Safiya Sirota

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Education

Columbia University, PhD, Biostatistics (4.0)

Sep 2021 – exp. June 2026

Sep 2017 - Dec 2020

- **Relevant coursework:** Asymptotic Statistics, Statistical Learning & Data Mining, Topics in Advanced Statistical Computing, Theory of Statistical Inference, Graphical Models for Complex Health Data, Social Epidemiology, Probability, Data Science
- Advisor: Dr. Daniel Malinsky

Wellesley College, BA, Cum Laude, Mathematics & Psychology

• Relevant coursework: Elements of Analysis, Computer Programming & Problem Solving, Combinatorics & Graph Theory, Data Structures, Applied Data Analysis & Statistical Inference, Databases with Web Interfaces, Fundamental Algorithms

Training

T32 Social Determinants of HIV, Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia University	Sep 2021 – present

• PI: Dr. Gina Wingood

Experience

Actuarial Intern, Milliman Inc., Windsor, CT	Jan 2021 – Jun 2021
Clinical Intern, The Walker School, Needham, MA	Jun 2019 – Aug 2019

Honors & Awards

Leadership in Mathematics Prize, Department of Mathematics, Wellesley College	received Jun 2021
Student Research Grant, Wellesley College, \$750	received Oct 2020
Psi Chi Membership, The International Honor Society in Psychology	inducted Jan 2020

Academic Service

Member, Statistics in the Community (STATCOM), Columbia University	2024 - present
Organizing Committee Member, Computing Club, Columbia University	2021 - present
TA Training Workshop, Department of Biostatistics, Columbia University	2023 & 2024
Organizing Committee Member, Biostat Masters Symposium, Columbia University	2023 & 2024

Professional Organizations, Societies, and Service

2023 - present
2022 - present
Spring 2024

Educational Contributions

Instructor, Intro to R for Data Science, BEST Program, Columbia University	Jun 2024 - Jul 2024
Teaching Assistant, Department of Biostatistics, Columbia University	Jan 2022 - present

• Courses:

- Graphical Models for Complex Health Data (Fall 2023, Fall 2024) Prof. Daniel Malinsky
- Biostatistical Methods II (Spring 2023, Spring 2024) Prof. Bin Cheng, Prof. Wenpin Hou
- Intro to R for Data Science (Summer 2022) Instructor: Dr. Soohyun Kim
- Health Data Science (Spring 2022) Instructor: Dr. Cale Basaraba

Teaching Assistant, Department of Computer Science, Wellesley College Sep 2019 - Dec 2020

- Courses:
 - Data Structures (Fall 2020) Prof. Takis Metaxas
 - Computer Programming & Problem Solving (Fall 2019, Spring 2020) Prof. Sohie Lee

Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology, Wellesley College

• Statistics for Psychology (Spring 2020) – Prof. Jeremy Wilmer Help Room Tutor, Department of Mathematics, Wellesley College Sep 2018 - July 2020

Jan 2020 - May 2020

• Courses: Calculus, Number Theory, Linear Algebra, Abstract Algebra, Combinatorics

Publications

- Sirota, S, Allen, NB, Barr, GH, Malinsky, DS (2024, in review). A health equity perspective on data-driven treatment decisions in cardiovascular care: risk assessments versus individualized treatment rules.
- Nesoff ED, Gutkind S, Sirota S, McKowen AL, Veldhuis CB (2021). Mental health and economic stressors associated with high-risk drinking and increased alcohol consumption early in the COVID-19 pandemic. Prev Med. 2021:106854. 10.1016/j.ypmed.2021.106854.

Presentations

Talks

- Sirota, Safiya. Antonio Lopez, Gaudalupe. "Intro to Latex". Columbia Biostatistics Computing Club. New York, NY. October 2024.
- Sirota, Safiya. "A health equity perspective on data-driven treatment decisions in cardiovascular care: risk assessments versus individualized treatment rules". Columbia Biostatistics Annual Research Symposium (CBARS). New York, NY. Sept 2023.
- Sirota, Safiya. Garcia-Franceschini, Gustavo. "Intro to Python". Columbia Biostatistics Computing Club. New York, NY. October 2023.

Posters

• Sirota, Safiya. "A health equity perspective on data-driven treatment decisions in cardiovascular care: risk assessments versus individualized treatment rules". American Causal Inference Conference (ACIC). Austin, TX. May 2023.