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Research Interests

Spatial and spatio-temporal statistics, methods and applications
Environmental mixtures

Education

- 2016–2022 **Ph.D., Epidemiology**, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Department of Population Health Sciences
Minor: Computer Sciences
Dissertation: Regularized and Multi-Model Methods for Detecting Spatial and Spatio-Temporal Clusters with Applications in Epidemiology
Advisors: Ronald Gangnon, Ph.D. (Population Health Sciences; Biostatistics & Medical Informatics) & Jun Zhu, Ph.D. (Statistics)
- 2014–2016 **M.S., Statistics**, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Department of Statistics
- 2007–2011 **B.A., Economics, Political Science, International Studies**
Comprehensive Honors in Liberal Arts, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*.

Research Experience

- 2022–present **Postdoctoral Fellow**, *National Cancer Institute (NCI)*, National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Division of Cancer Epidemiology & Genetics (DCEG),
Occupational & Environmental Epidemiology Branch (OEEB)/Biostatistics Branch (BB) *Rockville, MD*
Mentors: Alexander Keil, Ph.D. & Paul Albert, Ph.D
- 2022–present **Honorary Fellow**, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies,
Environmental Observation & Informatics Program *Madison, Wisconsin*
- 2016–2022 **Statistical Consultant**, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*
College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS) Statistical Consulting Group,
Department of Computing & Biometry *Madison, Wisconsin*
- 2021 **Biostatistics Consultant**, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*
School of Medicine and Public Health,
Path of Distinction in Public Health Program *Madison, Wisconsin*
- 2020–2021 **Statistical Consultant**
Wisconsin Department of Health Services *Madison, Wisconsin*
- 2017–2018 **Statistical Consultant**
Madison Water Utility *Madison, Wisconsin*

- 2016 **Data Science Fellow**, *University of Chicago*, Center for Data Science & Public Policy
Eric & Wendy Schmidt Data Science for Social Good Fellowship *Chicago, Illinois*
- 2015 **Graduate Research Assistant**, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Center for Demography & Ecology *Madison, Wisconsin*
- 2011-2014 **Research Professional**, *University of Chicago*, Accounting Research Center
University of Chicago Booth School of Business *Chicago, Illinois*

Research Publications

Peer-Reviewed

- 9 **Kamenetsky, M.**, Bailey, E., Lowry, A., Gangnon, R., Stafeil, B., Hoppe, K. (2024) "The Role of Neighborhood in Individual and Disparity-Level Factors and Birth Weight in Dane County, Wisconsin" *Wisconsin Medical Journal* 123(6): 422-426.
- 8 He, X., Tomasallo, C., Li, Z., Schultz, A., **Kamenetsky, M.**, Sjodin, A., Botelho, J., Jarrett, J., Meiman, J. (2022) "Fish consumption, awareness of fish advisories, and body burden of contaminants among the Milwaukee urban anglers: A biomonitoring study." *Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health Sciences* 14(2): 20-35.
- 7 **Kamenetsky, M.**, Trentham-Dietz, A., Newcomb, P., Zhu, J., Gangnon, R.E.(2022) "A Flexible Method for Identifying Spatial Clusters of Breast Cancer Using Individual-Level Data." *Annals of Epidemiology* 73: 9-16.
- 6 Gatti, R.C., Reich, P.B., Gamarra, J.G.P. [and 145 others, including **Kamenetsky, M.**] (2022) "The Number of Tree Species on Earth." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 119(6):e2115329119.
- 5 **Kamenetsky, M.**, Lee, J., Zhu, J., Gangnon, R. (2022) "Regularized Spatial and Spatio-Temporal Cluster Detection." *Spatial and Spatio-Temporal Epidemiology* 41(1877-5845): 100462.
- 4 Lee, J., **Kamenetsky, M.**, Zhu, J., Gangnon, R. (2021). "Clustered spatio-temporal varying coefficient regression model." *Statistics in Medicine*. 40(2): 465-480.
- 3 **Kamenetsky, M.**, Chi, G., Wang, D., Zhu, J. (2019). "Spatial Regression Analysis of Poverty in R." *Spatial Demography* 7(2-3): 1-35.
- 2 Mallinson, D., **Kamenetsky, M.**, Hagen, E., Peppard, P. (2019). "Subjective sleep measurement: comparing sleep diary to questionnaire." *Nature and Science of Sleep* 11: 197-206.
- 1 Skarlupka, J., **Kamenetsky, M.**, Jewell, K., Suen, G. (2019). "The ruminal bacterial community in lactating dairy cows has limited variation on a day-to-day basis." *Journal of Animal Science and Biotechnology* 10: 66.

Under Review

- 3 Remigio, R.V., Buller, I.D., Bogel, M.S., **Kamenetsky, M.E.**, Ammons, S., Bell, J.E., Fisher, J.A., Freedman, N.D., Jones, R.R. "Geographic patterns in wildland fire exposures and county-level lung cancer mortality in the United States."

- 2 **Kamenetsky, M.**, Welch, B., Bommarito, P., Buckley, J., O'Brien, K., White, A., McElrath, T., Cantonwine, D., Ferguson, K., Keil, A. "Partial Effects in Environmental Mixtures - Guidance on Methods, Assumptions, and Implications."
- 1 **Kamenetsky, M.**, Zhu, J., Gangnon, R.E. "Spatial and Spatio-Temporal Cluster Detection Using Stacking."

Invited Talks

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- Dec. 2023 **Kamenetsky, M.*** "Spatial Methods in Cluster Detection and Environmental Mixtures", Office of Biostatistics Research (OBR), National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), National Institutes of Health (NIH), *Rockville, MD*
- Oct. 2023 **Kamenetsky, M.*** "Spatial Methods in Cluster Detection and Environmental Mixtures", SLAM (Survival, Longitudinal, and Multivariate Data) Working Group, Biostatistics Department, Johns Hopkins University, *Baltimore, MD*
- Aug. 2023 **Kamenetsky, M.*** "Regularized and Multi-Model Methods for Spatial and Spatio-Temporal Cluster Detection", Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), *Toronto, Canada*
- Aug. 2023 **Kamenetsky, M.***, Lee, J., Zhu, J., Gangnon, R. "Regularized Spatial and Spatio-Temporal Cluster Detection: Applications to Breast Cancer" (accepted), 6th International Conference on Econometrics and Statistics (EcoSta), *Tokyo, Japan (Hybrid)*
- Jun. 2023 **Kamenetsky, M.***, Keil, A. "Partial Effects in Environmental Mixtures: Guidance on Methods, Assumptions, and Implications", NIEHS Environmental Mixtures Working Group, *Virtual*
- Jan. 2023 **Kamenetsky, M.*** "Novel Spatial Methods in Cancer Surveillance and Environmental Mixtures", University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Population Health Sciences, *Madison, WI*
- Jun. 2022 **Kamenetsky, M.***, Velasquez, E., Kiang, M. "Quantifying wildfire smoke exposure in California school children", Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER) Annual Meeting, *Chicago, IL*
- Mar. 2022 **Kamenetsky, M.*** "Spatial and Spatio-Temporal Clustering", University of Toronto, Toronto Data Workshop, *Virtual*
- Dec. 2021 **Kamenetsky, M.*** "Spatial and Spatio-Temporal Cluster Detection: Methods and Applications", University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine - Environmental Health Division, *Virtual*

Contributed Oral Presentations

- Aug. 2024 A Latent Spatial Model for Predicting a (Semi-)Metals Mixture in Private Wells
Kamenetsky, M.*, Kim, S.D., Albert, P., Keil, A.P.
 International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE) *Santiago, Chile (Hybrid)*
- Aug. 2022 Cell-Wise Uncertainty Quantification of Spatial Clusters
Kamenetsky, M.*, Zhu, J., Gangnon, R.
 American Statistical Association (ASA) Joint Statistical Meeting (JSM) *Washington, DC*

- Jun. 2022 Detecting Spatial and Spatio-Temporal Clusters of Disease Using Stacking
Kamenetsky, M.*, Zhu, J., Gangnon, R.
 Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER) Annual Meeting *Chicago, IL*
- Mar. 2021 Identifying Spatial Clusters of Breast Cancer Risk: A Lasso Approach to the Wisconsin Women's Health Study
Kamenetsky, M.*, Trentham-Dietz, A., Newcomb, P., Zhu, J., Gangnon, R.
 ENAR Spring Meeting *Virtual*
- Dec. 2020 Identification of Breast Cancer Spatial Structures Based on the Wisconsin Women's Health Study
Kamenetsky, M.*, Trentham-Dietz, A., Newcomb, P., Gangnon, R.
 Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER) Annual Meeting *Virtual*
- Aug. 2020 Detecting Disease Clusters Across Space and Time Using Model Averaging
Kamenetsky, M.*, Gangnon, R.
 American Statistical Association (ASA) Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) *Virtual*
- Sep. 2019 Statistical Analysis of Madison Water Utility Main Breaks
Kamenetsky, M.*, McClure, S.*
 Wisconsin Section of the American Water Works Association *Madison, WI*
- Aug. 2016 Predicting Enforcement of Pollution and Hazardous Waste Violations in New York State
 Potash, E., Jin, J., **Kamenetsky, M.***, Magee, D., Van der Boor, P., Ghani, R.
 Data Science for Social Good Conference *Chicago, IL*

Poster Presentations

- Jun. 2024 Partial Effects in Environmental Mixtures - Guidance on Methods, Assumptions, and Implications
Kamenetsky, M., Welch, B., Bommarito, P., Buckley, J., O'Brien, K., White, A., McElrath, T., Cantonwine, D., Ferguson, K., Keil, A.*
 Society for Epidemiologic Research *Portland, OR*
- Jun. 2024 The Power of Mixtures
 Keil, A.*, **Kamenetsky, M.**, Choi, G., Jones, R.R., Buckley, J.P.
 Society for Epidemiologic Research *Portland, OR*
- Mar. 2024 Urinary and Fecal Metal Concentrations Affect Adult Human Gut Microbiome Composition in a Sample of the Wisconsin Population
 Teffera, M.Y.*, **Kamenetsky, M.**, Berres, M., Bradfield, C., Malecki, K., Ronnekleiv-Kelly, S.
 Society of Toxicology Meeting *Salt Lake City, UT*
- Feb. 2022 A Spatial Approach to Examining Individual and Disparity-Level Factors and Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy
 Bailey, E.*, **Kamenetsky, M.**, Lowry, A., Gangnon, R., Hoppe, K.
 Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine Annual Pregnancy Meeting *Kissimmee, FL*

- Feb. 2022 A Spatial Approach to Examining Individual and Disparity-Level Factors and Birth Outcomes
Lowry, A.*, **Kamenetsky, M.**, Bailey, E., Gangnon, R., Hoppe, K.
Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine Annual Pregnancy Meeting *Kissimmee, FL*
- Oct. 2021 A Spatial Approach to Examining Individual and Disparity-Level Factors and Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy
Bailey, E.*, **Kamenetsky, M.**, Lowry, A., Gangnon, R., Hoppe, K.
UW Women's Health And Health Equity Research Lecture & Symposium *Madison, WI*
- Mar. 2020 Space and Space-Time Cluster Detection Using the LASSO
Kamenetsky, M.*, Lee, J., Zhu, J., Gangnon, R.
UW-Madison Department of Population Health Sciences Annual Poster Session *Madison, WI*
- Jan. 2020 Space and Space-Time Cluster Detection Using the LASSO
Kamenetsky, M.*, Lee, J., Zhu, J., Gangnon, R.
UW-Madison Data Science Hub: Data Science Research Bazaar *Madison, WI*
- Jun. 2019 Space and Space-Time Cluster Detection Using the LASSO
Kamenetsky, M.*, Lee, J., Zhu, J., Gangnon, R.
Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER) Annual Meeting *Minneapolis, MN*

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———— Honors & Awards

- 2023 StatsForward Leadership Fellowship,
American Statistical Association
- 2021 Poster Winner: UW Women's Health And Health Equity Research Lecture & Symposium,
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2021 RStudio::Global(2021) Diversity Scholar
- 2020 Robert F. and Jean E. Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies Conference Grant,
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2020 American Statistical Association (ASA) Wisconsin Chapter Student Virtual Travel Award
- 2020 Catherine Allen Outstanding Student Poster Award,
Department of Population Health Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2019 Student Research Travel Grant,
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2016 Outstanding New Student Scholarship,
Department of Population Health Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2016 The Eric & Wendy Schmidt Data Science for Social Good Summer Fellowship

———— Research Support

Active Support

- 5/2024-present **National Cancer Institute, Division of Cancer Epidemiology & Genetics** (Intramural Research Award)

Title: "The Role of Mixtures on Bladder Cancer Risk Across Space: An Examination Using Flexible Bayesian Quantile G-Computation"

Role: Principal Investigator

Software Development

- 2022 `clustack`, an R package for detecting and mapping spatial and spatio-temporal clusters using stacking (maintainer & developer: M. Kamenetsky)
- 2021 `clusso`, an R package for detecting and mapping spatial and spatio-temporal clusters using the LASSO (maintainer & developer: M. Kamenetsky)
- 2020 `strm`, an R package that fits a spatio-temporal regression model based on Chi & Zhu Spatial Regression Models for the Social Sciences (2020) (maintainer & developer: M. Kamenetsky). Available on CRAN.
- 2020 `coefclust`, an R package for detecting spatial clusters in regression coefficients (developer: J. Lee; maintainer: M. Kamenetsky)

Teaching

Co-Instructor

Feb 2025 "Causal Inference Workshop" *Division of Cancer Epidemiology & Genetics, National Cancer Institute*

Guest Lecturer

Spring 2023 "Introduction to Spatial Analysis for Public Health" *George Mason University*

Instructor

Spring 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 Spatial Statistics for Lattice Data (STAT 679-III) *University of Wisconsin-Madison*

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2014 Introductory Statistics (STAT 301) *University of Wisconsin-Madison*

Workshops

- 2021 R/Medicine 2021
 - *Teaching Assistant:* Mapping Spatial Health Data (Instructor: Marynia Kolak) (Aug. 2021)
- 2021 A Crash Course on Git & GitHub
 - *Instructor* (Apr. 2021)
- 2021 Introduction to Git
 - *Helper* (Mar. 2021)
- 2021 RStudio::Global(2021) Conference Workshop:
 - *Teaching Assistant:* Introduce Yourself Online (Instructor: Alison Hill) (Jan. 2021)
- 2019-21 Geospatial Carpentry
 - *Instructor:* Raster Data (Jul. 2019, Jul. 2020, Jul. 2021)
- 2020 Reproducible Research: Practical Tools & Applications Workshop
 - *Instructor:* Reproducible Visualization
- 2019 R for Researchers Workshop Series
 - *Instructor:* Introduction to the Unix Shell (Nov. 2019)

- *Helper*: Visualization with `ggplot2`, Data Wrangling with `dplyr` (Mar. 2019)
- 2019 Data Carpentry: Health Sciences Workshop
 - *Instructor*: Introduction to `ggplot2` (Jun. 2019)
 - *Instructor*: Introduction to RMarkdown (Jun. 2019)
- 2018-2019 Data Carpentry: Ecology Workshop
 - *Instructor*: Introduction to R (Jun. 2018, Aug. 2018)
 - *Instructor*: Introduction to `ggplot2` (Jan. 2019)
 - *Instructor*: Introduction to RMarkdown (Jan. 2019)
- 2017-2020 Software Carpentry: Unix Shell, Python, & Git
 - *Helper*: (Aug. 2017, Jan. 2018, Apr. 2020)

Service

Institutional

- 2024 DCEG Grants and Grantsmanship: Tips on Applying for Grant Funding
 - Panelist
- 2023 OEEB Branch Concept Study Review, *National Cancer Institute*
 - Reviewer
- 2022-2023 DCEG Fellows' Committee, *National Cancer Institute*
 - Biostatistics Branch Representative
- 2022-present DCEG Fellows Writing & Accountability Group, *National Cancer Institute*
 - Founder, Facilitator
- 2020-2022 Population Health Sciences Writing Group, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*
 - Organizer
- 2017-2022 Population Health Sciences Student Organization, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*
 - Social Media Chair (2020-21)
 - Curriculum Committee Representative (Epidemiology) (2020-21; 2018-19)
 - Admissions Committee Representative (2019-20)
 - Social Chair (2017-18)

Reviewer

International Journal of Health Geographics
Statistics in Medicine
American Journal of Epidemiology
The R Journal
Computational Statistics and Data Analysis
Environmental Health Perspectives
Annals of Epidemiology
BMC Public Health
Computational Statistics
Cancers
Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics

Professional

- 2023 Session Chair, Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) - Toronto
- 2023-2024 Diversity & Inclusion Committee Liaison, *Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER)*
- 2021-2024 Communications Committee, *Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER)*
- 2021, 2022 Abstract Reviewer, *Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER)*
- 2021 Awards Committee, *American Statistical Association (ASA), Statistics in Epidemiology Section*
- 2021 Session Chair, ENAR Spring Meeting

Mentoring

- 2023 Angie Chen, Summer Volunteer, *Biostatistics Branch, National Cancer Institute*
- 2020 Mengze Cai, MS Student, Environmental Observation & Informatics, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*
- 2020 Women in Scientific Education and Research, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*
- 2019, 2020 Molly Burdine, Population Health Sciences Peer Connections, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*

Volunteering & Outreach

- 2021 UW-Madison Carpentries Instructor Development Meeting: "Teaching Debugging to Learners", *University of Wisconsin-Madison*
- 2021 Pathogen Dynamics Lab: "A Crash Course on Git & GitHub", *University of Cambridge*
- 2021 useR Boston Meetup: "Self-Assessment with learnR"
- 2019 Biostatistics Tutor, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*
- 2014 Statistics Tutorial Lab, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*

■ Certification

- 2018 Certified Instructor - Data, Software, and Library Carpentry (The Carpentries)

■ Professional Society Membership

- International Biometric Society (East North American Region)
- Society for Epidemiologic Research
- American Statistical Association

■ Additional Training

- 2023 Speaking with the Media
National Cancer Institute
- 2023 Ethics in Research
National Institutes of Health
- 2023 Mental Health First Aid Kit
National Institutes of Health
- 2022 Grant-Writing Workshop
National Institute on Aging, NIH
- 2022 Grants and Grantsmanship Workshop Series
National Cancer Institute, NIH
- 2022 Scientists Teaching Science Workshop
National Institutes of Health

Technical Skills

Statistical	R (advanced), SAS (advanced), STATA (intermediate)
Scripting	Python (intermediate), Unix Shell (intermediate), C++ (beginner)
Databases	PostgreSQL (beginner), MySQL (beginner)
Markup	Markdown (advanced), \LaTeX (intermediate)
VersionControl	Git (intermediate)
OS	Unix/Linux (Ubuntu, RedHat), MacOS, MS Windows
Other	SaTScan (advanced), QGIS (beginner), Inkscape (intermediate), GIMP (beginner)

Additional Education

2012-14 *University of Chicago*

- *Graduate Student At-Large*: Completed coursework in multivariate calculus, linear algebra, statistical theory and methodology I & II.

Languages

Russian	Fluent
Spanish	Intermediate
English	Native language