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STATISTICS

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Statistics Ph.D.  
Graduation Program*

Class of 2021

April 29, 2021



# PROGRAM

## Welcome

Prof. Liza Levina, *Department Chair*

## Remarks

Prof. Tianxi Li, *U. Virginia, Invited Alumni Speaker*

Prof. Ji Zhu, *PhD Program Director*

## Awards

Prof. Ji Zhu, *PhD Program Director*

## Graduating Student Speakers

Yinqiu He

Nicholas Seewald

## Recognition of Graduating Students

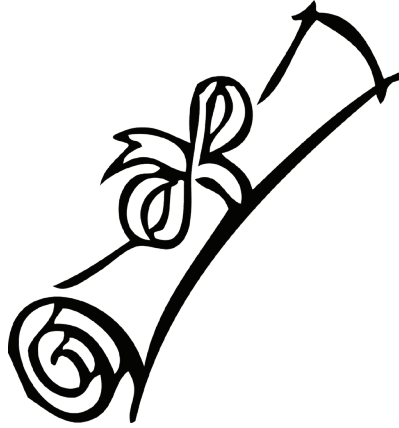
Prof. Ji Zhu, *PhD Program Director*



## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

The Department of Statistics is excited to congratulate our graduating students on the successful completion of their programs!

We wish you all the best in your future endeavors and hope you will keep in touch!



## **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, STATISTICS**

Kidus Asfaw  
Yinqiu He  
Baekjin Kim  
Timothy Lycurgus  
Nicholas Seewald  
Ed Wu

# **DEPARTMENTAL STUDENT AWARDS**

## **Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Awards**

Katherine Ahn  
Ajanae Bennett  
Simon Fontaine  
Moritz Korte-Stapff  
Vincenzo Loffredo

## **Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Honorable Mentions**

Kali Aloisi  
Anna Billiard  
Josh Zimmer

## **Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Team Awards**

Alex Shen and Eli Shumpert  
Hu Sun and Songkai Xue

## **Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Team Honorable Mention**

Karen Wang and Vincenzo Loffredo

## **Outstanding Ph.D Student Service Awards**

Charlotte Mann  
Vincenzo Loffredo

## **Outstanding Dissertation Awards**

Yinqiu He  
Baekjin Kim

## **Outstanding Dissertation Award Honorable Mention**

Kidus Asfaw



## **UNIVERSITY AWARDS**

### **Rackham Outstanding GSI Awards**

Brian Manzo  
Nicholas Seewald

### **Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship**

Daniel Kessler

### **Rackham International Student Fellowship**

Simon Fontaine  
Jinming Li

### **Rackham ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award Honorable Mention**

Yuqi Gu

## **EXTERNAL AWARDS**

### **International Biometric Society Eastern North American Region (ENAR) Distinguished Student Paper Award**

Weijing Tang

### **American Statistical Association (ASA) Statistical Learning and Data Science Student Paper Award**

Peter MacDonald  
Weijing Tang

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