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# **Employment**

- Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, McMaster University. July 2014–Present.
- Associate Chair (Statistics), Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics, McMaster University. July 2021
  –June 2023.
- Director, MacData Institute, McMaster University. July 2017–June 2022. (Acting Director, May–June 2017).
- Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Guelph. July 2013–June 2014.
- Director, Bioinformatics Graduate Programs, University of Guelph. April 2012-May 2014.
- Associate Chair, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Guelph. Sept. 2010–Nov. 2013.
- Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Guelph. July 2010

  –June 2013.
- Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Guelph. July 2007–June 2010.

### Other Affiliations and Professional Accreditation

- Faculty Affiliate, Vector Institute, Toronto. October 2019-Present.
- Associate Member, Department of Computing and Software, McMaster University. July 2018–Present.
- P.Stat., Statistical Society of Canada. October 2015–Present.

# Academic Degrees

- Sc.D. in Statistics, 2022, Higher Doctorate, Trinity College Dublin.
- Ph.D. in Statistics, 2007, Topics in Unsupervised Learning, Department of Statistics, Trinity College Dublin.
- M.Sc. in High Performance Computing, 2007, School of Mathematics, Trinity College Dublin.
- B.A. in Mathematics, 2004, First Class Honours with Gold Medal, School of Mathematics, Trinity College Dublin (M.A., 2007).

#### Awards & Honours

- Dorothy Killam Fellowship, National Research Council, 2023.

  From nrc.canada.ca: "the Dorothy Killam Fellowships provide support to scholars of exceptional ability."
- John L. Synge Award, Royal Society of Canada, 2021.

  From rsc-src.ca: "To acknowledge outstanding research in any of the branches of the mathematical sciences."

  The John L. Synge Award was first given in 1987 and McNicholas was the 10th recipient.
- Steacie Prize for the Natural Sciences, E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fund, 2020.

  Awarded to a researcher "40 years of age or less who has made notable contributions to research in Canada" (www.steacieprize.ca). The Steacie Prize has been awarded annually since 1964 and McNicholas is the first winner for research in statistics.
- E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowship, NSERC, 2019.

  Up to six fellowships were awarded across science and engineering in Canada each year "to enhance the career development of outstanding and highly promising university faculty who are earning a strong international reputation for original research."
- Member, College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists, Royal Society of Canada, 2017.
   From rsc-src.ca: "The College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists is Canada's first national system of multidisciplinary recognition for the emerging generation of Canadian intellectual leadership... The criteria for election is excellence..."
- University Scholar, McMaster University, 2017.
   From McMaster University's official policy, the awarding of the title University Scholar "seeks to recognize faculty members in mid-career who have already distinguished themselves as international scholars".
- Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Computational Statistics, NSERC, 2015. From www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca, Tier 1 Canada Research Chairs "are for outstanding researchers acknowledged by their peers as world leaders in their fields". Renewed 2022.
- Chikio Hayashi Award, International Federation of Classification Societies (IFCS), 2013.
   This international award is given biennially to excellent young researchers (≤ 35 years old) who show great promise in classification, data analysis, or related areas.

- Early Researcher Award, Ontario Ministry of Research & Innovation, 2011.

  This prestigious and highly competitive award is given to outstanding researchers within the first five years of their academic careers. The official guidelines state that "the goal of the program is to improve Ontario's ability to attract and retain the best and brightest research talent".
- Distinguished Professor Teaching Award, University of Guelph Faculty Association, 2011. This is a teaching award based on in-class teaching and trainee supervision.
- University Research Chair in Computational Statistics, University of Guelph, 2011.

  The applicant is the first statistician to be awarded the University's highest honour for a (non-retired) researcher.

  The Chair recognizes achievement and leadership in research.
- Barrington Medal, Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland, 2006.
   Given "to recognise a promising new researcher in the economic and social sciences in Ireland" (irisheconomy.ie).
   McNicholas was the 120th Barrington Lecturer.

# Named and Special Lectures

- Model-Based Clustering of Three-Way Data, President's Invited Address, The Classification Society annual meeting, Waterloo, ON, 06/2022.
- Thoughts on Some Problems in Clustering, Isobel Loutit Lecture, Statistical Society of Canada annual meeting, Ottawa, ON, 06/2021 (virtual, delayed by one year by the COVID-19 pandemic).
- Association Rule Analysis of CAO Data, Barrington Lecture, Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland, 11/2006.

#### Monographs

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- [2] McNicholas, P.D. (2016), Mixture Model-Based Classification. Boca Raton: Chapman & Hall/CRC Press.

# Newspaper Op-Ed

[3] McNicholas, P.D. 'Talking about my disorder helped my son — and me', Toronto Star, A19, March 25, 2023.

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Research Support Held as Principal Investigator

Agency, Program	Total	Year(s)
Killam Fund/National Research Council, Dorothy Killam Fellowship	\$160,000	2023-25
NSERC, Discovery Grant	\$230,000	2023 – 28
Canada Research Chair, Tier 1 (renewal)	\$1,400,000	2022 – 29
NSERC, Discovery Grant	\$215,000	2017 - 23
Canada Research Chair, Tier 1	\$1,400,000	2015 – 22
MITACS, Accelerate	\$60,000	2020 – 21
NSERC, E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowship	\$250,000	2019 – 21
NSERC, Engage	\$25,000	2018 – 19
NSERC, Discovery Grant	\$125,000	2012 – 17
Ontario Research Fund, Small Infrastructure	\$149,999	2016
NSERC, Collaborative Research & Development Grant	\$400,000	2012 – 16
Industry support (Grant-In-Aid)	\$200,000	2012 – 16
Canada Foundation for Innovation, John R. Evans Leaders Fund	\$149,999	2015
Ontario Ministry for Research & Innovation, Early Researcher Award	\$150,000	2011-14
University of Guelph, University Research Chair in Comp. Statistics	\$440,000	2011-14
NSERC, Discovery Grant	\$13,000	2011 - 12
NSERC, Collaborative Research & Development	\$220,000	2009 - 12
Industry support (Grant-In-Aid)	\$150,000	2009 – 12
NSERC, Research Tools & Instruments	\$36,500	2011
Ontario Centres of Excellence, Collaborative Research	\$100,000	2009-11
NSERC, Discovery Grant	\$36,000	2008-11
NSERC, Engage	\$25,000	2010
Canada Foundation for Innovation, Leaders Opportunity Fund	\$118,362	2009
Ontario Ministry for Research & Innovation, Small Infrastructure Fund	\$118,362	2009
MITACS, Accelerate	\$15,000	2009

Research Support Held as Co-Investigator or Co-PI

Agency, Program	Total	Year(s)
Weston Family Foundation, Grant	\$12,240,322	2021-28
CIHR, Project Grant	\$1,225,000	2022 – 27
CIHR, Project Grant	\$300,000	2023 – 26
SSHRC, Partnership Grant	\$2,499,863	2020 – 26
Labarge Centre for Mobility in Aging, McMaster University	\$5,000,000	2019-24
MIRA, McMaster University	\$1,000,000	2019-24
AGE-WELL Core Research Program, Grant	\$600,000	2020 – 23
Strategic Alignment Fund, McMaster University	\$501,357	2019 – 22
AGE-WELL Core Research Program, Catalyst Grant	\$30,000	2020

# **Invited Presentations at Conferences and Meetings**

Note: Named and Special Lectures listed on page 2 are not repeated here.

- i. Handling Outliers when Clustering Three-Way Data, CFE-CMStatistics 2024, London, England, 12/2024 (virtual).
- ii. Selected Themes from Articles Published in the Journal of Classification in 2023, The Classification Society Annual Meeting, Kelowna, BC, 06/2024.
- iii. Variable Selection for Skewed Clustering and Classification, Statistical Society of Canada Annual Meeting, St. John's, NL, 06/2024.
- iv. Clustering Three-Way Data with Outliers, Classification and Data Analysis Group of the Italian Statistical Society, Salerno, Italy, 09/2023.
- v. Clustering Multivariate Longitudinal Data Using Matrix-Variate Mixtures, Joint Statistical Meetings, Toronto, ON, 08/2023.
- vi. Some Current Challenges In Clustering, Statistical Society of Canada Annual Meeting, Ottawa, ON, 05/2023.
- vii. Clustering Multivariate Longitudinal Data Using Matrix-Variate Mixture Models, ERCIM Working Group on Computing & Statistics, London, England, 12/2022 (virtual).

- viii. Using Subset Log-Likelihoods to Trim Outliers in Gaussian Mixture Models, Classification and Data Analysis Group of the Italian Statistical Society, Firenze, Italy, 09/2021 (virtual).
- ix. Flexible Clustering of High-Dimensional Data via Mixtures of Joint Generalized Hyperbolic Distributions, Joint Statistical Meetings, Seattle, WA, 09/2021 (virtual).
- x. Outlier Detection in Model-Based Clustering, Statistics 2021, Ottawa, 07/2021 (virtual).
- xi. Thoughts on Some Problems in Clustering, Isobel Loutit Lecture (2020), Statistical Society of Canada Annual Meeting, Ottawa, 06/2021 (virtual).
- xii. Selected Problems in Classification, Data Science Applied Research and Education Seminar, CANSSI Ontario, Toronto, 02/2021 (virtual).
- xiii. Data Science, Classification and Three-Way Data, Colloque des sciences mathématiques du Québec, CRM, Montreal, 10/2020 (virtual).
- xiv. Mixtures of Skewed Matrix Variate Bilinear Factor Analyzers, MBC2: An International Workshop on Model-Based Clustering and Classification, Catania, Italy, 09/2020 (virtual).
- xv. Using Subset Log-Likelihoods to Predict the Number of Outliers in Gaussian Mixture Models, AMS Fall Eastern Sectional Meeting, Binghamton, NY, 10/2019.
- xvi. Contributions to Model Selection and Cluster Analysis, Special Session in Honour of Prof. Stan Sclove, The Classification Society Annual Meeting, Edmonton, AB, 06/2019.
- xvii. Mixtures of Matrix Variate Bilinear Factor Analyzers, MBC2: An International Workshop on Model-Based Clustering and Classification, Catania, Italy, 09/2018.
- xviii. Clustering Longitudinal Data Using Mixture Models, Joint Statistical Meetings, Vancouver, BC, 08/2018.
- xix. Mixtures of Skewed Matrix Variate Distributions, University of Washington Working Group on Model-Based Clustering, Ann Arbor, MI, 07/2018.
- xx. Selected Problems in Classification (President's Address), The Classification Society Annual Meeting, Long Island, NY, 06/2018.
- xxi. Securing Funding as a New Investigator (part of a panel discussion), Statistical Society of Canada Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC, 06/2018.
- xxii. Clustering Longitudinal Data, ENAR Spring Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 03/2018.
- xxiii. On Clustering Longitudinal Data, International Federation of Classification Societies Meeting, Tokyo, Japan, 08/2017.
- xxiv. Model-Based Clustering of Big Data, Joint Statistical Meetings, Baltimore, MD, 07/2017 (topic contributed).
- xxv. Some Experiences From an Industry Collaboration, Statistical Society of Canada Annual Meeting, Winnipeg, MB, 06/2017.
- xxvi. Mixtures of Coalesced Generalized Hyperbolic Distributions, International Conference on Statistical Distributions and Applications, Niagara Falls, ON, 10/2016.
- xxvii. A Cluster, Clustering and Mixture Models, The Classification Society Annual Meeting, Columbia, MO, 06/2016.
- xxviii. Clustering Ultra High-Dimensional Data, Statistical Society of Canada Annual Meeting, St. Catharines, ON, 05/2016.
- xxix. Implicit Versus Explicit Variable Selection, ERCIM Working Group on Computing & Statistics, London, England, 12/2015.
- xxx. Averaging and Asymmetry in Cluster Analysis, International Federation of Classification Societies Meeting, Bologna, Italy, 07/2015.
- xxxi. Outlier Detection via Contaminated Mixture Distributions, Classification and Data Analysis Group of the Italian Statistical Society, Modena, Italy, 09/2013.
- xxxii. Classification via Mixtures of SAL and Generalized Hyperbolic Distributions, International Federation of Classification Societies Meeting, Tilburg, The Netherlands, 07/2013.
- xxxiii. Recent Work on Non-Gaussian Methods, MBC<sup>2</sup>: Workshop on Model Based Clustering and Classification, Catania, Sicily, Italy, 09/2012. Keynote speaker.
- xxxiv. Mixtures of Generalized Hyperbolic Distributions, University of Washington Working Group on Model-Based Clustering, ON, Canada, 07/2012.
- xxxv. Clustering and Classification of High-dimensional Data via Modified t-factor Analyzers, ERCIM, London, England, 12/2011.

- xxxvi. Model-based Clustering and Classification via Mixtures of Multivariate t-Distributions, Classification and Data Analysis Group of the Italian Statistical Society, Pavia, Italy, 09/2011.
- xxxvii. Model-Based Clustering: An Overview, Sensometrics 10, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 07/2010.
- xxxviii. Model-Based Clustering via Mixtures of Multivariate t-Distributions, University of Washington Working Group on Model-Based Clustering, INRIA, Grenoble, France, 07/2010.
- xxxix. Model-Based Clustering of Longitudinal Data, University of Washington Working Group on Model-Based Clustering, Seattle, WA, 07/2008.
  - xl. Parsimonious Gaussian Mixture Models, Royal Statistical Society Conference, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 09/2006.

### **Selected Seminars**

- i. Handling Outliers in Model-Based Clustering, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, 03/2024.
- ii. Model-Based Clustering of Three-Way Data, UBC-Okanagan, BC, 03/2023.
- iii. Clustering Higher-Order Data, Miami University, OH, 03/2022 (virtual).
- iv. Selected Problems in Classification, Lakehead University, ON, 12/2021 (virtual).
- v. Using Subset Log-Likelihoods to Trim Outliers in Gaussian Mixture Models, Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria, 10/2021 (virtual).
- vi. Clustering Higher-Order Data, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, 10/2019.
- vii. Clustering Higher-Order Data, Binghamton University, NY, 10/2019.
- viii. Data Science, Classification and Three-Way Data, University of Windsor, ON, 04/2019.
- ix. Model-Based Clustering of Matrix Variate and Tensor Variate Data, University of Alberta, AB, 03/2019.
- x. Data Science, Classification and Clustering, MacEwan University, AB, 03/2019.
- xi. Clustering, Classification and Data Science, University College Dublin, Ireland, 10/2018.
- xii. Clustering, Classification and Data Science, Queens University Belfast, UK, 10/2018.
- xiii. Experiences From an Industry Collaboration, University of Toronto, ON, 09/2018.
- xiv. Clustering Three-Way Data Using Mixture Models, University of Rochester, NY, 03/2018.
- xv. Cluster-Weighted Models and Machine Learning for Insurance Data, Arizona Actuarial Club, AZ, 10/2017.
- xvi. Clustering via Mixture Models, Arizona State University, AZ, 10/2017.
- xvii. Clustering via Mixture Models, Dalhousie University, NS, 10/2017.
- xviii. Clustering via Mixture Models, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, PA, 04/2017.
- xix. Clustering and Discriminant Analysis via Mixture Models, Acadia University, NS, 03/2016.
- xx. Model-Based Clustering: Past, Present and Future, Simon Fraser University, BC, 03/2016.
- xxi. Averaging and Asymmetry in Cluster Analysis, University of Manitoba, MB, 09/2015.
- xxii. Contaminated Mixtures and Fractionally-Supervised Classification, Wilfrid Laurier University, ON, 10/2013.
- xxiii. Non-Gaussian Model-Based Clustering & Classification, University of Toronto, ON, 11/2011.
- xxiv. Non-Gaussian Model-Based Clustering & Classification, University of Waterloo, ON, 10/2011.
- xxv. Model-Based Clustering, Classification and Discriminant Analysis via Mixtures of Multivariate t-Distributions, University of Ottawa (joint with Carleton University), ON, 11/2010.
- xxvi. Recent Work in Model-Based Clustering & Classification, University of Windsor, ON, 03/2010.
- xxvii. Recent Work in Model-Based Clustering & Classification, University of Waterloo, ON, 01/2010.
- xxviii. Recent Work in Model-Based Clustering & Classification, University of Toronto, ON, 12/2009.
- xxix. On Clustering Gene Expression Time Course Data, University of Western Ontario, ON, 10/2009.
- xxx. Clustering & Data Mining, Université de Montréal, QC, 01/2009.
- xxxi. Model-Based Clustering: An Overview, McGill University, Montreal, QC, 10/2008.
- xxxii. Model-Based Clustering of Longitudinal Data, Colloque de statistique de Montréal, McGill University, 10/2008.
- xxxiii. Analysis of Gene Expression Time Course Data via Model-Based Clustering, York University, ON, 10/2008.
- xxxiv. Model-Based Clustering: An Overview, National University of Ireland, Galway, 04/2008.
- xxxv. Standardizing the Lift of an Association Rule, University College Dublin, Ireland, 11/2007.
- xxxvi. Model-Based Clustering: An Overview, McMaster University, ON, 10/2007.

# Workshops and Schools Delivered/Led

- Instructor, Julia Masterclass, Dublin, Ireland, 03/2025.
- Instructor and Co-organizer, Winter School in Data Science and Optimization, Fields Institute, Toronto, 11/2019.
- Instructor and Co-organizer, Summer School in Data Science, McMaster University, Hamilton, 05/2019.
- Faculty Mentor, Industrial Problem Solving Workshop, Fields Institute, Toronto, 08/2016.
- Academic Lead, Big Data Industrial Problem Solving Workshop, Fields Institute, Toronto, 05/2015.
- Instructor, Imputation of Data for Preference Segmentation in Incomplete Designs, Sensometrics 2014, Chicago, 07/2014.
- Instructor, *R for Bioinformaticians*, IEEE Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (CIBCB), Montreal, 05/2010.
- Faculty Mentor, Automatic Classification & Data Reduction for Food Authenticity Problems, PIMS/MITACS Graduate Industrial Mathematical Modelling Camp, Calgary, 05/2009.
- Faculty Mentor, *Detecting Important Animal Health Events*, PIMS/MITACS Graduate Industrial Problem Solving Workshop, Calgary, 05/2009.

# Training: Quality and Impact

- Former Ph.D. and postdoctoral trainees currently continuing pertinent work as faculty:
  - Jeffrey Andrews (Ph.D., 2012), Associate Professor, University of British Columbia-Okanagan, BC.
  - Ryan Browne (PDF, 2011), Associate Professor, University of Waterloo, ON.
  - Katharine Clark (Ph.D., 2024), Assistant Professor, Trent University, ON.
  - Utkarsh Dang (Ph.D., 2014), Assistant Professor, Carleton University, ON.
  - Brian Franczak (Ph.D., 2014), Associate Professor, MacEwan University, AB.
  - Michael Gallaugher (Ph.D., 2020), Assistant Professor, Baylor University, TX.
  - Matthieu Marbac (PDF, 2016), Associate Professor, École nationale de la statistique et de l'analyse de l'information (Campus de Ker Lann), France.
  - Orla Murphy (PDF, 2021), Assistant Professor, Dalhousie University, NS.
  - Nkumbuludzi Ndwapi (Ph.D., 2017), Lecturer, Botswana International University of Science and Technology.
  - Mateen Shaikh (Ph.D., 2013), Assistant Professor, Thompson Rivers University, BC.
  - Sanjeena Subedi (Ph.D., 2012), Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair, Carleton University, ON.
  - Cristina Tortora (PDF, 2016), Associate Professor, San Jose State University, CA.
  - Irene Vrbik (Ph.D., 2014), Assistant Professor, University of British Columbia-Okanagan, BC.
- Ph.D. students who won the Distinguished Dissertation Award from The Classification Society:
  - Jeffrey Andrews (Ph.D., 2012), winner 2013.
  - Michael Gallaugher (Ph.D., 2020), winner 2021.
  - Paula Murray (Ph.D., 2016), winner 2017.
  - Yang Tang (Ph.D., 2017), winner 2018.
  - Irene Vrbik (Ph.D., 2014), winner 2015.
- Former Ph.D. trainee who later won the Helga and Wolfgang Gaul Stiftung Award (for excellent researchers  $\leq 30$  years old), given biennially by the International Federation of Classification Societies:
  - Michael Gallaugher (Ph.D., 2020), winner 2021.
- Former Ph.D. and postdoctoral trainees who later won the prestigious Chikio Hayashi Award (for excellent researchers ≤ 35 years old), given biennially by the International Federation of Classification Societies:
  - Jeffrey Andrews (Ph.D., 2012), winner 2017.
  - Ryan Browne (PDF, 2011), winner 2015.
  - Brian Franczak (Ph.D., 2014), winner 2019.
  - Sanjeena Subedi (Ph.D., 2012), winner 2019.
  - Cristina Tortora (PDF, 2016), winner 2019.

• Summary of trainees.

	$\mathbf{C}_1$	Current		Previous	
	Supervised	Co-Supervised	Supervised	Co-Supervised	
Postdoctroal	1	0	15	0	
Doctoral	5	2	18	6	
Master's	1	0	39	20	
Undergraduate	2	0	31	4	
Total	9	2	103	30	

# Selected External Service and Leadership

#### • Editorial Activities:

- Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Classification, 2020-Present.
- Associate Editor, The Canadian Journal of Statistics, 2013–2016 and 2022–2024.
- Associate Editor, Journal of Multivariate Analysis, 2019–2020.
- Data Science Section Editor, FACETS, 2018–2020.
- Associate Editor, Journal of Classification, 2018–2020.
- Associate Editor, Advances in Data Analysis and Classification, 2014–2020.
- Associate Editor, Environmetrics, 2014–2019.
- Guest Editor, Computational Statistics and Data Analysis Fourth Special Issue on "Advances in Mixture Models", 2017–2018.
- Guest Editor, Advances in Data Analysis and Classification, Special Issue on the "Science of Big Data: Theory, Methods and Applications", 2014–2018.
- Associate Editor, Econometrics and Statistics, 2015–2018.
- Associate Editor, Computational Statistics and Data Analysis, 2013–2018.
- Guest Editor, Econometrics and Statistics Special Issue on "Advances in Mixture Models", 2015–2017.
- Associate Editor, Statistical Methods and Applications (Journal of the Italian Statistical Society), 2013–2017.
- Statistical Advisor, BMC-Series Editorial Board, 2013–2016.
- Guest Editor, Computational Statistics and Data Analysis Third Special Issue on "Advances in Mixture Models", 2013–2015.
- Associate Editor, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series C, 2012–2015.
- Guest Editor, Computational Statistics and Data Analysis Second Special Issue on "Advances in Mixture Models", 2011–2013.

### • Canadian Statistical Sciences Institute:

- Chair, Data Science Committee, 2018–2019.
- Associate Director, 2018–2019.
- Member, Industrial Innovation Committee, 2015–2017.

# • Statistical Society of Canada:

- Research Committee: Chair, 2017–2019. Member, 2016–2017.
- President-Elect/President/Past-President, Business and Industrial Statistics Section, 2013–2016.
- Local Representative, University of Guelph, 2012–2014.
- Member, The Canadian Journal of Statistics Awards Committee, 2011–2014.
- Member, Canadian Statistical Institute Development Committee, 2011–2012.

### • The Classification Society:

- Member, Board of Directors, 2014–Present.
- President, 2018-2019. President-Elect, 2016-2017. Past-President, 2020-2021.
- Chair, Program Committee, Annual Meeting, Edmonton, Alberta, June 2019.
- Chair, Program Committee, Annual Meeting, Long Island, New York, June 2018.
- Member, Program Committee, Annual Meeting, Columbia, Missouri, June 2016.
- Chair, Organizing Committee (Program and Local Arrangements), Annual Meeting, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, June 2015.
- Member, Editor-In-Chief Search Committee, Journal of Classification, 2014.
- International Federation of Classification Societies (IFCS):
  - Member, Scientific Program Committee, IFCS 2019, Thessaloniki, Greece, August 2019.
  - Publication Officer (and Executive Committee Member), 2012–2018.
  - Member, Scientific Program Committee, IFCS 2017, Tokyo, Japan, August 2017.

- Member, Scientific Program Committee, IFCS 2015, Bologna, Italy, July 2015.
- ICT, Math and Physics Panel, Ontario Early Researcher Awards:
  - Chair: 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2024.
  - Member: 2014, 2015, 2016.
- College Selection Panel (Physics, Mathematics and Earth Sciences), Royal Society of Canada:
  - Chair: 2024.
  - Member: 2018, 2019.
- NSERC Evaluation Group 1508 (Mathematics and Statistics):
  - Statistics Section: Chair, 2014/15, 2015/16. Incoming Chair, 2013/14.
  - Executive Committee: Member, 2013/14-2015/16.
- Vector Institute:
  - Vector Scholarship Research Adjudication Committee: Member, 2025.
- International Proposal Reviewer:
  - 3IA-Chairs, France, 2023.
  - Athens University of Economics & Business, Greece, 2010.
  - Comisión Nacional de Investigación Científica y Tecnológica, Chile: 2017, 2018, 2019.
  - INRIA, France, 2023.
  - Marsden Fund, The Royal Society Te Apārangi, New Zealand, 2023.
  - MITACS Elevate Review Committee Member, 2010 (two).
  - National Research Foundation, South Africa, 2022.
  - NSERC Discovery Grants proposal reviewer (many).
  - Sapienza University of Rome: 2020, 2023.
  - The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research: 2014, 2015.
- External University Tenure and Promotion Reviewing (years omitted to protect confidentiality):
  - Carleton University, ON.
  - Dalhousie University, NS.
  - Rutgers University, NJ (multiple).
  - South Dakota State University, SD.
  - Toronto Metropolitan University, ON.
  - University of Alabama, AL (multiple).
  - University of Auckland, New Zealand.
  - University of Kentucky, KY.
  - University of Manitoba, MB.
  - University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA.
  - University of Ottawa, ON.
  - University of Pittsburgh, PA.
  - University of Rochester, NY (multiple).
  - University of Windsor, ON.
  - Wilfred Laurier University, ON.
- Habilitation External Examiner:
  - University of Lille, France, 2021.
- Ph.D. External Examiner:
  - Arizona State University, AZ, 2023.
  - Institut Polytechnique de Paris, France, 2023.
  - McGill University, QC: 2013, 2021.
  - McMaster University, ON, 2013.
  - Université de Sherbrooke, QC, 2023.
  - University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy, 2018.
  - University of Pavia, Italy, 2021.
  - University of Waterloo, ON, 2013, 2019.
  - University of Western Ontario, ON: 2010, 2020.
  - University of Windsor, ON, 2024

• Journal Review Work (c. 8–12 articles per year, in addition to editorial work), including articles for: Advances in Data Analysis and Classification; Bioinformatics; Biostatistics; Computational Statistics and Data Analysis; Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery; Journal of Classification; Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics; Journal of Multivariate Analysis; Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series C; Journal of the American Statistical Association; Nature Machine Intelligence; Pattern Recognition; Pattern Recognition Letters; Psychological Methods; Psychometrika; Statistical Methods in Medical Research; Statistics and Computing; Statistics and Probability Letters; The American Statistician; The Annals of Applied Statistics; The Annals of Statistics; The Canadian Journal of Statistics.

#### • Other Activities:

- Reviewer, Steacie Prize draft application, Universities Canada, 2023.
- Reviewer, Canada Research Chairs program (multiple).
- Member, Highly Qualified Personnel Provincial Advisory Committee, Compute Ontario, 2017–2018.
- Poster Chair, Joint Statistical Meetings 2018 (Vancouver, Canada), 2017–2018.
- Co-Chair, 7th International Conference of ERCIM Working Group on Computational and Methodological Statistics, Pisa, Italy, December 2014.
- Member, Scientific Program Committee, MBC<sup>2</sup>: Workshop on Model Based Clustering and Classification, Catania, Sicily, Italy, September 2014.

### Internal (McMaster University) Service Contributions

Semesters	Role, Committee	Level
W25	Chair, Ad-Hoc Britton Chair Terms of Reference Committee	Department
W25	Member, Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee	Department
S22-S23	Chair, Awards Committee	Department
S22	External Reviewer, Institute for Infectious Disease Research	University
F21-S22	Member, Graduate Council	University
F21	Member, Internal Review Panel for CFI Innovation Fund Competition	University
S21-W22	Member, Data Science in Actuarial and Financial Math Search Committee	Department
S21-S23	Member, Graduate Committee	Faculty
S21-S23	Member, Graduate Committee	Department
S21-F21	Member, RHPCS Director Search Committee	University
F18-S19	Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Data Science	Department
F18-W19	Member, Probability and Statistics Search Committee	Department
F18	Member, Science Research Chairs Committee	Faculty
S17	Member, Canada 150 Research Chairs Committee for Science	Faculty
S17-S18	Member, Research Technology Committee	University
S17-S18	Member, Sherman Centre Advisory Committee	University
F16	Member, School of Graduate Studies Scholarship Committee (NSERC doctoral)	University
S16-S17	Member, Employment Equity Working Committee	University
F15-S16	Member, Senate Executive Committee	University
W16	Member, Internal Review Panel for CFI Innovation Fund Competition	University
W16	Member, Associate Dean Research Search Committee	Faculty
F15	Member, Valedictorian Selection Committee	University
S15-S16	Member, Committee on University Ceremonials and Insignia	University
S15-S16	Member, University Senate	University
S15-S18	Member, Awards Committee	Department
S14-S18	Member, Graduate Committee	Department

### Internal (University of Guelph) Service Contributions

Semesters	Role, Committee	Level
F12-S14	Member, (Graduate) Admissions and Progress Committee	University
F12-S13	Member, Senate Board of Graduate Studies	University
W12-S14	Chair, Bioinformatics Program Committee & Graduate Coordinator	College
F10, F11, F12	Member, Graduate Awards Committee (NSERC)	University
F10, F11, F13	Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee	Department
F10-S13	Member, University Senate	University
S09-S11	Chair, Graduate Studies Committee & Graduate Coordinator	Department
W08-S10	Member, Appointments Committee	Department

# **Teaching Summary**

- McMaster University (2014–Present):
  - CSE 799: Special Topics (multiple)
  - HTHSCI 4B06: Thesis
  - ISCI 3A12: Integrated Science III (thesis)
  - ISCI 4A12: Integrated Science IV (thesis)
  - MATH 4P06: Senior Research Project (multiple)
  - STATS 4I03/6I03: Inference
  - STATS 4M03/STATS 6M03: Multivariate Analysis (multiple)
  - STATS 4T06: Senior Thesis (many)
  - STATS 4W03: Directed Reading (multiple)
  - STATS 743A: Foundations of Statistics
  - STATS 780/CSE 780: Data Science
  - STATS 794: Directed Reading (multiple)
- University of Guelph (2007–2014):
  - BINF\*6970: Statistical Bioinformatics (reading, multiple)
  - MATH\*1000: Introduction to Calculus I
  - MATH\*1000 DE: Introduction to Calculus I (distance, multiple)
  - STAT\*2120: Probability & Statistics for Engineers (multiple)
  - STAT\*4050: Generalized Linear Models (reading, multiple)
  - STAT\*4340: Statistical Inference (multiple)
  - STAT\*4350/6821: Multivariate Statistical Analysis (reading, multiple)
  - STAT\*6821: Multivariate Statistical Analysis (reading, multiple)
  - STAT\*6841: Statistical Inference (multiple)
  - STAT\*6920: Applied Statistical Methods (reading)
  - STAT\*6920: Finite Mixture Models (reading, multiple)
  - STAT\*6920: Statistics in the 21st Century (reading)