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EDUCATION

- May 2021* **Doctor of Philosophy, Environmental Health Sciences**
Columbia University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
• GPA: 3.9
- June 2018* **Master of Philosophy, Environmental Health Sciences**
Columbia University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
• GPA: 3.9
- May 2016* **Master of Public Health, Epidemiology, Applied Biostatistics**
Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health
• Master's Thesis: "Molecular effects of in utero cadmium exposure"
• GPA: 4.0
- May 2010* **Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Science**
Emory University, College of Arts and Sciences
• Double Major in English
• GPA: 3.9
- May 2008* **Associate of Arts**
Emory University, Oxford College
• GPA: 3.9

FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Jan 2019 – May 2021* NIH Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (F31)
• Project: Complex Mixtures of Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals in Relation to Cognitive Development
- Aug. 2017 – Jan. 2019* NIH Training Fellowship (T32) ES007322, NIEHS
• Interdisciplinary Training in Environmental Health
- Aug. 2016 – Aug. 2017* NIH Training Fellowship (T32) ES023772, NIEHS
• Environmental Life Course Epidemiology Training
- 2014 – 2016* Epi Scholar (academic scholarship at Columbia)
- 2006 – 2010* Oxford Scholar (academic scholarship at Emory)

HONORS

- 2020* Student Award, International Society for Environmental Epidemiology Annual Meeting
- 2017* Student Travel Award, International Society for Children's Health and the Environment (ISCHE) Bi-Annual Meeting
- 2015* First Place, Epi Master's Student Day, Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health, Epidemiology Department
- 2008* Phi Beta Kappa induction, Emory College
- 2006 – 2010* Dean's List, Oxford & Emory Colleges

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2016 – present* **Graduate Researcher**
Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Columbia University
- Analyzing epidemiological data with advanced statistical and machine learning methods employing dimension reduction and variable selection in high dimensional data sets
 - Developing novel methods to address research questions employing stochastic models, probabilistic sampling methods, and optimization
 - Developing metrics to measure results and integrating new methodologies into academic research
 - Collaborating with computer scientists and engineers to adapt machine learning algorithms to public health problems
 - Preparing conference presentations and manuscripts reporting study findings for current applied research and methods development

- Writing reusable analysis tools for pattern identification in the form of user-friendly R packages

2015 – 2016

Climate and Health Research Assistant

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York, NY

- Constructed, managed, and manipulated relational database of NYC hypothermia deaths
- Conducted end-to-end analysis including data gathering and requirements specification, processing, analysis, ongoing deliverables, and presentations
- Performed descriptive and statistical interpretations of hypothermia deaths, including data visualization, hypothesis testing, and multivariable modeling

2014 – 2015

Research Analyst

Columbia Center for Children’s Environmental Health, Columbia University

- Processed, analyzed, and interpreted epidemiological data sets to drive public health and environmental decision-making
- Analyzed observational data with generalized multiple linear regression models based on directed acyclic graphs (DAGs) and causal theory

2011 – 2013

Community Environmental Conservation Volunteer

U.S. Peace Corps, Republic of Panama

- Developed and managed funds of an Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas grant, supervising construction of fuel-efficient cook stoves, resulting in 26 improved stoves built and 52 community members trained in renewable energy technologies and natural resource management.
- Formulated lesson plans and facilitated over 300 hours of natural sciences and environmental education for 15 youths from 5-12 years of age.
- Collaborated with government horticultural agency to establish 11 community gardens in homes and primary school, addressing childhood nutritional needs, sustainability, and local access.
- Coordinated recycling program in primary school, confronting waste management as a health, environmental, and social justice problem.
- Facilitated professional interaction between host country nationals and government agencies to promote sustainable community development.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2019 – 2020

Teaching Fellow, Computational Toxicology

Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Columbia University

Fall 2017 – 2018

Teaching Fellow, Molecular Epidemiology

Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Columbia University

Summer 2018 – 2019

Workshop Guide, Environmental Mixtures Workshop

Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Columbia University

Summer 2016

Teaching Assistant, Multilevel Modeling

Epidemiology and Public Health Summer Institute (EPIC), Columbia University

Spring – Summer
2016

Teaching Assistant, Analysis of Categorical Data

Department of Biostatistics, Columbia University

Spring 2016

Teaching Assistant, Biological & Environmental Determinants of Health

Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Columbia University

Fall 2007 – 2008

Writing Tutor

Oxford Writing Center, Emory University

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Reviewer

Environmental Health Perspectives, Environmental Research, Environment International

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Languages

MATLAB, Python, R, SAS, SQL, Stan

Tools GIS, Git/DVCS, HPC, L^AT_EX

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAININGS

- 2012 Brick Masonry Construction Training, Ministerio de Ambiente de Panama, Republic of Panama
- 2010 Agricultural Tractor Safety Training Certificate, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Kansas

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

9. Nunez Y, **Gibson EA**, Tanner EM, Gennings C, Coull BA, Goldsmith JA, Kioumourtzoglou M-A. Reflection on modern methods: Good practices for applied statistical learning in epidemiology. *International Journal of Epidemiology*. 2021 Jan 9.
8. **Gibson EA**, Nunez Y, Abuawad A, Zota AR, Renzetti S, Devick KL, Gennings C, Goldsmith J, Coull BA, Kioumourtzoglou MA. An overview of methods to address distinct research questions on environmental mixtures: an application to persistent organic pollutants and leukocyte telomere length. *Environmental Health*. 2019 Dec 1; 18(1): 76.
7. Chen Y, Wu F, Liu X, Parvez F, Lolacono NJ, **Gibson EA**, Kioumourtzoglou M-A, Levy D, Shahriar H, Uddin MN, Islam T, Lomax A, Saxena R, Sanchez T, Santiago D, Ellis T, Ahsan H, Wasserman GA, Graziano JH. Early life and adolescent arsenic exposure from drinking water and blood pressure in adolescence. *Environmental Research*. 2019 Aug 20:108681.
6. **Gibson EA**, Goldsmith J, Kioumourtzoglou M-A. Complex Mixtures, Complex Analyses: an Emphasis on Interpretable Results. *Current Environmental Health Reports*. 2019 May 8:1-9.
5. **Gibson EA**, Stapleton HM, Calero L, Holmes D, Burke K, Martinez R, Cortes B, Nematollahi A, Evans D, Anderson KA, Herbstman JB. Differential exposure to organophosphate flame retardants in mother-child pairs. *Chemosphere*. 2018 Dec 4; 219: 567-73.
4. **Gibson EA**, Siegel EL, Eniola F, Herbstman JB, Factor-Litvak P. Effects of polybrominated diphenyl ethers on child cognitive, behavioral, and motor development. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 2018 Aug 2; 15(8): 1636.
3. **Gibson EA**, Stapleton HM, Calero L, Holmes D, Burke K, Martinez R, Cortes B, Nematollahi A, Evans D, Herbstman JB. Flame retardant exposure assessment: findings from a behavioral intervention study. *Journal of Exposure Science & Environmental Epidemiology*. 2018 Jun 28: 1.
2. Wasserman GA, Liu X, Parvez F, Chen Y, Factor-Litvak P, Lolacono NJ, Levy D, Shahriar H, Uddin MN, Islam T, Lomax A, Saxena R, **Gibson EA**, Kioumourtzoglou M-A, Balac O, Sanchez T, Kline JK, Santiago D, Ellis T, van Geen A, Graziano JH. A cross-sectional study of water arsenic exposure and intellectual function in adolescence in Arahazar, Bangladesh. *Environment International*. 2018 Sep 30; 118: 304-13.
1. Lane K, Ito K, Johnson S, **Gibson EA**, Tang A, Matte T. Burden and risk factors for cold-related illness and death in New York City. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 2018 Mar 30; 15(4): 632.

PRESENTATIONS

Oral

10. **Gibson EA** Bayesian non-parametric non-negative matrix factorization for identifying patterns in environmental mixtures. Oral presentation for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Powering Research Through Innovative Methods for Mixtures in Epidemiology (PRIME) Program Meeting. October 2020. Virtual.
9. **Gibson EA**, Goldsmith J, Perera F, Factor-Litvak P, Paisley J, Herbstman JB, Kioumourtzoglou M-A. Identifying patterns in environmental mixtures: a Bayesian approach & application to endocrine disrupting chemicals. Panel discussion for the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE). August 2020. Virtual.
8. **Gibson EA**, Yan J, Colgan R, Chillrud L, Wright J, Goldsmith J, Kioumourtzoglou M-A. Principal Component Pursuit for pattern identification in environmental health. Oral presentation for the American Statistical Association's (ASA Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM). August 2020. Virtual.
7. **Gibson EA**, Goldsmith J, Perera F, Factor-Litvak P, Paisley J, Herbstman JB, Kioumourtzoglou M-A. Identifying patterns in environmental mixtures: a Bayesian approach & application to endocrine disrupting chemicals. Panel discussion for the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE). August 2020. Virtual.

- Oral
6. **Gibson EA**, Herbstman JB, and Kioumourtzoglou M-A. Complex chemical mixtures in environmental epidemiology. Oral presentation for Seminar Series, Environmental Health Sciences Department (EHS), Mailman School of Public Health (MSPH), Columbia University. Oct 2019. New York, NY, USA.
 5. **Gibson EA**, Kioumourtzoglou M-A, Herbstman JB. Environmental mixtures of endocrine disrupting chemicals and risk to cognitive development. Oral presentation for the American Pediatric Association (APA) Environmental Health Scholars Retreat. October 2018. Providence, Rhode Island, USA.
 4. **Gibson EA**, Stapleton HM, Calero L, Holmes D, Burke K, Martinez R, Cortes B, Nematollahi A, Evans D, Anderson KA, Herbstman JB. Flame Retardant Exposure Assessment: Findings from a Behavioral Intervention. Oral presentation for the Brominated Flame Retardant Workshop (BFR). May 2018. Niagara-on-the-lake, Ontario, Canada.
 3. **Gibson EA**, Stapleton HM, Calero L, Holmes D, Burke K, Martinez R, Cortes B, Nematollahi A, Evans D, Anderson KA, Herbstman JB. Intervention efficacy: Differentiating signal from noise. Oral presentation for the International Society for Children's Health and the Environment (ISCHE). August 2016. Whidbey Island, Washington, USA.
 2. **Gibson EA**, Stapleton HM, Calero L, Holmes D, Burke K, Martinez R, Cortes B, Nematollahi A, Evans D, Anderson KA, Herbstman JB. Reducing exposure to flame retardants. Does it work? Oral Presentation for Seminar Series, Environmental Health Sciences Department (EHS), Mailman School of Public Health (MSPH), Columbia University. May 2017. New York, NY, USA.
 1. **Gibson EA**, Zhou Z, Factor-Litvak P, Perera F, Yu J, Tang D. Molecular effects of in utero cadmium exposure. Oral presentation for Master's Student Day, Epidemiology Department, Mailman School of Public Health (MSPH), Columbia University. October 2015. New York, NY, USA.

- Posters
10. **Gibson EA**, Goldsmith J, Perera F, Factor-Litvak P, Paisley J, Herbstman JB, Kioumourtzoglou M-A. Identifying patterns in environmental mixtures: a Bayesian approach & application to endocrine disrupting chemicals. Poster presentation for the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE). August 2020. Virtual.
 9. **Gibson EA**, Spratlen MJ, Colgan R, Wright J, Goldsmith J, Perera FP, Factor-Litvak P, Herbstman JB, Kioumourtzoglou M-A. Patterns of phenol, paraben & phthalate exposure in NYC women. Poster presentation for the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE). August 2019. Utrecht, Netherlands.
 8. **Gibson EA**, Nunez Y, Kioumourtzoglou M-A. Overview of Commonly-Used Methods to Analyze Exposure to Mixtures in Environmental Epidemiology. Poster presentation for the Powering Research Through Innovative Methods for Mixtures in Epidemiology (PRIME) Program Meeting, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). April 2019. Research Triangle Park, NC, USA.
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3. **Gibson EA**, Kioumourtzoglou M-A, Wasserman GA, Liu X, Parvez F, Chen Y, Factor-Litvak P, Lolocono NJ, Shahriar H, Nasir Uddin M, Islam T, Saxena R, Balac O, Sanchez T, Kline JK, van Geen A, Graziano JH. Metal Exposure as a Mixture and Intellectual Function in Adolescence in Bangladesh. Poster presentation for the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE). August 2018. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
2. **Gibson EA**, Zhou Z, Factor-Litvak P, Perera F, Yu J, Tang D. Molecular effects of in utero cadmium exposure. Poster presentation for the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE). August 2016. Rome, Italy.
1. Lane K, Ito K, Johnson S, **Gibson EA**, Tang A, Matte T. Investigation of Cold-Related Deaths in New York City, 2009-2015. Poster presentation for the Summit on Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, CDC National Center for Environmental Health. January 2016. Atlanta, GA, USA.