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Short presentation

I dedicate my work to developing novel frameworks and methods for addressing *human health complexity*, which I approach from a *polymathic perspective*. My work includes epidemiological/statistical methodological research with medical and public health applications; course leadership, teaching and supervision in public health and medicine programs; science democratization activities with societal engagement.

Education

In pause	Doctor of Education (Ed.D) – University College London, UK
2016	Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Biostatistics – University of Montpellier, France
2014	Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) – University of Montpellier, France
2013	Master of Sciences (M.Sc.) in Epidemiology – University of Montpellier, France
Since birth	Student of Life - The Universe

Academic appointments

2019 - present	Tenure-track assistant professor of Epidemiology – Department of Public Health, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
2020 - 2022	Guest assistant professor - Department of Epidemiology, Julius Centre for Health Sciences and Primary Care, University Medical Centre, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands
2018 - 2019	Guest lecturer – Nuffield Department of Medicine, University of Oxford, UK
2017	Postdoctoral visiting researcher – Department of Epidemiology, Julius Centre for Health Sciences and Primary Care, University Medical Centre, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands
2017	Postdoctoral visiting researcher – Centre for Statistics in Medicine, University of Oxford, UK
2016 - 2018	Lecturer & hospital pharmacist, mixed part-time – Department of Biostatistics, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Montpellier & Department of Pharmacy, Nîmes University Hospital Centre, France.
2014 - 2015	Doctoral visiting researcher – Perioperative Research Unit, Population Health Research Institute, McMaster University, Canada
2011 - 2016	Pharmacist resident – Montpellier & Nîmes University Hospital Centres, France

Professional memberships

Since 2018	International Biometrics Society
Since 2016	French National Order of Pharmacists
Since 2015	International Society for Clinical Biostatistics

Primary fields of research

My research focuses on bridging separate worlds of knowledge to contribute to public health. Identifying myself as a generalist rather than a specialist, I adopt a polymathic perspective to address human health complexity. I favor diversification of skills and transdisciplinarity over specialization. My experiences and interests cover: causal inference methodology (matching and weighting methods, propensity score techniques and prognostic analogues, instrumental variables, g-methods, targeted-maximum-likelihood-estimation methods); prediction modelling methodology for clinical decision making using traditional regression models or AI machine learning; various other statistical topics (e.g. missing data, synthetic data, Monte Carlo simulation); data visualization, sonification and sensification; aesthetics of knowledge; scientific communication and democratization via culture and the arts; exhibition curation; community building.

My research is applied to diverse health issues – from COVID-19 response to cardiometabolic disease, critical care and perioperative medicine, occupational health, parent-child health, childhood adversities, old age medicine, drug prescription and polypharmacy, precision and personalized medicine. I have experience in working with different types of data, from large nationwide register-based observational data to international, multi-centre randomised controlled trials.

In short, my work spans over a large spectrum of methods and applications addressing human health and its complexity – which I tackle using a transdisciplinary approach, from statistics to arts.

Selected publications (5)

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T.L. Nguyen, T.P.A. Debray. The use of prognostic scores for causal inference with general treatment regimes (2019). *Statistics in Medicine*: 38(11): 2013-2029; doi: 10.1002/sim.8084.

Reviewer for academic journals

Biostatistics; Biostatistics & Epidemiology; BMC Health Services Research; BMC Medical Research Methodology; BMJ Open; Diagnostic and Prognostic Research; European Heart Journal; Intensive Care Medicine; Journal of Clinical Epidemiology; NPJ Microgravity; PLOS One; QJM: An International Journal of Medicine; Scandinavian Journal of Public Health; Statistics in Medicine; Statistical Methods in Medical Research.

Fields of interest

As an extension of my academic work, I have created a novel platform for sharing societal reflections in the popular neighbourhood of Nørrebro, Copenhagen, Denmark: a hybrid pop-up named *nđ · bro*, which carries the idea of blooming and growing (*nđ* in Vietnamese) and of bridging and connecting (*bro* in Danish). During two seasons (Jul 2022 and Jan/Feb 2023), I ran this pop-up and used a diversity of aesthetics to connect people around societal reflections in curated spaces including: art exhibitions with works of local artists; workshops/debates led by researchers of the University of Copenhagen; community dinners and other social events. The core idea of this 'bottom-up' initiative is to break down barriers between creative disciplines and practices, to integrate societal reflections into culture and facilitate knowledge-sharing within the local community. This project is highly transdisciplinary and has so far involved a diversity of actors/participants: academics, architects, artists, chefs, designers, researchers, students, tourists, volunteers, random visitors, and others. More information on Instagram: @no.hoi.bro

Teaching

I am involved in different courses at the University of Copenhagen:

- "Prognostic Research in Precision Public Health", PhD course (course leader)
- "Playfulness and Connection in Teaching", PhD course (course leader)
- "Conducting and Reporting a Propensity Score Analysis", PhD course (course leader)
- "Precision Medicine in Public Health", MSc in Public Health (course co-leader)
- "Statistics, Epidemiology and Social Medicine", medical studies (course co-leader)
- "Epidemiological Methods in Medical Research", PhD course (teacher)
- "Causal Inference, part II", PhD course (teacher)
- "Epidemiology", MSc in Public Health (teacher)

My international teaching experiences include:

- 2018-2019: Guest lecturer, "Introduction to Causal Inference", MSc in International Health and Tropical Medicine, University of Oxford, UK
- 2017-2018: "Prognosis and prediction models", MSc in Biostatistics and Epidemiology, University of Montpellier, France

Miscellaneous skills

Languages English: business fluent; French: mother tongue; Vietnamese: mother tongue; Danish: in progress; Spanish: beginner; German: beginner.

Art practice Cyanography; digital art; ink and pencil drawing; oil pastel painting; woodworking.

List of publications

Associations between psychosocial work environment factors and first-time and recurrent treatment for depression: a prospective cohort study of 24,226 employees

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Opportunities for public health engagement with citizens in neighbourhood art spaces: the modern agora

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Use of systemic and biological therapy in patients with moderate-to-severe psoriasis

Liljendahl, M. S., Loft, N., Nguyen, Tri-Long, Skov, Lone & Egeberg, Alexander, 2024, In: *Clinical and Experimental Dermatology*. 49, 1, p. 35–41 7 p.

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