

# CURRICULUM VITA

## 1 PERSONAL INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND

### 1.1 Personal Information

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### 1.2 Addresses

#### Address:

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### 1.3 Research Interests

Epigenetics, High-dimensional Problems, Mixture Models, Survival Analysis, Variable Selection, Data Science, Frequentist and Bayesian Analysis, Computational Statistics, Small Area Estimation, Nonparametric Statistics, Data Mining.

### 1.4 Current Position

- Assistant Professor, *Aug. 2017 - Continued*  
Department of Mathematics & Statistics, Concordia University, Montreal, QC, Canada

### 1.5 Education and Appointments

- Postdoctoral Fellow, *Jan. 2017 - Jul. 2017*  
McGill University and Lady Davis Institute for Medical Research, Montreal, QC, Canada  
*Project Title: High-dimensional Genomics and Epigenetics*  
Supervisors: Professor Celia Greenwood, Professor David Stephens and Professor Aurélie Labbe
- Postdoctoral Fellow, *Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2016*  
Department of Mathematics & Statistics, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada  
*Project Title: High-dimensional Genomics and Epigenetics*  
Supervisors: Professor David Stephens and Professor Aurélie Labbe
- Visiting Scholar, *Sep. 2014 - Nov. 2014*  
Department of Statistics, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, USA.  
*Project Title: Computational Methods for the Analysis of Metagenomics Count Data.*  
Supervisor: Professor Shili Lin

- Postdoctoral Fellow, *Sep. 2013 - Aug. 2014*  
 Department of Mathematics and Statistics, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada  
*High-dimensional data analysis in finite mixture of survival models when observations are subject to right censoring.*  
 Supervisors: Professor Masoud Asgharian and Professor Abbas Khalili
- Postdoctoral Fellow, *Jan. 2013 - Aug. 2013*  
 Department of Community Health Sciences, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada  
*Advanced Methods in Mixed Models.*  
 Supervisor: Professor Mahmoud Torabi
- Ph.D. in Statistics (Dean's Honour List, First Class Honours), *Sep. 2006 - Sep. 2012*  
 Department of Statistics, Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran,  
 Thesis: *Likelihood Inference in Small Area Estimation by Combining Time Series and Cross-Sectional Data, and Nonparametric Methods* (Evaluation Result: Excellent).  
 Advisor: Professor Mohammad Reza Meshkani (retired)
- Graduate Research Trainee, *Feb. 2011 - Sep. 2011*  
 Department of Community Health Sciences, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada.  
*Project Title: Some Contributions to Small Area Estimation.*  
 Supervisor: Professor Mahmoud Torabi
- Graduate Research Trainee, *May 2010 - Nov. 2010*  
 Department of Economics, Finance and Statistics, University of Perugia, Perugia, Italy.  
*Project Title: Nonparametric Small Area Estimation.*  
 Supervisor: Professor Maria Giovanna Ranalli
- M.Sc. in Mathematical Statistics (Dean's Honour List), *Sep. 2003 - Jul. 2006*  
 Department of Statistics, Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran,  
 Thesis: *Bayesian Inference in Generalized Poisson Distribution* (Evaluation Result: Excellent).  
 Advisor: Professor Mohammad Reza Meshkani (retired)
- B.Sc. in Mathematical Statistics (Dean's Honour List, First Class Honours), *Sep. 1999 - Sep. 2003*  
 Department of Statistics, Razi University, Kermanshah, Iran,  
 Thesis: *Statistical Inference using S-Plus* (Evaluation Result: Excellent).

## 1.6 Awards and Recognitions

- Ranked 1st among Ph.D. students graduated in Statistics *Sep. 2012*  
 Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran.
- Ministry of Culture and Higher Education of Iran Scholarship *2010 - 2011*  
 Scholarship for visiting abroad
- Ranked 4th in Ph.D. entrance exam (Nationwide) *Jul. 2006*
- Ranked 1st awarded to the top student graduated from Bachelor of Science in Statistics *Sep. 2003*  
 Razi University, Kermanshah, Iran
- Team ranked 1st, National Students Contest in Statistics, Tehran, Iran *Aug. 2002*

## 2 RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

### 2.1 Publications

#### a) Under revision / revision submitted

- **Shokoohi, F.**, Torabi, M. (2017), Semi-Parametric Small-Area Estimation by Combining Time-Series and Cross-Sectional Data. *revision submitted*.

#### b) Submitted / to be submitted

- **Shokoohi, F.**, Khalili, A., Asgharian, M., and Lin, S. (2017), Capturing heterogeneity of covariate effects in hidden subpopulations in the presence of censoring and large number of covariates. *submitted*.
- **Shokoohi, F.**, Stephens, D.A., Bourque, G., Pastinen, T., Greenwood, C. and Labbe, A. (2017). A Novel Profiling Method for Identifying Differentially Methylated Sites in Bisulfite Sequencing Data. *submitted*.
- **Shokoohi, F.**, Stephens, D., Labbe, A., and Greenwood, C. (2017), DMCHMM: an R package to identify differentially methylated CpG Sites using Hidden Markov Models. *submitted*.
- **Shokoohi, F.**, Khalili, A., Asgharian, M., and Lin, S. (2017), fmrs: an R Package for Variable Selection in Finite Mixture of AFT Regression Models. *to be submitted*.

#### c) Peer Reviewed

- **Torabi, M. and Shokoohi, F.** (2015) Non-parametric generalized linear mixed models in small area estimation, *Canadian Journal of Statistics*, **43**, 82-96, DOI: 10.1002/cjs.11236
- **Torabi, M. and Shokoohi, F.** (2014) Hierarchical Bayes Estimation in Small Area Estimation Using Cross-Sectional and Time-Series Data, *J. of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, **84**, 605-613.
- **Mahmoudvand R., Edalati, A. and Shokoohi, F.** (2013) Bonus-Malus System in Iran: An Empirical Evaluation, *Journal of Data Science*, **11**, 29-41.
- **Torabi, M. and Shokoohi, F.** (2012). Likelihood Inference in Small Area Estimation by Combining Time-Series and Cross-Sectional Data, *Journal of Multivariate Analysis*, **111**, 213-221.
- **Kaviani, M., Nourshahi, M. and Shokoohi, F.** (2009). The effects of acute L-carnitine administration on ventilatory breakpoint and exercise performance during incremental exercise, *Journal of Mazandaran University of Medical Science*, **19(73)**, 43-50 (in Persian).

#### d) Published and Peer Reviewed Projects

- **Shokoohi, F.** (2011) Bonus-Malus System for Automobile Third Party Liability Insurance in Other Countries and Suggesting a Suitable System for Iran, *Insurance Research Centre, Affiliated to the Central Insurance of Iran*. (Referred publication)

## 2.2 Talks

### a) Invited Talks

- **Stephens, D.A., Shokoohi, F. and Labbe, A. (2016)**. A Novel Hidden Markov Model Approach to Analyze Sequencing-based DNA Methylation Data, *44th Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada*. will be Held May 29 - June 1, 2016 at Brock University, St. Catharines ON, Canada.
- **Torabi, M and Shokoohi, F. (2013)** Non-parametric Small Area Estimation, *the JSM 2013*. Montreal, QC, Canada.
- **Shokoohi, F. (2007)**. Bayesian Inference in Generalized Poisson Distribution, *Central Insurance of Iran*
- **Shokoohi, F. (2003)** Record Statistics, *1st Statistics and Mathematics Student Conference, Razi University, Kermanshah, Iran.*

### b) Departmental Talks

- **Shokoohi, F. (2017)**. New insight into the role of heterogeneity in Ovarian Cancer Data. March 6, 2017, Lady Davis Institute for Medical Research, Montreal, QC, Canada.
- **Shokoohi, F. (2016)**. Variable Selection in Finite Mixture of Survival Models for Biomedical Genomic Studies. September 25, 2016, Shahid Beheshti University, Iran.
- **Shokoohi, F. (2016)**. Variable Selection in Finite Mixture of Survival Models for Biomedical Genomic Studies. September 24, 2016, Tarbiat Modarres University, Iran.
- **Shokoohi, F. (2016)**. A Novel Hidden Markov Model Approach to Analyze Sequencing-based DNA Methylation Data, Lady Davis Institute. April 29, 2016, Montreal, Canada.
- **Shokoohi, F. (2016)** Feature selection in high-dimensional heterogeneous time-to-event data; A study on Ovarian Cancer, March 8, 2016, *EBOH, McGill University*, Montreal, QC, Canada.
- **Shokoohi, F. (2016)** Feature selection in high-dimensional heterogeneous time-to-event data; A study on Ovarian Cancer, March 4, 2016, *GERAD*, Montreal, QC, Canada.
- **Shokoohi, F. (2014)** Variable Selection in Mixture Models with Observations Subject to Right Censoring, March. 27, 2014, *Department of Mathematics, University of Sherbrooke*, Sherbrooke, QC, Canada.
- **Shokoohi, F. (2013)** Some Recent Developments in Likelihood-Based Small Area Estimation, October 4, 2013, *Department of Mathematics and Statistics, McGill University*, Montreal, QC, Canada.
- **Shokoohi, F. (2013)**. Likelihood Inference in Small Area Estimation by Combining Time Series and Cross-Sectional Data, *Department of Statistics, University of Manitoba*. March 21, 2013.
- **Shokoohi, F. (2012)**. Some Contribution to Small Area Estimation, *Department of Statistics, Shahid Beheshti University*.

### c) Contributed Talks

- **Shokoohi, F. (2017)**. A Novel Hidden Markov Model Approach for Differentially Methylated CpG site Identification in DNA methylation Data, *45th Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada*. June 11-June 14, 2017 at University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, Canada.

- **Shokoohi, F. (2016)**. Feature selection in high-dimensional heterogeneous time-to-event data; A study on Ovarian Cancer, *44th Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada*. May 29-June 1, 2016 at Brock University, St. Catharines, ON, Canada.
- **Shokoohi, F., Labbe, A., and Stephens, D.A. (2015)**. DNA Methylation Analysis; A Thorough Comparison of Available Analytic Tools, *43rd Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada*. June 14-17, 2015 at Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, Canada.
- **Shokoohi, F., Asgharian, M., Khalili, A. and Lin, S. (2013)**. Variable Selection in Mixture of Survival Models, *42nd Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada*. May 25-28, 2013, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- **Shokoohi, F. (2013)**. Likelihood Inference in Small Area Estimation Using P-Spline and Time Series Models, *JSM 2013*. August 3-8, 2013, at the Palais des congrés de Montreal, Montreal, QC, Canada.
- **Shokoohi, F. (2013)**. Bayesian Small Area Estimation Using P-Spline and Time Series Models, *41st Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada*. May 26-29, 2013, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta.
- **Shokoohi, F. (2012)**. Small Area Estimation Based on Data Cloning Approach, *11th Iranian Statistical Conference*. August 28-30, 2012, University of Science and Technology, Tehran, Iran.
- **Shokoohi, F. (2002)**. Record Statistics, *1st Statistics and Mathematics Student Conference*. Razi University, Kermanshah, Iran.

### 2.3 Research Grants

- Insurance Research Center, The Central Insurance of Iran (2013-2014), \$5,000  
*Modern Actuarial Risk Theory*.
- Statistical Research and Training Center, The Statistics Center of Iran (2011-2012), \$1,500  
*Likelihood Inference in Small Area Estimation and its Application to Unemployment Rate*.
- Insurance Research Center, The Central Insurance of Iran (2009-2011), \$20,000  
*Bonus-Malus System for Automobile Third Party Liability Insurance in Other Countries and Suggesting a Suitable System for Iran*.
- Insurance Research Center, The Central Insurance of Iran (2005-2006), \$10,000  
*Rate Making of Third Party Liability Car Insurance Based on Data Mining Techniques*.
- Insurance Research Center, The Central Insurance of Iran (2005-2006), \$1,000  
*Bayesian Inference in Generalized Poisson Distribution and its Application in Actuarial Science*.

### 2.4 Software Development

- **DMCHMM**: Shokoohi, F. (2016). *DMCHMM: an R package to identify differentially methylated CpG Sites using Hidden Markov Models*, R package version 0.99-14, <https://bioconductor.org/packages/DMCHMM/>. accepted after peer reviewed.
- **fmrs**: Shokoohi, F. (2016). *fmrs: Variable Selection in Finite Mixture of AFT Regression and FMR models*, R package version 1.0-9, <https://cran.rstudio.com/web/packages/fmrs>

### 3 Teaching Experience

#### 3.1 Coordinator / Instructor/ Lecturer

University	City	Year	Course Title	In-Class Hours	Credits	#Students
Concordia	Montreal	2017	Linear Models (STAT 360 (MATH 601D))	45	3	30
Concordia	Montreal	2017	Applied Probability (MAST 221)	45	3	60
Concordia	Montreal	2017	Applied Ordinary Differential Equations (ENGR 213)	45	3	130
Concordia	Montreal	2018	Statistics (STAT 250)*	45	3	65
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Concordia	Montreal	2018	Statistical Simulation (STAT 461 (MAST 729K, and 881K))*	45	3	45
McGill	Montreal	2017	Regression (graduate course) (EPIB 521)	45	3	15
McGill	Montreal	2016	Calculus 2 (MATH 141)	45	3	364
McGill	Montreal	2015	Fundamental of Mathematics (MATH 112)	45	3	22
SBU <sup>1</sup>	Tehran	2009	Statistics and Probability I	60	4	50
		2008	Statistics and Probability II	60	4	50
		2009	Statistics and Probability for Engineering	45	3	50
Allameh	Tehran	2010	Sampling Theory and its Applications I	60	3	50
		2008	Sampling Theory and its Applications I	45	3	50
		2008	Sampling Theory and its Applications II	45	3	50
ECOCI <sup>2</sup>	Tehran	2008	Statistics for Risk Management	45	3	50
IKU <sup>3</sup>	Qazvin	2010	Mathematical Statistics II	60	4	50
		2009	Advanced Statistical Methods	45	3	50
		2009	Continuous Multivariate Methods	45	3	50
		2009	Sampling Theory and its Applications II	45	3	50
		2009	Statistics for Engineering	45	3	50
		2009	Statistics and Probability II	60	4	50
Razi	Kermanshah	2002	Statistical Analysis Using SAS	30	0	15
		2002	Statistical Analysis Using SPSS	30	0	20

\* Scheduled to be taught in Winter 2018; <sup>1</sup>Shahid Beheshti University; <sup>2</sup>The ECO college of Insurance; <sup>3</sup>International Imam Khomeini University

#### 3.2 Teacher Assistant

University	City	Year	Course Title	In-Class Hours	Credits	#Students
SBU	Tehran	2003	Regression Analysis	13	3	50
		2004	Design of Experiments II	13	3	50

### 4 STUDENT SUPERVISION

#### 4.1 Bachelor

- Jing Wang, Bachelor in Mathematics, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, McGill University. {Co-advisor} 2014

## 5 Other Work Experiences

- Lecturer, *Sep. 2015 - Dec. 2015*  
Department of Mathematics and Statistics, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Statistical Consultant, *Jan. 2011 - Dec. 2012*  
Mandegar Group, Tehran, Iran,
- Lecturer, *Sep. 2006 - Sep. 2009*  
Department of Statistics, Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran.
- Lecturer, *Sep. 2006 - Sep. 2009*  
Department of Statistics, Allameh University, Tehran, Iran.
- Lecturer, *Sep. 2006 - Sep. 2009*  
Department of Statistics, International Imam Khomeini University, Qazvin, Iran.
- Statistical Consultant, *Sep. 2007 - Sep. 2008*  
Pangan Avaran, Tehran, Iran,
- Lecturer, *Sep. 2002 - Sep. 2003*  
Department of Statistics, Razi University, Kermanshah, Iran.

## 6 OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

### 6.1 Scholarly Activities

#### a) Reviewed manuscripts for the following journals or conferences:

- The 2017 IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation (IEEE CEC 2017)
- Journal of American Statistical Association (JASA)
- Biometrics - A Journal of the International Biometric Society
- Statistical Methods in Medical Research
- The Journal of Stochastic Environmental Research & Risk Assessment
- Statistics, Optimization & Information Computing
- Journal of Statistical Research of Iran (JSRI)

#### b) Conference

- Organizer Member: R users Quebec 2018, July 2018, Montreal
- PC Member: IEEE World Congress on Computational Intelligence; 25-29 July 2016, Vancouver

#### c) Workshops

- *Repeated Measures ANOVA Using SAS*. Razi University, Iran (Organizer, Lecturer) *2002*
- *Statistical inference using SPSS*. Razi University, Kermanshah, Iran (Organizer, Lecturer) *2002*

- *Mastering Excel.* Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran (Lecturer) *2009*

## 6.2 Membership

- The Statistical Society of Canada *Since 2013*
- The American Statistical Association *Since 2013*
- The Iranian Statistical Society *Since 2001*

## 7 TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

### 7.1 Technical Skills

Programming Language:	C++, SAS, R, S-Plus, Mathematica, Matlab
Statistical Software:	JMP, Minitab, Statistica, SPSS, Statgraphics, Stata
Databases:	MySQL, Access
OS and Software:	MacOS, Linux, Windows, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, iWork, MS Office, ArcGis.

### 7.2 Language proficiency

*Persian:* Native      *English:* Fluent      *Arabic:* Fluent