., Lybarger, K., Turner, G., & Farjah, F. (2022). Symptoms and signs of lung cancer prior to diagnosis: Comparative study using electronic health records.

**Published**

Suchsland, M. Z., Kowalski, L., **Burkhardt, H. A.**, Prado, M. G., Kessler, L. G., Yetisgen, M., Au, M. A., Stephens, K. A., Farjah, F., Schleyer, A. M., Walter, F. M., Neal, R. D., Lybarger, K., Thompson, C. A., Al Achkar, M., Sarma, E. A., Turner, G., & Thompson, M. (2022). How Timely Is Diagnosis of Lung Cancer? Cohort Study of Individuals with Lung Cancer Presenting in Ambulatory Care in the United States. *Cancers* 2022, Vol. 14, Page 5756, 14(23), 5756. <https://doi.org/10.3390/cancers14235756>

**Burkhardt, H. A.**, Laine, M., Kerbrat, A., Cohen, T., Comtois, K.A., & Hartzler, A. (2022). Identifying opportunities for informatics-supported suicide prevention: the case of Caring Contacts. Proceedings of the AMIA Annual Symposium 2022. Distinguished Paper Award.

**Burkhardt, H. A.**, Pullmann, M. D., Hull, T. D., Areán, P. A., & Cohen, T. (2022). Comparing emotion feature extraction approaches for predicting depression and anxiety. *Proceedings of the Eighth Workshop on Computational Linguistics and Clinical Psychology*.

**Burkhardt, H. A.**, Alexopoulos, G. S., Pullmann, M. D., Hull, T. D., Areán, P. A., & Cohen, T. (2021). Behavioral Activation and Depression Symptomatology: Longitudinal Assessment of Linguistic Indicators in Text-Based Therapy Sessions. *Journal of Medical Internet Research*, 23(7), e28244. <https://doi.org/10.2196/28244>

**Burkhardt, H.A.**, Brandt, P.S., Lee, J.R., Karras, S.W., Bugni, P.F., Cvitkovic, I., Chen, A.Y., Lober, W.B. (2021). StayHome: A FHIR-Native Mobile COVID-19 Symptom Tracker and Public Health Reporting Tool. *Online Journal of Public Health Informatics*, 13(1). <https://doi.org/10.5210/ojphi.v13i1.11462>

Zhang, L., Ngo, A., Thomas, J. A., **Burkhardt, H. A.**, Parsey, C. M., Au, R., & Hosseini Ghomi, R. (2021). Neuropsychological test validation of speech markers of cognitive impairment in the Framingham Cognitive Aging Cohort. *Exploration of Medicine*, 2(3), 232–252. <https://doi.org/10.37349/emed.2021.00044>

Thomas, J. A.\* & **Burkhardt, H. A.\***, Chaudhry, S., Ngo, A. D., Sharma, S., Zhang, L., ... Hosseini Ghomi, R. (2020). Assessing the Utility of Language and Voice Biomarkers to Predict Cognitive Impairment in the

Framingham Heart Study Cognitive Aging Cohort Data. *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease : JAD*, 76(3), 905–922. <https://doi.org/10.3233/JAD-190783> (\* indicates equal contributions)

**Burkhardt, H. A.**, Subramanian, D., Mower, J., & Cohen, T. (2019). Predicting Adverse Drug-Drug Interactions with Neural Embedding of Semantic Predications. *Proceedings of the AMIA Annual Symposium 2019*. Winner of the Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining Student Innovation Award.

#### POSTER PRESENTATIONS (PEER REVIEWED)

Muenzen K.M., **Burkhardt H.A.**, Reid N., Tarczy-Hornoch P., Tsuang D., Chen A.T., Jarvik G.P., Crosslin D.R. Considerations for embedding genomic discovery research in clinical settings: Perspectives from medical geneticists (Abstract #2022-A-4170-ASHG). *72nd Annual Meeting of The American Society of Human Genetics, October 25-29, 2022 in Los Angeles, California.*

**Burkhardt, H. A.**, Prado, M. G., Kessler, L. G., Au, M. A., Zigman Suchsland, M., Kowalski, L., Stephens, K. A., Yetisgen, M., Walter, F. M., Neal, R. D., Lybarger, K., Thompson, C. A., Achkar, M. Al, Sarma, E. A., Turner, G., Farjah, F., & Thompson, M. (2022). Signs and symptoms extracted from Electronic Health Records with AI predict lung cancer diagnosis at least 6 months in advance. *The Early Detection of Cancer Conference.*

**Burkhardt, H.A.**, Portanova, J. (2021) Teaching issues of research reproducibility through first-hand experience. *17th Annual UW Teaching and Learning Symposium.*

**Burkhardt, H.A.**, Dobbins, N., Mollis, B., Au, M., Kwan Ma, K.P., Yetisgen, M., Singh, A., Thompson, M., Stephens, K.A. (2021). Extracting COVID-19 Related Symptoms from EHR Data: A Comparison of Three Methods. *AMIA Virtual Informatics Summit 2021.*

#### POSTER PRESENTATIONS (NON-PEER REVIEWED)

**Burkhardt, H. A.**, Subramanian, D., Mower, J., & Cohen, T. Predicting Adverse Drug-Drug Interactions with Neural Embedding of Semantic Predications. *2019 NLM Training Conference (Indianapolis, IN).* June 25, 2019

#### ORAL PRESENTATIONS

##### **Identifying opportunities for informatics-supported suicide prevention: the case of Caring Contacts.**

Burkhardt, H. A., Laine, M., Kerbrat, A., Cohen, T., Comtois, K.A., & Hartzler, A. Panel presentation: “Caring Contacts: Three Services and Implementation Research Approaches to Scaling an Evidence-Based but Novel Suicide Prevention Intervention.” *25th NIMH Conference on Mental Health Services Research (MHSR).* August 2, 2022. Presented by Burkhardt, H. A.

##### **Linguistic markers of behavioral activation predict changes in depression symptomatology.**

Burkhardt, H. A., Alexopoulos, G. S., Pullmann, M. D., Hull, T. D., Areán, P. A., & Cohen, T. *2021 NLM Training Conference* (Virtual, hosted by University of Washington). June 23, 2021. Presented by Burkhardt, H. A.

**The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Naïve Bayes for Predicting Combinatorial Drug Effects.** Burkhardt, H. A., Subramanian, D., Mower, J., & Cohen, T. *2020 NLM Training Conference* (Virtual, hosted by Oregon Health & Science University). June 24, 2020. Presented by Burkhardt, H. A.

##### **StayHome: A FHIR-Native Mobile COVID-19 Symptom Tracker and Public Health Reporting Tool.**

Burkhardt, H. A., Brandt, P. S., Lee, J. R., Karras, S. W., Bugni, P. F., Cvitkovic, I., Chen, A. Y., Lober, W. B. *University of Washington FHIR Conference* (Seattle, WA). September 2020. Presented by Burkhardt, H. A.

**Mobile PROs with FHIR.** Burkhardt, H. A., Lober, W. B. *Seattle on FHIR Meetup.* Seattle, WA (October 2019). Presented by Burkhardt, H. A.

## TEACHING

Software Carpentry Instructor, certified in 2019.

Software Carpentry is a volunteer project dedicated to teaching researchers basic computing skills (programming, data processing, process automation, and data science).

Workshops taught & co-taught:

- Unix shell. Winter 2022 Software Carpentries Workshop, eScience Institute, University of Washington. January 10, 2022.
- Git. Winter 2022 Software Carpentries Workshop, eScience Institute, University of Washington. January 11, 2022.

**Student Instructor**, University of Washington

*Course:* BIME 591 FHIR and other data standards (2019)

*Responsibilities:* With two co-instructors and a faculty sponsor, prepared a curriculum and taught several weekly lessons and hands-on tutorials

*Course:* BIME 591 Reproducibility in research (2020)

*Responsibilities:* With a student co-instructor and a faculty sponsor, led a journal club-style seminar teaching techniques and issues in research reproducibility.

**Instructor**, Epic (2016-2018)

*Course:* Learn To Code – Introduction to programming for non-technical staff

*Responsibilities:* Developed and refined curriculum; taught 4 instances of the course, each consisting of 10 weekly lessons.

**Tutor**, University of California – San Diego (2013)

*Course:* BICD 100 Genetics

*Responsibilities:* One-on-one tutoring

## SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

### **Peer Review**

AMIA Clinical Informatics Conference (2023)

JAMIA Editorial Board (2022-2024).

Awarded Certificate of Excellence for Distinguished Contributions to the Peer Review Process

AMIA Annual Symposium (2022)

AMIA Informatics Summit (2022)

IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics (2021)

International Conference on Healthcare Informatics (ICHI) (2021)

AMIA Annual Symposium (2021)

JAMIA Student Editorial Board (2020-2022)

International Conference on Healthcare Informatics (ICHI) (2020)

AMIA Clinical Informatics Conference (2020)

### ***Other service roles***

**Planning Committee Member**, UW AI in Medicine Seminar Series (2020-2022)

Helped choose speakers from across the country, invited speakers and served as primary contact, hosted and moderated talks

JAMIA Student Editorial Board Member and Journal Club Manager, (2020-2022)

Helped choose national and international speakers, invited speakers and served as primary contact, managed and coordinated student editorial board member responsibilities. Automated and optimized processes.

Professional Development Coordinator, Epic (2017-2018)

Helped in choosing technical books for the book club. Facilitated weekly book club meetings for the team. Facilitated development and refinement of best-practice guidelines for team.

On-site Visit Outreach, Epic (2016-2017)

Coordinated with point people at health systems (e.g. nursing informatics analysts) to arrange “immersion” trips for user research and product design purposes.

**Undergraduate Bioinformatics Club (UBIC)**, University of California – San Diego (2013-2014)

As co-founder and president: conceived of, planned, and executed research, networking, and social activities. *Student leadership award.*

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

**Distinguished Paper Award**, AMIA (2022)

**Certificate of Excellence for Distinguished Contributions to the Peer Review Process**, JAMIA (2022)

**Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining Student Innovation Award**, AMIA Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining Working Group (2019)

**NLM Predoctoral Fellowship Award**, University of Washington (2018-2021)

Student Leadership Award, UC San Diego (2014)

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)

Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Biomedical informatics research & development consultant** — Swedish Medical Center

FEB 2022 - PRESENT

- Advise Swedish Medical Center (Providence Health Network) leadership on strategy for implementing a research-grade enterprise data warehouse

- Gap analysis of research data quality and completeness, user needs, and existing technologies as they relate to technology options and team structure
- Develop solutions architecture recommendations and present them in written and oral form
- Used SQL and Snowflake enterprise data warehouse

### **Research & Development Software Engineer — Epic**

JUL 2014 - JUL 2018

- Developed and maintained a mobile application for inpatient clinical documentation (front-end: Android/Java and iOS/Objective-C; back-end: C#, Cache)
- Experience leading project teams
- Owner of several functional areas
- Practice of iterative UX design methods and needs assessment
- Maintenance and iterative modernization of legacy code
- Experience with FDA Medical Device Labeling processes
- Regular interaction with clinicians to determine product requirements and design
- Mentored new hires and interns
- Organized team-wide professional development activities
- Organized on-site observations for needs assessment and feedback collection
- Assisted with on-site EHR go-live support
- Development and teaching of introductory programming classes for colleagues in non-technical roles
- Consulting for the internal German translation team

### **Bioinformatics Intern — SG Biofuels, San Diego, CA**

SUMMER 2013

- Small start up
- Error profiling and data mining for the company's own genome sequencing machine
- In-silico prediction and modeling of biological experiments
- Presentation of results to company leadership

### **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

- Maintainer & contributor of myfitnesspal-python