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## Research

**Computational Immunology, Clinical Pharmacology  
Machine Learning for Health**

## Current Academic Appointment

**Research Associate, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology  
Temerty Faculty of Medicine, Jan 2024-Present**

Supervisors: [Dr. Rachel Tyndale](#) (*Professor*)

Departments of Psychiatry, and Pharmacology and Toxicology, University of Toronto  
Canada Research Chair in Pharmacogenomics ([CAMH](#))  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

[Dr. Meghan Chenoweth](#) (*Assistant Professor*)

Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto

Scientist in Molecular Science at the [Centre for Addiction and Mental Health \(CAMH\)](#)  
Toronto, ON, Canada

## Former Academic Appointments

**Postdoctoral Researcher**, University of Manitoba, (Université de Montréal)  
Department of Mathematics, **Mar 2022-Jan 2024**

Supervisors: [Prof. Stephanie Portet](#) (*Associate Professor*)

[Prof. Julien Arino](#) (*Professor*), Faculty of Science, Department of Mathematics,  
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, Canada

[Prof. Morgan Craig](#), (*Associate professor*), Sainte-Justine University Hospital Research  
Centre and Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Université de Montréal  
Montréal, Québec, Canada

**Postdoctoral Researcher**, York University

Department of Mathematics and Statistics, **Sep 2020-Feb 2022**

Supervisor: [Prof. Jane Heffernan](#) , Professor, Faculty of Science

Department of Mathematics and Statistics, York University, Toronto, ON, Canada

**Postdoctoral Researcher**, Toronto Metropolitan University (Ryerson University)

Department of Mathematics, **Sep 2018-Aug 2020**

Supervisor: [Prof. Kathleen Wilkie](#) , Associate Professor

Department of Mathematics, Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, ON, Canada

## Education

**Exchange Semesters**, Department of Applied mathematics

**Fall-Winter 2017-2018**, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada

**University of Zanjan, Zanjan, Iran**

Ph.D., Solid State Physics (*Evolutionary Graph Theory*) **2014-2018**

(defended on **June 19<sup>th</sup>**). *Thesis*: [Evolutionary Dynamics on Complex Networks](#)

*Summary:* We studied the evolutionary properties of mutant and wild type individuals in spatial and temporal fluctuating environments on geographically structured populations. The presence of temporal or spatial variability significantly affects the competition dynamics in populations, and gives rise to some counterintuitive observations. we considered both birth-death (BD) or death–birth (DB) Moran processes on a circular or a complete graph and investigated spatial and temporal variability affecting division and/or death parameters. Assuming that mutant and wild-type fitness parameters are drawn from an identical bimodal distribution, we studied mutant fixation probability and timing. Our results demonstrated that temporal and spatial types of variability possess fundamentally different properties.

Supervisor: [Prof. Amir Hossein Darooneh](#), Professor, Faculty of Sciences  
Department of Physics, University of Zanjan

Co-Supervisor: [Prof. Mohammad Kohandel](#), Associate Professor, Faculty of Sciences,  
Department of Applied Mathematics, University of Waterloo

*Ph.D degree was evaluated by World Education Service, WES, (Reference#4446208/SAA)*

### **Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University, Tabriz, Iran**

M.Sc., Particle Physics (High-Energy Physics), 2009-2012, (defended on January 23<sup>rd</sup>)

*Thesis: [Nambu Structures on Four Dimensional Real Lie Groups](#)*

Supervisor: [Prof. Adel Rezaei-Aghdam](#), Professor, Department of Physics  
Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University

### **University of Tabriz, Tabriz, Iran**

B.Sc., Solid State Physics, 2005-2008, (July, 20<sup>th</sup>)

## Teaching Experience

**Department of Mathematics and Statistics, [York University](#)**

*Instructor, Calculus I*, May-August, 2020-2021 (summer term)

Toronto, ON, Canada

**[Biomathematics and Fluids Group, Toronto Metropolitan University](#)**

*Covered some sessions, Calculus I and Calculus III*, Mathematical Biology, 2018-2019

Toronto, ON, Canada

**[Department of Physics, Faculty of Science, University of Zanjan](#)**

*Instructor, Elementary Physics*, 2016

*Instructor, English Language, Jihad Institute*, 2014-2018

*Co-Instructor, Advanced Mathematical Physics*, 2015

Zanja, Zanjan, Iran

**Department of Physics, Faculty of Science, Azerbaijan Shahid Madani**

**University, Teaching Assistant, Statistical Mechanics**, 2013-2015

Tabriz, East Azarbayjan, Iran

## Skills

**Machine Learning:** [Supervised Learning (Classification, Regression),  
Principal Component Analysis (PCA), Clustering],

**Deep Learning:** [Biology-Informed Neural Networks (BINN) for parameter estimation,  
Universal Biology-Informed Neural Networks (UBINN) for curve fitting,  
Sparse Identification of Nonlinear Dynamics (SINDy)]

**Languages:** C++ (used in Linux for stochastic simulations and parallelizing with OpenMP)  
**Python** (*Libraries: NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, SciPy, matplotlib.pyplot*)  
**Julia** (*DifferentialEquations.jl, Plots.jl, advanced statistical analysis and modelling packages*), Matlab, **Software:** Mathematica, **Design:** Coreldraw. **Others:** L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Microsoft Office

## Awards & Scholarships

**GSK Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship**, 2024-2026

**Landahl Travel Grant from “Society of Mathematical Biology (SMB)”**  
Annual Meeting, The Ohio State University (Columbus, Ohio), (July 16-21, 2023)  
Supported by: Prof. Laura S. Kubatko Professor of Statistics and of Evolution,  
Ecology and Organismal Biology

**Travel award from the Moffitt Cancer Center and the Center of Excellence for Evolutionary Therapy**, Integrated Mathematical Oncology (IMO) workshop  
Cancer Communities (Oct29-Nov5, 2022)

**Postdoctoral Fellowship, Khiabani Lab**, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences (RBHS), The State University of New Jersey, 2020

**Postdoctoral Fellowship, Awarded by Prof. Lennaert Van Veen**, OnTechU  
North Oshawa Campus, Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Science, 2020

**FOS Dean’s Research Fund Travel Award, 2019**, *Supported by:*  
Prof. Kathleen Wilkie, Associate Professor at Toronto Metropolitan University

**Grants from University of Waterloo**  
Fall-winter, 2017, (Exchange Semester)  
*Supported by:* Prof. Mohammad Kohandel  
Associate Professor at the University of Waterloo

**Grants from Iran’s Ministry of Science, Research and Technology**,  
Fall-winter, 2017, (Exchange Semester)  
*Supported by:* Prof. Esmail KaramiDehkordi, Director of  
International Scientific Cooperation Office, University of Zanjan 2013-2020

**Ph.D. Education Scholarship, Iran’s Ministry of Science, Research and Technology**, 2014-2018

**M.Sc., Education Scholarship, Iran’s Ministry of Science, Research and Technology**, 2009-2011

## Conference Presentations

Virtual Seminar, *Department of Biology, faculty of Science*  
**Memorial University of Newfoundland**, (Nov22, 2024)

*Workshop Mathematical oncology: at the crossroads of computational fluids, mechanics, and biology*, Fields Institute, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, (Nov18-19, 2024)

Poster Presentation, *Multi-Trait Genome-Wide Association Analysis of Psychiatric Traits Identified New Loci*, [American Society of Human Genetics \(ASHG\) Annual Meeting](#) Denver, CO, (Nov5-9, 2024)

Poster Presentation, *Genetic Risk Factors for Concurrent Tobacco Use and Schizophrenia* [Pharmacogenomics Global Research Network \(PGRN\) Scientific Meeting](#) The Ohio State University, (Sep23-25, 2024)

*Frontiers in Computational and Mathematical Medicine, Insights into B cell and antibody kinetics against SARS-CoV-2 variants using mathematical modelling*  
Fields Institute, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, September 23-24, 2024

*Leveraging AI for Enhanced Disease Diagnosis: From Viral Infections to Cancer Cachexia*  
[CAIMS2024 Annual Meeting, Queen's University](#)  
Kingston, Ontario, Canada, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*Mechanistic Modeling: From Oncology to Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Immunity*  
Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology, the University of Toronto  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Virtual presentation, Physics Colloquium, Topic: *Modeling humoral immune response to SARS-CoV2 and machine learning for discriminating COVID-19 and influenza infection: an application approach*, Institute for Research in Fundamental Sciences School of Physics (IPM). Tehran, Iran, September 4<sup>th</sup>  
<https://physics.ipm.ac.ir/seminars/2023/4sep23/poster.pdf>, 2023

[The VI AMMCS International Conference](#), Topic: *Mathematical modelling of the adaptive immune response: B-lymphocytes and SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing antibodies*  
Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, August 14-18, 2023

[Online Video Flash talk, SMB annual meeting](#), Society for Mathematical Biology, Topic: *Mathematical modelling of the humoral and B cell response to SARS-CoV-2*  
hosted by Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, USA, July 17, 2023

Virtual presentation, [OMNI-RÉUNIS Super-Spreader Seminar Series](#), Topic: *Mathematical Modeling to Identify Optimal Dosing Schedules: From Chemotherapy to COVID-19 vaccines*, hosted by York University, Toronto, Canada, April: 20, 2023

Virtual presentation, [2022-2023 Centre for Mathematical Medicine Seminar](#)  
Topic: *Mechanistic mathematical modelling of the within-host response: from chemotherapy to COVID-19*, hosted by Fields Institute, Toronto, Canada  
April: 10, 2023

Virtual presentation, Symposium on Machine Learning and Data Modelling in the Biomedical Sciences, ([MLDMBioMed-2022](#)), Topic: *Pharmaceutical and Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions for Controlling the COVID-19 Pandemic*, hosted by York University  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Sep: 27 - 28, 2022

Virtual Poster Presentation, 12<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Mathematical and theoretical Biology (ECMTB), topic: *(1)A Machine Learning Approach to Differentiate Between COVID-19 and Influenza Infection Using Synthetic Data, (2)A Multiscale Immune-Epidemiological Model for Coupling Within-Host and Between-Host Dynamics*

Online Video Flash talk, The Royal Society: Modelling the COVID-19 Pandemic: Achievements and Lessons, topic: *Mathematical Modeling of SARS-CoV-2 Immune Escape* London, UK, Jun13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Virtual Poster Presentation, DLSPH Biostatistics Research Day, topic: *A Machine Learning Approach to Differentiate Between COVID-19 and Influenza Infection Using Synthetic Data*, virtually hosted by Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, May12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Virtual Poster Presentation, topic: *Chemotherapy-induced cachexia and model informed dosing to preserve lean mass in cancer treatment*, ISoP QSP Virtual Student Symposium May11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Virtual Poster Presentation, topic: *Mathematical Modeling of SARS-CoV-2 Immune Escape* 5th Workshop on Virus Dynamics, virtually hosted on behalf of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center & University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA, October 4-6, 2021

SMB annual meeting, Society for Mathematical Biology, topic: *Analysis of host Immunological Response of Adenovirus-Based COVID-19 Vaccines*, virtually hosted on behalf of the University of California Riverside (UCR), USA, 2021

University of Waterloo, Math Oncology Seminar, Topic: *Evolutionary Dynamics of Wild Types and Mutants on a Geographically Structured Population in a Temporal And Spatial Variable Environments*, Waterloo, Canada, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Ontario Tech University, MCSC Seminar, topic: *Mathematical Model of Muscle Wasting in Cancer Cachexia*, Oshawa, Canada, January 14<sup>th</sup>  
<http://mcsc.science.uoit.ca/event/tba-3/>, 2020.

[CMS/SMC, Winter Meeting](#), topic: *Mathematical Model of Muscle Wasting in Cancer Cachexia*, Canadian Mathematical Society, Toronto, Canada, 2019

Ryerson University, Biomathematics and Fluids Seminar, topic: *Mathematical Model of Muscle Wasting in Cancer Cachexia*, Toronto, Canada, 2019

SMB annual meeting, Society for Mathematical Biology, topic: *Mathematical Model of Muscle Wasting in Cancer Cachexia*, University of Montréal, Québec, Canada, 2019

## Conferences Organized

Mini-symposium on “Advancing Health and Medicine through Scientific Computing: Mechanistic Modelling, Machine Learning, and Quantitative Systems Pharmacology” [CAIMS2024](#), Kingston, Ontario, Canada, 24-27 June 2024

Mini-symposium on “AI for Enhancing Public Health and Healthcare in Canada” [CAIMS2024](#), Kingston, Ontario, Canada, 24-27 June 2024

Mini-symposium on “Mathematical and computational approaches to modelling immunology”, [CMPD6 workshop](#), Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada, 23-27 May 2023

Workshop on Modelling Immunity, virtually hosted by Fields Institute  
Canada, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Organizations [Pharmacogenomics Global Research Network \(PGRN\)](#)  
[American Society of Human Genetics \(ASHG\)](#)  
[HQP Organizing Committee for “OMNI-RÉUNIS Super Spreader Seminar Series”](#)

Languages [Azeri Türkçesi \(Ana Dil\)](#), [Türkçe \(Advanced\)](#), [Persian \(Advanced\)](#), [English \(Advanced\)](#)