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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Bayesian methodology and theory, Sparse signal recovery, Global-local shrinkage priors, Default Bayes, Discrete data, High-dimensional data, Geo-spatial prediction, Bioinformatics, Compositional data, Applied probability, and Bayesian nonparametrics.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016 to present: Assistant Professor,
[Department of Mathematical Sciences, University of Arkansas](#), Fayetteville.

2014 to 2016: Postdoctoral Associate.
[Department of Statistical Science, Duke University](#), Durham, NC.
[Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute](#), Durham, NC.

- **Postdoctoral advisors:** Prof. David B. Dunson (Statistical Science), and Prof. Sandeep S. Dave (Medicine), Duke University.
- **SAMSI Program:** Beyond Bioinformatics.

EDUCATION

2009 - 2014: Ph.D. in Statistics, [Purdue University](#), West Lafayette, IN.

- Dissertation Topic: "Some Theoretical and Methodological Aspects of Multiple Testing, Model Selection and Related Areas",
- **Ph.D. advisor:** Prof. Jayanta K. Ghosh.

2003 - 2008: B.Stat and M. Stat, [Indian Statistical Institute](#), Kolkata, India.

- Dissertation Topic: "Efficiency Versus Robustness - An Weighted Likelihood Equation Approach", Advisor: Prof. Ayanendranath Basu.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Robert and Sandra Connor *Endowed Faculty Fellowship*, University of Arkansas, 2018-19.
- *Honorable Mention Award for Best Theoretical Poster* at the O'Bayes 2013: The Tenth International Workshop on Objective Bayesian Statistics, December 15-19, Durham, USA.
- *William J. Studden Publication Award* for an outstanding publication in a mathematical statistics journal, 2013, Department of Statistics, Purdue University.
- **Travel Awards:**
 - 19th IMS Meeting of New Researchers in Statistics and Probability, 2016
 - International Indian Statistical Association 2016 Conference
 - ASA-Kutner faculty poster session at the SRCOS 2016 Summer Research Conference
 - O-Bayes 2013 : The Tenth International Workshop on Objective Bayesian Statistics
- Award for Academic Excellence, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, 2008.
- Ranked **8th** and **10th** in State Level Joint Entrance Examination in **Engineering** and **Medicine** (out of approximately two hundred thousand students), 2003.

PUBLICATIONS (STATISTICS)

- [1] Bhadra, **Datta**, Li and Polson (2020). (*alphabetical¹), "Horseshoe Regularization for Machine Learning in Complex and Deep Models". <https://doi.org/10.1111/insr.12360>, *International Statistical Review*. [preprint].

¹(Articles co-authored with Prof. Polson have alphabetically ordered author-list.)

[2] Bhadra, **Datta**, Polson, and Willard (2020), (*alphabetical), “Global-local mixtures - A Unifying Framework”. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13171-019-00191-2>, *Sankhya A - J. K. Ghosh Memorial Issue*. [blog article on the paper]

[3] Bhadra, **Datta**, Li, Polson, and Willard (2019), (*alphabetical), “Prediction Risk for Global-Local Shrinkage Regression”. **20 (78)**, 1-39, *Journal of Machine Learning Research*. [full-text].

[4] Bhadra, **Datta**, Polson, and Willard (2019), (*alphabetical), “Lasso Meets Horseshoe - A Survey” **34(3)**, 405-427. *Statistical Science*. [full-text]

[5] Bhadra, **Datta**, Polson, and Willard (2019), (*alphabetical), “Horseshoe Regularization for Feature Subset Selection”. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13571-019-00217-7>, *Sankhya B*. [preprint]

[6] Bhadra, **Datta**, Polson, and Willard (2017), (*alphabetical) “The Horseshoe+ Estimator of Ultra-Sparse Signals”, *Bayesian Analysis*. **12 (4)**, 1105-1131. [full-text]

[7] **Datta** and Dunson (2016), “Bayesian inference on quasi-sparse count data”, *Biometrika*, **103 (4)**: 971-983. [full-text]

[8] Bhadra, **Datta**, Polson, and Willard (2016), (*alphabetical) “Default Bayesian analysis with global-local shrinkage priors”, *Biometrika*, **103 (4)**: 955-969. [full-text]

[9] **Datta**, and Ghosh (2014), “Bootstrap – An Exploration.” *Statistical Methodology*: **20**, 63-72.

[10] **Datta**, and Ghosh (2013), “Asymptotic Properties of Bayes Risk for the Horseshoe Prior”. *Bayesian Analysis* **8(1)**, 111-132. [full-text].

PUBLICATIONS
(CANCER
GENOMICS)

[11] Reddy, Anupama, *et al.* (2017) “Genetic and Functional Drivers of Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma”. *Cell*, **171.2**: 481-494. Featured on EurekAlert!, the newsletter from AAAS, [link](#).

[12] Moffitt *et al.* (2017). “Enteropathy-associated T cell lymphoma subtypes are characterized by loss of function of SETD2”, *Journal of Experimental Medicine*, **214(5)**, 1371-86.

[13] McKinney, Moffitt, *et al.* (2017) “The Genetic Basis of Hepatosplenic T Cell Lymphoma”. *Cancer Discovery*, **CD-16-0330**.

[14] Healy, *et al.* (2016). “GNA13 loss in germinal center B cells leads to impaired apoptosis and GCB cell persistence and promotes lymphoma in vivo”. *Blood*, **127(22)**, 2723-2731.

PUBLICATIONS
(INTER-
DISCIPLINARY)

[15] **Criminology**: Steinman; Drawve; Datta; Harris; Thomas (2020): “Risky Business: Examining the 80-20 Rule in Relation to a RTM Framework”. (Criminal Justice Review)

[16] **Pediatrics**: Chaudhuri, Biswas, Datta, . . . , Chakarabrtty (2016). “Evaluation of malnutrition as a predictor of adverse outcomes in febrile neutropenia associated with pediatric hematological malignancies.” *Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health*, **52 (7)**, 704-709.

[17] **Neuroscience**: Parthasarathy, Datta, Torres, Hopkins, and Bartlett (2014). “Age-Related Changes in the Relationship Between Auditory Brainstem Responses and Envelope-Following Responses.” *Journal of the Association for Research in Otolaryngology*. **15 (4)**, 649-661.

[18] **Geology**: Libohova, Winzeler, Lee, Schoeneberger, Datta, and Owens (2016). “Geomorphons: Landform and property predictions in a glacial moraine in Indiana landscapes”. *Catena* 2016, v.142.

- REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS
- [19] **Datta** and Ghosh (2015), "In Search of Optimal Objective Priors for Model Selection and Estimation". In S. Upadhyay, U. Singh, D. Dey, & A. Loganathan (Eds.), *Current Trends in Bayesian Methodology with Applications*, 225-239. Chapman & Hall/CRC Press.
- [20] Dasgupta, Ghosh, Chakravarty, and **Datta** (2015), "Some Remarks on Pseudo Panel Data". *Growth Curve and Structural Equation Modeling*, 25-34. Springer International.
- ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW (STATISTICS)
- [21] Li, **Datta**, Craig, and Bhadra, (2020+). "Joint Mean-Covariance Estimation via the Horseshoe with an Application in Genomic Data Analysis". (*Submitted to Journal of Multivariate Analysis*). [[preprint](#)].
- [22] Harris; Drawve; Thomas; Datta; Steinman (2020+): "Lines of Black and White: Racial Segregation, Neighborhood Permeability, and Crime" (*Submitted to Social Science Research*).
- MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION
- [1] **Datta**, Ovaskainen and Dunson (2020+), "Sparse generalized Dirichlet distributions for high-dimensional probabilities"
- [2] Sengupta, **Datta**, Chen (2020+), "Proximity Block-models for Network Data".
- [3] Boss, **Datta**, Kang, Kim, Mukherjee (2020+), "Group Inverse Gamma Gamma Shrinkage".
- [4] Abba, Bhadra, **Datta**, and Polson (2020+), (*alphabetical), "Bayesian Square-root Lasso".
- [5] **Datta**, Shi and Bandopadhyay, D. (2020+), "Shrinkage and Selection for Compositional Data".
- [6] **Datta** and Dunson (2020+), "Nonparametric Bayes multiresolution testing for massive-dimensional rare events".
- CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS
- [7] LeBow V., Bernhardt-Barry, M. L., and **Datta**, J. (2018), Improving Spatial Visualization Abilities Using 3D Printed Blocks Paper presented at 2018 ASEE Annual Conference & Exposition , Salt Lake City, Utah. [URL](#).
- OTHER PUBLICATIONS
- [8] Datta and Drawve, "Does Machine Learning Reduce Racial Disparities in Policing?", IISA Newsletter, December, 2016.
- [9] Datta and Ghosh, "Optimal Objective Priors for Linear Models", Indian Bayesian Society Newsletter, Vol XI, No. 1, May, 2014.

FUNDING

External

- **National Science Foundation**, "New Directions in Bayesian Change-point Analysis", co-PI, PI: Nilabja Guha (\$139,984.00).
- **National Science Foundation**, "Spring Lecture Series 2019-2020", co-PI, with Avishek Chakraborty (co-PI) and Giovanni Petris (PI) (\$ 9,956.00).
- **Arkansas Children's Trust Fund**, "Child Maltreatment in Little Rock: Aligning Services with Risk", co-PI, October 2019, partnership with Predict, Align, Prevent. (\$20,000).
- **Arkansas Children's Trust Fund**, "Child Maltreatment Pilot Project in Little Rock, Arkansas.", co-PI, January 2019. partnership with Predict, Align, Prevent. (\$27,000).
- **NSF Postdoctoral Fellowship**, Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute, 2015-2016.

Internal

- **Robert and Sandra Connor Endowed Faculty Fellowship** from the University of Arkansas, 2018-19. (\$5,000)
- **Datta, J.** and Bernhardt-Barry, M. L., "Predicting Soil Type from Non-destructive Geophysical Data", December 2018, Provost's Collaborative Research Grant (\$2,200).
- **Datta, J.**, Drawve, G., Harris, C., and Thomas, S. (*alphabetical). November 2017. "Participant Field Training with Little Rock Police Department." Provost's Collaborative Research Grant (\$ 2,000).
- **Datta, J.**, M. A. Abba* (*graduate student). November 2016. "Multiresolution Non-parametric Bayesian Hotspot Detection." Provost's Collaborative Research Grant (\$2,000).
- **Summer Research Grant**, Department of Statistics, Purdue University, **2011-2013**.

INVITED TALKS

- August 1-6, 2020 (forthcoming): Invited Session (Bayesian methods in structured data and high dimensional problem: some recent advances), TBD, Joint Statistical Meeting at Philadelphia, PA.
- June 29-July 3, 2020 (postponed to 2021): Invited Session, TBD, ISBA 2020 World Meeting at Kunming, China.
- May 16-20, 2020 (forthcoming): Invited Session, "Bayesian Shrinkage for Continuous & Discrete Data– a Tale of Two Cities", ICSA Applied Statistics Symposium 2020. Houston, TX.
- March 2020 (forthcoming, virtual): Invited session "Innovative Statistical Approaches for High-Dimensional Omic and Microbiomic Data", Title: "Sparse Generalized Dirichlet Distributions for Microbiome Compositional Data", in ENAR 2020, Nashville, Tennessee.
- December 2019: Invited Session "Bayesian Modeling and Computation", Title: "Bayesian Shrinkage for Continuous & Discrete Data – a Tale of Two Cities" in IISA 2019 Conference, Mumbai, India.
- August 2019: Special Invited Session in Memory of Prof. J.K. Ghosh, Title: "Bayesian Sparse Signal Recovery: Gaussian Models and Beyond", in Joint Statistical Meeting, Denver, Colorado.
- August 2019: Invited Talk (Innovative Approaches for High-dimensional Omics and Neuroimaging Data) in Joint Statistical Meeting, Denver, Colorado.
- May 2019: Invited Talk, "Bayesian Shrinkage for Continuous & Discrete Data– a Tale of Two Cities", Department of Biostatistics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- January 2019: Invited Session (Multiple Testing) in Young Statisticians' Meet: Data Science in Action: January 4-5, 2019, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, India.
- December 2018: Plenary Session in 10th International Calcutta Triennial Symposium, December 27-30, 2018, Kolkata, India.
- April 2018, "Bayesian Sparse Signal Recovery: Horseshoe Regularization", Departmental Statistics Colloquium, Florida State University.
- December 2017: "Horseshoe Regularization for Feature Subset Selection", 2017, IISA International Conference on Statistics at Hyderabad, India.
- December 2017: "Horseshoe Regularization for Feature Subset Selection", ERCIM WG Meeting, CMStatistics 2017 Conference at London, UK.
- August 2017: "Detecting rare mutational hotspots by multiscale BNP method", Joint Statistical Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland.
- January 2017: "Sparse signal recovery and default Bayesian analysis using global-local shrinkage priors", Applied Statistics Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata.
- August, 2016: "Default Bayesian analysis for global-local shrinkage priors", IISA Conference, Corvallis, Oregon.
- August 2016: "Shrinkage Priors for High-Dimensional Sparse Poisson Means", Joint Statistical Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- February, 2016: "Shrinkage Priors for High-Dimensional Sparse Poisson Means" (STAT 701 Talk): Duke University.

- December, 2015 - January, 2016: "Sparse Signal Recovery for Discrete & Continuous Data" (Job Talk): Binghamton University, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, and Clemson University.
- May, 2015: "Multiscale Bayesian cluster detection and testing for whole genome sequencing studies", Transition workshop for "Beyond Bioinformatics", SAMSI, North Carolina.
- August, 2014: "Sparse and Ultra-Sparse Signal Recovery: The Horseshoe and The Horseshoe+Prior", Department of Statistical Science, Duke University.
- January, 2014: "Shrinkage priors for multiple testing and model selection", University of Texas - M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.
- November, 2013: "In Search of Optimal Objective Priors for Model Selection and Estimation", Mathematical Statistics Seminar, Purdue University.
- May, 2013: "Two-groups and One-Group Models for Multiple Testing", National Institute of Biomedical Genomics, Kalyani, India.

MENTORING

Undergraduate Students

- Honors Thesis Committee: Vanessa Lebow, Winson Chee, Dhruva Dasgupta, Christopher Peterson.
- Academic Advising: Jodi Mitchell, Bruce Dunning, Alex Coleman, Rosario Dispensa, Kaylee Henry, David O'Hearn, Lauren Pearce.

Graduate Students

- Primary Advisor (PhD): James Roddy.
- Primary Advisor (MS): Ek Alfieri, Apu Chandra Das, Mohamed Abba, Josh Price, Kai Cui.
- Committee Member (MS): Anne Lin, Ji Li, Michael Ellis, James Willbanks, Ruizhe Yin, Shanshan Zhang, Mahboubeh Madadi, Gina Riggio (Cell and Molecular Biology Program).
- Committee Member (PhD):
 1. Ghadeer Mahdi, Department of Mathematical Sciences. (Chair: Dr. Avishek Chakraborty)
 2. Sarah Jones, Food Science. (Chair: Dr. Kristen Gibson)
 3. Thomas Yeargin, Food Science (Chair: Dr. Kristen Gibson)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2016 - now, Instructor, Department of Mathematical Sciences, University of Arkansas. Teaching duties: 2 + 1 courses for first two years, then 2 + 2 courses third year onwards.
 - STAT 5443 (Computational Statistics): Spring 2017, 2018 and 2019. Advanced Graduate course. Syllabus: <http://dattahub.github.io/stat5443/syllabus.html>.
 - STAT 4033, (Nonparametric Statistics). Fall 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019. Audience: Undergraduate and Graduate students from quantitative disciplines. Syllabus: <http://dattahub.github.io/stat4033/list.html>.
 - STAT 3013 (Introduction to Probability): Fall 2017, 2018, 2019, Spring 2017, 2018, 2019. Undergraduate Course. Apps: [Central Limit Theorem](#) and [Glivenko-Cantelli Lemma](#)
- Summer 2014, **Instructor**, Department of Statistics, Purdue University.
 - Stat 301, Introduction to Statistics, Course Coordinator: Meghan Tooman.
 - Responsibilities: Designing and holding recitations and lab sessions for using SPSS for undergraduate students, grading homework, lab exercises, and midterm and final exams.

- Spring 2012-Spring 2013, **Teaching Assistant (Lab Instructor)**, Department of Statistics, Purdue University.
 - Stat 598Z, Introduction to Computing for Statisticians , Instructor: Prof. S. V. N. Vishwanathan.
 - Stat 598G, Introduction to Computational Statistics, Instructor: Prof. Sergey Kirshner.
 - Responsibilities: Holding lab sessions for teaching Statistics using SPSS to small groups of undergraduate students, grading homework, lab exercises, and midterm tests.
 - Lab Website: <https://learning.cs.purdue.edu/courses/sp2013/598z/lab>.
- Spring 2011-Fall 2011, **Teaching Assistant (Lab Instructor)**, Department of Statistics, Purdue University.
 - Stat 301, Introduction to Statistics, Course Coordinator: Ellen Gundlach.
 - Stat 113, Statistics for Society, Course Coordinator: Prof. John Deely.
 - Responsibilities: Teaching recitation sessions for undergraduate students, holding office hours, grading homework, lab exercises, and the midterm.
- Fall 2010, **Teaching Assistant (Grader)**, Department of Computer Science, Purdue University.
 - CS 471, Artificial Intelligence, Instructor: Prof. Alan Qi.
 - Responsibilities: Teaching recitation sessions for undergraduate students (groups of 20), holding office hours, grading homeworks, lab exercises, and the midterm.

INDUSTRIAL
PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

[Barclays Bank, PLC](#), Mumbai, India.

Graduate Emerging Manager

June 2008 to September 2009

- Developing and testing scorecard for evaluating potential customers, Developing performance based strategies for approval of credit cards and segmentation analysis to identify delinquency behavior.

[Systat Softwares Asia Pacific Ltd.](#), Bangalore, India.

Summer Intern

May 2005 to July 2005

- Supervisor: Dr. T. Krishnan.
- Worked on Markov Chain Monte Carlo Methods Using SYSTAT 11 and implementation of Transformed Density Rejection Algorithm.

SOFTWARE SKILLS

- Languages: R, MATLAB, PYTHON, STAN, C.
- Statistical softwares: SPSS, SAS, JMP, STATA, MINITAB.

PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITY

- Served as a reviewer for the following journals: Journal of Royal Statistical Society (B), Annals of Applied Statistics; Journal of Multivariate Analysis; Biometrika, Journal of American Statistical Association (Theory and Methods), Statistica Sinica, Biometrika, Electronic Journal of Statistics, Sankhya Series A, Entropy, Machine Learning Conferences: NIPS, ICML, AISTATS, PLoS One.
- Served as a proposal reviewer for National Science Foundation (2017).
- Organized the following topic-contributed sessions:
 - *Recent Advances in Bayesian Structure Learning* sponsored by the Section on Bayesian Statistical Science (SBSS) at Joint Statistical Meeting, Denver, CO, 2019.
 - *Scalable Bayesian Inference for structured high-dimensional data*, International Indian Statistical Association Conference (IISA), 2018, Gainesville, Florida.

- *Recent Advances in Bayesian Methodology and Computation for Ultra-High Dimensional Data* sponsored by the Section on Bayesian Statistical Science (SBSS) at Joint Statistical Meeting, Chicgao, IL, 2016.
- Served as a chair for the invited paper session on “High-dimensional Bayesian statistics: spike-and-slab and global-local shrinkage” at Joint Statistical Meeting, 2016.
- Served as a chair for the invited paper session on “Bayesian Model Selection” at Joint Statistical Meeting 2017. Baltimore, MD.
- Served as a chair for the invited paper session on “Modeling Dependence in Large Systems” at IISA 2017 Annual Conference. Hyderabad, India.
- **Committee Service:** Executive Committee and Newsletter Editor, International Indian Statistical Association (IISA); Student poster competition committee, IISA Meeting 2017, Hyderabad, India.

REFERENCES
AVAILABLE TO
CONTACT

Prof. David B. Dunson (e/mail: dunson@stat.duke.edu)

- Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor, [Department of Statistical Science, Duke University](#)
- ★ *Prof. Dunson is my postdoctoral advisor.*

Prof. Nicholas G. Polson (e/mail: ngp@chicagobooth.edu)

- Professor of Econometrics and Statistics, [Booth School of Business, University of Chicago](#)
- ★ *Prof. Polson is my collaborator on a few ongoing projects.*

Dr. Anindya Bhadra (e/mail: bhadra@purdue.edu)

- Associate Professor, [Department of Statistics, Purdue University](#)
- ★ *Dr. Bhadra is my collaborator on a few ongoing projects.*

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INFORMATION

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