

# Aparajithan Venkateswaran

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## Education

**University of Washington**, Department of Statistics 2024 (expected)

Ph.D. in Statistics. Advisors: Tyler H. McCormick & Emilija Perković.

**University of Washington**, Department of Statistics 2022

M.S. in Statistics.

**University of Colorado Boulder**, College of Engineering 2020

B.S. in Applied Mathematics, *summa cum laude* with Honors.

B.S. in Computer Science, *summa cum laude* with Honors. Advisor: Daniel B. Larremore.

Senior Thesis:

“Understanding SpringRank through Random Utility Models, Identifiability and Online Updates”

## Research Experience

**University of Washington** 2021-present

Causal Discovery: Adding expert knowledge to causal graphs.

Rashomon Effect: Enumerating near-optimal models to robustly estimate heterogeneity.

Multi-armed Bandits: Mortal multi-armed bandits to efficiently perform contact tracing.

**University of Colorado Boulder** 2017-2020

COVID-19 Response: OSS to monitor anonymized social densities on campus.

Complex Networks: Rank embeddings, identifiability of node covariates, online ranking.

Resume Parsing: Machine learning and stochastic models to segment and parse curricula vitae.

Feature Tracking: Optical navigation using deep learning.

## Teaching Experience

**University of Washington** 2020-2023

Teaching Assistant

Winter 2023: Stochastic Modeling II (STAT 517).

Winter 2022: Statistics for Social Sciences (STAT 221).

Autumn 2021: Statistical Inference I (STAT 512).

Spring 2021: Introduction to Statistical Learning (STAT 435).

Winter 2021: Elements of Statistical Methods (STAT 311).

Autumn 2020: Statistical Reasoning (STAT 220).

**University of Colorado Boulder** 2018-2020

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2020: Chaotic Dynamics (CSCI 4446/5446).

Spring 2018: Discrete Structures (CSCI 2824).

## Industry Experience

### Microsoft Data Science Intern

2019-2022

Summer 2023: Xbox Player Services Team.

Summer 2022: Xbox Player Services Team.

### Software Engineering Intern

Summer 2021: Mixed Reality Object Understanding Team.

Summer 2020: Mixed Reality Cloud SDK Team.

Summer 2019: Edge Experimentation Team.

## Talks and Presentations

“Feasible contact tracing.” (Invited) Mar 2024  
Epidemiology and Biostatistics Seminar [University of Illinois Chicago]

“Rashomon Pooling Sets for Heterogeneity.” Jan 2024  
Statistics Winter Workshop on Casual Inference and its Applications [University of Florida]

“Leveraging heterogeneity in infectivity to improve contact tracing.” Aug 2022  
Joint Statistical Meetings [Washington D.C.]

“Efficient contact tracing” Nov 2021  
Data Science Methods for Policy Evaluation [Johns Hopkins University]

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. T. Tran, J. M. Steiner, **A. Venkateswaran**,<sup>1</sup> and J. Buber, “Peak oxygen consumption by smartwatches compared with cardiopulmonary exercise test in complex congenital heart disease,” *Heart* p. heartjnl-2023-322989, (2023). doi: [10.1136/heartjnl-2023-322989](https://doi.org/10.1136/heartjnl-2023-322989).

## Other Publications

2. **A. Venkateswaran**, “Understanding SpringRank through Random Utility Models, Identifiability and Online Updates”, *University of Colorado Boulder* (2020).
3. **A. Venkateswaran**, B. Palmer, and J. Kailey-Steiner, “The Value of Identity: Measure the Cost of Privacy”, *Colorado Journal of Applied Mathematics* pp. 1-22, (2018).

## Preprints and Working Manuscripts

4. **A. Venkateswaran**, J. Das, T. H. McCormick, “Feasible contact tracing”, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.05718> (2023).

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<sup>1</sup> Consulting statistician

## Awards

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| Outstanding Undergraduate for Academic Achievement [CU Boulder]             | 2020       |
| Chancellor's Recognition Award [CU Boulder]                                 | 2020       |
| Active Learning Award [CU Boulder]  | 2020       |
| Computer Science Discovery Learning and Service Learning Award [CU Boulder] | 2020       |
| Colorado Mathematics Award [State of Colorado]                              | 2019       |
| INFORMS Award, Outstanding Winner [Mathematical Contest in Modeling]        | 2019       |
| Wozniak Scholarship [CU Boulder]  | 2018, 2019 |
| Meritorious Winner [Mathematical Contest in Modeling]                       | 2018       |
| O'Kelly Scholarship [CU Boulder]  | 2017       |

## Service

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| Statistics Directed Reading Program [UW]             | 2021-present |
| Pre-Application Review Service [UW]                  | 2021-2023    |
| Graduate Student Representative [UW]                 | 2022-2023    |
| Statistics Drop-in Tutor [UW]                        | 2020-2021    |
| HackCU [CU Boulder]                                  | 2016-2020    |
| GitHub Campus Expert [CU Boulder]                    | 2017-2020    |
| Computer Science Department Action Team [CU Boulder] | 2019         |