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EDUCATION

01/08/21 **Doctor of Philosophy in Bioinformatics**, **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA**
Program in Biomedical Sciences, Department of Computational Medicine & Bioinformatics
Dissertation: "Genetic Discovery and Precision Medicine in Cardiovascular Diseases Using Electronic Health Record-linked Biobanks"
Co-Chairs Cristen J. Willer and Michael Boehnke; Dissertation Committee: Stephen C.J. Parker, Hyun Min Kang, Seunggeun Lee; Cumulative GPA: 3.86

01/08/21 **Master of Arts in Statistics**, **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA**

12/05/13 **Bachelor of Science in Quantitative Biology**, **University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, USA**
Honors Thesis: "Evolutionary Development of Gain-of-Function Stripes in *Z. indianus*."
Highest Honors and Highest Distinction, Cumulative GPA: 3.89

06/06/09 **High School Diploma**, **North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, Durham, NC, USA**
Public residential high school of UNC system, #1 public high school in the US by Niche.com for 2027

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

11/08/26 – Present **Visiting Scientist, deCODE genetics, Reykjavík, Iceland**
Non-academic placement with the proteomics team as part of MSCA-PF Proteomics for Heart Disease Prediction (ProtectHearts).

01/02/25 - Present ***Researcher, Oslo Center for Biostatistics and Epidemiology, Oslo, Norway***
Oslo University Hospital, Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology
University of Oslo, Department of Biostatistics
50% position as a statistical advisor at Vestre Viken Hospital Trust.

20/01/26 - Present ***Visting Researcher, EMBL-EBI***
Collaboration on foundation models for disease prediction with electronic health record data.

01/10/25 - 30/09/26 ***Researcher, K.G. Jebsen Center for Cardiac Biomarkers, Oslo, Norway***
University of Oslo and Akershus University Hospital
20% position analyzing proteomics from randomized clinical trials in the field of cardio-oncology.
Supervisor: **Torbjørn Omland, MD, PhD**

30/06/24 - Present ***Visiting Researcher, Institute of Molecular Medicine Finland (FIMM), Helsinki, Finland***
Supervisor: **Samuli Ripatti, PhD**
Secondment as part of MSCA-PF Proteomics for Heart Disease Prediction (ProtectHearts).

01/01/24 - Present ***Researcher and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellow, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway***
Department of Public Health and Nursing, HUNT Center for Molecular and Clinical Epidemiology
Supervisor: **Kristian Hveem, MD, PhD**
Developing protein-based risk scores for better prediction and treatment of cardiovascular disease using European biobanks with MSCA grant agreement 101110878 (ProtectHearts).

01/10/21 - 31/12/23 ***Postdoctoral fellow, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway***
Department of Public Health and Nursing, K.G. Jebsen Center for Genetic Epidemiology
Supervisor: **Kristian Hveem, MD, PhD**
Evaluating precision medicine approaches for complex diseases as an INTERVENE Fellow funded by European Union's Horizon 2020 grant agreement 101016775 led by Professor Samuli Ripatti and Dr. Andrea Ganna of the Finnish Institute for Molecular Medicine (FIMM).

01/09/15 - 30/09/21 ***Graduate Research Fellow**, **University of Michigan**, **Ann Arbor, MI, USA***
Department of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics, Center for Statistical Genetics
Supervisors: **Cristen J. Willer, PhD** and **Michael Boehnke, PhD**
Implementing statistical methods to improve genetic discovery and precision medicine approaches with the use of family history information in population biobanks.

15/08/13 - 30/07/15 ***Post-baccalaureate Intramural Training Award Program Trainee, National Institutes of Health**, **Bethesda, MD, USA***
National Human Genome Research Institute, Medical Genomics and Metabolic Genetics Branch
Supervisor: **Francis S. Collins, MD, PhD**

Performing integrative analyses to understand genetic, epigenetic, and regulatory variation in Type 2 Diabetes as part of the FUSION project. Estimating allelic bias in high-throughput sequencing data of biologically relevant tissues.

01/09/09 - 01/05/13 *Undergraduate Research Assistant, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, USA*
Department of Biology
Supervisor: Corbin D. Jones, PhD
Studying the molecular and genetic basis of adaptive evolution in Drosophila and related species with behavioral assays, phenotypic studies, and molecular analysis.

PUBLICATIONS (PEER REVIEWED)

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1. Lerfald M, Øvretveit K, Nilsen TIL, Eldholm RS, Grøtting N, **Wolford BN**, Selbæk G, Ernstsen L. Polygenic score for blood pressure, cardiorespiratory fitness and dementia: The HUNT Study. *Age and Ageing*. PMID: 42476555 (02/07/2026)
2. Grøtting N, **Wolford BN§,** Kvaløy K, Omland T, Selbæk G, Ernstsen L§. *APOE* Genotype, Cardiovascular Risk, and Incident Dementia in the Norwegian HUNT Study. *European Journal of Epidemiology.* PMID: 42223769 (01/06/2026)
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11. Jermy B*, Läll K*, **Wolford BN*,** [23 authors] Ripatti S, Ganna A. A unified framework for estimating country-specific cumulative incidence for 19 diseases stratified by polygenic risk. *Nature Communications.* PMID: 38866767 (06/12/2024)
12. Mosknes M, Hansen A, **Wolford BN**, [19 authors] Hveem K, Brumpton B. New insights into the genetic etiology of 57 essential and non-essential trace elements in humans. *Communications Biology*. PMID: 38594418 (09/04/2024)
13. Øvretveit K, [5 authors], **Wolford BN**, [5 authors], Hveem K. Polygenic risk scores predict blood pressure traits across the lifespan. *European Heart Journal.* PMID: 38007706 (26/11/2023)
14. Roychowdhury T, [23 authors], **Wolford BN**, [69 authors], Willer CJ, Damrauer SM. Multi-ancestry GWAS deciphers genetic architecture of abdominal aortic aneurysm and highlights *PCSK9* as a therapeutic target. *Nature Genetics.* PMID: 37845353 (16/10/2023)
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16. Wang Y, [20 authors], **Wolford BN**, [6 authors], Martin AR, Hirbo J. Global biobank analyses provide lessons for computing polygenic risk scores across diverse cohorts. *Cell Genomics.* PMID: 36777179 (04/01/2023)
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31. Klarin D, [3 authors], **Wolford BN**, [48 authors], Tsao PS on behalf of the VA Million Veteran Program. Genetic Architecture of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm in the Million Veteran Program. *Circulation*. PMID: 32981348. (28/09/2020)
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REVIEWS, EDITORIALS, AND COMMENTARIES

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44. **Wolford BN** & Myrstad M. Atrial fibrillation risk prediction in athletes. *JACC Clinical Electrophysiology. In press.*
45. Nordestgaard NL, [6 authors]. **Wolford BN**, Hernandez ZR, Amigo N, Catapano AL, Masana L, Devaux Y on behalf of COST Action CA21153. Multiomics for risk stratification in atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. *Circulation: Genomic and Precision Medicine*. PMID: 41878824 (25/03/2026)
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COMPETITIVELY ACCEPTED CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

Gut microbial associations with incident cardiovascular disease in Nordic populations

1. Norwegian School of Heart Research Annual Symposium | **oral presentation** | Oslo, Norway | October 8, 2026
2. American Society of Human Genetics | poster presentation | Montreal, Canada | October 23, 2026

Blood plasma proteomics for prediction of cardiometabolic disease

3. American Society of Human Genetics | poster presentation | Boston, Massachusetts | October 14-18, 2025
Blood plasma proteomics for prediction of cardiovascular disease
4. Norwegian School of Heart Research Annual Symposium | **oral presentation** | Oslo, Norway | September 11-12, 2025
Cumulative incidence estimates across polygenic score strata in global populations
5. American Society of Human Genetics | poster presentation | Denver, Colorado | November 5-9, 2024
Genomics and Proteomics of Heart Disease Risk Prediction in the Trøndelag Health Study
6. Joint Nordic Conference on Future Health | **plenary presentation** | Trondheim, Norway | September 10-12, 2024
Estimating polygenic score effects in non-European populations for improved lifetime disease risk estimation
7. European Society of Human Genetics Conference | poster presentation | Berlin, Germany | June 2024
Sex and age-specific effects of polygenic risk on cumulative incidence of coronary heart disease
8. Female Heart Workshop | **oral presentation** | Bergen Norway | May 2024
Differential gene expression and regulation at single nuclei resolution in muscle of statin users
9. AtheroNet 3rd Working Group Meeting | poster presentation | Valencia, Spain | February 2024
10. American Society of Human Genetics Annual Meeting | poster presentation | Washington, D.C. | November 2023
Variability in lifetime risk of complex diseases across European countries & polygenic score strata in >1 million individuals
11. Biomarkers of the Future Virtual Conference | **oral presentation** | Virtual | November 2022
12. American Society of Human Genetics Annual Meeting | **platform presentation** | LA, CA | October 2022
Effect of sex and age on disease prediction with polygenic scores in INTERVENE
13. 55th European Human Genetics Conference | **platform presentation** | Vienna, Austria | June 2022
Multi-ancestry GWAS for venous thromboembolism identifies novel loci followed by experimental validation
14. American Society of Human Genetics Annual Meeting | **platform presentation** | Virtual | October 2021
Comprehensive benchmarking of integrated polygenic and conventional risk factor models for cardiovascular traits in the Nord-Trøndelag Health Study
15. American Society of Human Genetics Annual Meeting | **platform presentation** | Virtual | October 2020
Utility of family history informed genetic risk scores for prediction of common complex diseases
16. American Society of Human Genetics Annual Meeting | poster presentation | Houston, TX | October 2019
17. Leena Peltonen School of Human Genomics | **oral presentation** | Les Diablerets, Switzerland | August 2019
Clinical implications of identifying pathogenic variants in individuals with thoracic aortic dissection
18. American Society of Human Genetics Annual Meeting | poster presentation | San Diego, CA | October 2018
19. 6th Human Genetics in NYC | poster presentation | New York, NY | October 2018
Using genotyped relatives of ungenotyped type 2 diabetes cases as proxy-cases in a cohort based GWAS
20. James V. Neel Lectureship Symposium | poster presentation | Ann Arbor, MI | May 2018
21. Gilbert S. Omenn Lectureship Symposium | poster presentation | Ann Arbor, MI | March 2018
22. American Society of Human Genetics 67th Annual Meeting | **platform presentation** | Orlando, FL | October 2017
23. Biomedical Statistical Modeling | poster presentation | Ann Arbor, MI | June 2017
24. CSHL Conference on The Biology of Genomes | poster presentation | Cold Spring Harbor, NY | May 2017
25. James V. Neel Lectureship Symposium | poster presentation | Ann Arbor, MI | May 2017
26. NHGRI Research Training & Career Development Annual Meeting | poster presentation | St. Louis, MO | April 2017
Allelic transcriptome signatures identify disease-relevant regulatory architecture in diabetes relevant cell-types
27. James V. Neel Lectureship Symposium | poster presentation | Ann Arbor, MI | May 2016
Integrated 3-D epigenomic and transcriptomic analysis of the EndoC-BH1 human pancreatic islet beta cell model
28. CSHL Conference on The Biology of Genomes | poster presentation | Cold Spring Harbor, NY | May 2015

INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

11/10/26	Uppsala University Symposium, Predicting Disease Risk and Outcomes: Human Genetics, Health Data and AI-Based Tools | Uppsala, Sweden
16/06/26	Large Language Models in the OHDSI Community, OHDSI Community Call | Virtual
29/05/26	The 10+2 Santorini Conference, Systems Medicine and Personalized Health & Therapy | Santorini, Greece
15/05/26	Boehnke Symposium, University of Michigan | Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA
14/05/25	4th Working Group meeting of the COST Action AtheroNET | Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
09/05/25	University of Bergen Center for Research on Cardiac Disease in Women, Female Heart Workshop, "*Polygenic risk scores and proteomics for coronary artery disease risk prediction in women and men"* | Bergen, NO
01/05/25	University of Cambridge, Heart and Lung Research Institute, Cardiovascular Epidemiology Unit, "*Phenomics, genomics, & proteomics for cardiometabolic disease risk prediction in population biobanks"* | Cambridge, UK

29/04/25 EMBL-EBI Ad-hoc Seminar, "*Phenomics, genomics, & proteomics for cardiometabolic disease risk prediction in population biobanks"* | Hinxton, UK

28/04/25 EMBL-EBI Human Ecosystems Retreat Keynote Speaker, *"Exploring Genetics x Environment in the Trøndelag Health Study"* | Hinxton, UK

12/03/25 Institute of Molecular Medicine in Finland (FIMM) Human Genetics Analysis Seminar, "*Phenomics, genomics, & proteomics for cardiometabolic disease risk prediction in population biobanks* | Helsinki, FI

02/12/24 NTNU Health and Life Sciences Seminar | Trondheim, NO

16/09/24 ThermoFisher Predictive Genomics team meeting | Virtual

29/09/23 3rd meeting of the AtheroNET COST Action, *"Big data integration: Variability of lifetime risk of complex diseases across polygenic score strata in over 1 million individuals"* | Tirana, Albania

19/05/23 University of Utah Rising Stars in Genetics and Genomics Symposium, *"Variability of lifetime risk of complex diseases across European countries and polygenic score strata in over 1 million individuals"* | Salt Lake City, Utah, USA

24/04/23 NTNU Working Group on Statistical Science, *"Variability of lifetime risk of complex diseases across European countries and polygenic score strata in over 1 million individuals"* | Trondheim, NO

27/10/22 Meet the Expert Inspiration Lounge Session at 70th ASHG Annual Meeting | Los Angeles, CA, USA

10/05/22 Institute of Molecular Medicine in Finland (FIMM) Human Genetics Analysis Seminar | Helsinki, FI

2021-22 Girls Who Code at UM DCMB Journey Lecture (2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 GWC Clubs, 2021 and 2022 Summer Experience) | Ann Arbor, MI, USA and Virtual

13/12/21 Clinical Genome (ClinGen) Complex Disease Working Group, "*Utility of family history in disease prediction in the era of polygenic scores"* | Virtual

13/11/21 American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, *Novel Strategies to Promote Healthy Vascular Aging: Polygenic Risk Scores for Coronary Artery Disease: Are We Ready for Personalized Medicine?* | Virtual

27/02/21 California Undergraduate Bioinformatics Conference Graduate Student Panelist | Virtual

04/10/20 inteGIRLS Detroit Women In STEM Panelist | Virtual

13/09/18 Norwegian University of Science & Technology, Department of Public Health & Nursing Invited Seminar "*Using EHR-linked biobanks to study the genetics of cardiometabolic diseases*" | Trondheim, NO

HONORS & AWARDS

09/10/26 The Norwegian School of Heart Research Annual Symposium Abstract Award (1 of 12 in Biomarkers)

23/07/26 **Reviewers' Choice Abstract (top 10% of poster abstracts) for ASHG Annual Meeting**

10/10/25 K.G. Jebsen Academy of Young Medical Researchers **Best Article Award**

01/06/24 **Best Poster Candidate** at the European Society of Human Genetics 2024 Conference

01/03/24 **Top Poster Award** for the Young Researcher and Innovator Poster Session of the 4th AtheroNET Meeting

24/10/23 K.G. Jebsen Academy of Young Medical Researchers **Best Dissemination Award**

16/11/22 Biomarkers of the Future Virtual Conference, Young Researcher Competition 4th place of 14 entries

26/09/22 K.G. Jebsen Academy of Young Medical Researchers **Best Dissemination Award**

16/08/22 Trainee Research Excellence Award (formerly Charles J. Epstein Trainee Research Awards) Postdoctoral **Finalist** for the 72nd meeting of the American Society of Human Genetics

16/08/21 Trainee Research Excellence Award (formerly Charles J. Epstein Trainee Research Awards) Postdoctoral **Semi-Finalist** for the 71st meeting of the American Society of Human Genetics

23/09/19 Univ. of Michigan Program in Biomedical Sciences 20th Anniversary **Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Research, Teaching, Service, and Promotion of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

01/07/19 Univ. of Michigan Endowment for Basic Sciences Excellence in Basic Science Award ($5,000 USD)

20/12/18 Department of Computational Medicine & Bioinformatics Annual **Student Service Award**

01/09/15 Univ. of Michigan Benard L. Maas **Fellowship Award**

01/04/15 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program **Honorable Mention**

01/12/14 NHGRI Symposium **Best Traditional Scientific Poster Award**

01/05/14 NIH Post-baccalaureate Poster Day **Outstanding Poster Award**

21/11/12 Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society (less than 1% of all US Bachelor's students qualify)

GRANTS & FUNDING

01/01/27 National Society of Genetic Counselors Research Initiative for **PRIME-GC** (30,000 USD)

13/07/26 Mini-Grant for **PRIME-GC** from Norwegian Centennial Chair Program (25,000 USD)

08/12/25 Travel Grant for **ProtectHearts,** Central Norway Regional Health Authority Cooperative Body (200K NOK)

18/08/25 AtheroNET COST Action Young Researcher and Innovator Conference Grant (1,400 EUR)

20/06/25 Work Package Lead **HUNT-GENES-IP**, Norwegian Research Council (14.8M NOK)

14/05/25	Project Establishment Support Grant from NTNU (300,000 NOK, *declined*)
13/12/24	ELIXIR Travel Grant (2,100 EUR)
06/12/24	Digital Life Norway Research School Support for 2025 *Health AI in R* short-course (39,800 NOK)
02/12/24	PI of **ProtectHearts**, St Olav's Hospital & NTNU Faculty of Medicine & Health Joint Research Committee (1.5M NOK)
02/12/24	PI of **HUNT AI for Heart Health**, Central Norway Regional Health Authority Cooperative Body (3.9M NOK)
12/07/24	UK Biobank Research Analysis Platform Early Career Researcher Credits (1,000 GBP, *declined*)
30/06/24	AtheroNET COST Action Short Term Scientific Mission (2,500 EUR)
08/05/24	NTNU Health and Life Science in 2024 (150,000 NOK, ~12,800 EUR)
28/03/24	European Society of Human Genetics Early Career Investigator Conference Fellowship (700 EUR)
13/02/23	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship (MSCA-EF) **ProtectHearts** (263,000 EUR, 101110878)
01/01/23	Work Package Lead, InDemHUNT, The Central Norway Regional Health Authority Cooperative Body, (PhD position for 3 years and 2,960,000 NOK for project funds)
02/10/22	Activity Support Grant from DION, Doctoral Interest Organization at NTNU (2000 NOK, ~2000 EUR)
2017-19	Rackham Conference Travel Grant ($800 USD x 3)
01/04/18	Rackham Professional Development Grant ($400 USD)
01/04/18	Univ. of Washington Summer Inst. in Stat. Genetics Registration/Travel Scholarship ($1,400 USD)
01/04/16	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (3 years of support, $138,000 USD, DGE 1256260)
01/03/18	Genome Sciences Training Program Fellow (1 year of support, NIH/NHGRI 5T32HG000040-22)
01/10/17	Benard L. Maas Professional Development Award ($500 USD)
01/07/14	NIH Intramural Sequencing Center Pilot Project ($10,000 USD)
01/05/13	Tom and Elizabeth Long Research Award ($500 USD)
01/06/12	UNC Office of Undergraduate Research Summer Undergrad. Research Fellowship ($3,000 USD)

SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

15/08/26 - Present	Ferdinand Henrik Gjesdahl, NTNU, Master's in Informatics – AI (Main supervisor)
15/08/26 - Present	Renske Jolien Stel, NTNU, Master's in Public Health (Main supervisor)
01/02/26 - Present	Anna Irene Skei Sekkelsten, UiO, PhD Candidate in Medicine and Health (Co-supervisor)
01/01/24 - Present	Pieta Kelsey, NTNU, PhD Candidate in Medicine and Health Sciences (Co-supervisor)
01/04/23 - Present	Elisa Moreno, NTNU, PhD Candidate in Medicine and Health Sciences (Co-supervisor)
01/01/23 - Present	Nora Grøtting, NTNU, Medical Research Track Student (Co-supervisor)
01/10/25 - 15/09/26	Juan Martínez Urdaci, NTNU, Bachelor's Thesis (Erasmus) (Main supervisor)
01/04/24 - 31/12/25	Fikria Karinanur, NTNU, Master's in Clinical Science – Obesity and Health (Main supervisor)
01/04/23 - 19/06/24	Karianne Skjærstein, NTNU, Master's in Global Health Candidate (Main supervisor)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2019-22, 25-26	Genetic Epidemiology (SMED 8020, Norwegian University of Science & Technology) Lecturer
12/12/25	Workshop Leader at Oslo Bioinformatics Workshop Week, University of Oslo
10/12/25	Introduction to R and Data Handling, BioData Training hosted virtually by University of Tirana
10/09/25	Git, Github, and Collaborative Coding Workshop Facilitator with Software Carpentry at U. of Oslo
1/08/25-12/08/25	Health AI in R Workshop Coordinator
13/12/24	2nd Student Conference on Biological Sciences, University of Tirana, Albania (virtual), "Using Statistics and Computation to Better Understand our Genes" Workshop Speaker
18/09/22	Palestine-Norway Partnership to Enhance Population Genomics Education, Research, and Outreach to the Professional-Community (PaNomics) Summer School Lecturer
17/06/21	University of Colorado Boulder International Statistical Genetics Workshop Tutor
01/04/18 - 30/04/21	Genomics in Epidemiology (EPID 516, University of Michigan) Guest Lecturer
23/04/20	Reproducible Data Analysis with R Workshop Instructor's Assistant
01/06/19 - 31/07/19	Big Data Summer Institute (Summer Institute in Biostatistics program) Graduate Student Instructor
01/09/17 - 30/05/20	Girls Who Code at UM DCMB Club Facilitator
15/07/19 - 19/07/19	Girls Who Code at UM DCMB's Data Science Summer Experience in Detroit Facilitator
01/07/18 - 30/07/19	Summer Bridge Scholars Program, Genetics and Genomics Campus Connection Instructor
21/03/19	Graduate Society of Black Scientists and Engineers Intro to Python Workshop Instructor
01/03/19	Python Software Carpentry Workshop Instructor's Assistant
01/09/18 - 20/12/18	Tutor for Molecular Genetics (HUMGEN 541, University of Michigan)

ORGANIZATION OF MEETINGS AND SEMINARS

01/12/24 – 04/09/26	AtheroNET 4th Meeting and 6th Meeting, Young Researcher and Innovator (YRI) Poster Committee
01/01/23 – 30/10/25	ASHG Program Committee (3-year term) (Washington DC, Denver, Boston, USA)
28/10/24-13/12/24	2nd Student Conference on Biological Sciences, University of Tirana, Albania, Scientific Committee
01/01/22 – 31/12/25	HUNT Center for Molecular and Clinical Epidemiology Monthly Seminar Series Organizer

SERVICE TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY, INSTITUTIONS, AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIEITES

01/01/27	American Society of Human Genetics Board of Directors, Trainee Director (3-year term)
15/05/26 - Present	Editorial Board Member, *European Heart Journal – Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy*
01/07/21 - Present	Peer reviewer for *JACC*, *Diabetologia, PLoS Genetics, Scientific Reports, eLife, JAHA, HGG Advances, Nature Communications, Lancet Diabetes and Endocrinology*
28/10/25 - Present	CardioPharmaGENET COST Action Management Committee Member
10/02/25 - 15/10/26	R-Ladies Trondheim Co-Organizer
15/10/25 - 30/10/26	K.G. Jebsen Academy for Young Medical Researchers Leader
30/06/24 - 18/10/26	AtheroNET COST Action Work Package 5 Dissemination and Communication Co-Leader
30/04/2025	MSCA Q&A Session for EMBL-EBI Fellows
01/01/25 – 18/10/25	ASHG Program Committee Peer Mentor
01/01/25 – 15/10/25	K.G. Jebsen Academy for Young Medical Researchers Deputy Leader
18/11/24	AtheroNET Journal Club Chats "Paths in academia" panelist
01/11/21 - 01/11/23	NTNU Statistical Genetics Journal Club Coordinator
18/10/19	ASHG Platform Session Moderator
01/02/19 - 31/10/19	UM Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) Panelist (February & October)
01/03/17 - 30/03/18	ASHG DNA Day Essay Judge 2017 & 2018
01/01/17 - 31/12/18	ASHG Trainee Newsletter 'The Nascent Transcript' Contributor
01/03/14 - 01/07/15	Member of Genome Trainee Advisory Committee (GTAC) for NHGRI/NIH

SCIENTIFIC DISSEMINATION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

15/02/23	NCSSM Alumni Panel for Research
28/09/22 - 29/09/23	EU Researcher's Night 2022 & 2023 Organizer and 2022 Facilitator
01/07/20 - 31/12/21	COVID-19 Host Genetics Initiative Science Communication Team Co-lead
01/04/18 - 01/04/21	Michigan DNA Day Ambassador (2018 & 2021)
01/04/19 - 30/04/21	Skype A Scientist Speaker (2019 & 2021)
09/05/20	Bucyrus, Ohio Public Library Ask A Scientist Virtual Guest
12/03/20	Michigan Theater Independent Thinker Film Series Panelist, *"Code: Debugging the Gender Gap"*
01/11/16 - 30/05/20	Girls Who Code at UM DCMB Co-founder & Executive Committee Co-chair
23/11/16 - 16/03/19	Females Excelling More in Math, Engineering & the Sciences Semester Capstone Activity Leader
19/12/18	South Asheboro Middle School's Biotech Careers Guest Scientist
01/04/16 - 20/12/18	MiSciWriters Contributor
01/03/16 - 30/05/18	Activities Facilitator & Scouts Assistant at Ann Arbor Hands on Museum
10/03/18 - 11/03/18	Forsythe Middle School Young Scientists' Expo Judge and Demonstration Event Leader
15/05/18	New Hope Elementary School's 2nd grade Guest Scientist and Genetics Lesson Instructor
12/05/18	Association of Multicultural Scientists Science Career Day Coding & Robotics Instructor
10/04/18	St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School Science Olympiad Team Field Trip Instructor
01/06/17 - 31/07/18	Michigan Heath Science Pre-College Exposure Academy Graduate Student Instructor
03/03/17	Liberty Elementary School's 5th grade Guest Scientist and Genetics Lesson Instructor
01/04/17 - 30/06/17	St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School Science Olympiad ("Gene-ius" event) Assistant Instructor
19/08/15	Girl Scout Troop 40004's STEM badge Guest Speaker
01/07/15 - 31/07/15	Research Group Host for NIH High School Scientific Training and Enrichment Program (HiSTEP)
01/08/14 - 31/07/15	Contributor for NHGRI Communication & Science Policy Group's Genome Advance of the Month
24/04/14	Volunteer for NHGRI 'Fun With DNA' during NIH Take Your Child To Work Day
01/04/14 - 31/07/14	Volunteer for Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History Genome Zone

MEDIA COVERAGE

09/03/26	Research covered in *Gemini,* "More temptations spell bad news for people at high risk of diabetes" ("Flere fristelser dårlig nytt for folk med høy diabetesrisiko")
10/09/25	News Feature in *Nature*, "Scientists take on Trump: these researchers are fighting back"
01/09/25	Quoted in Genialt 3-2025 from the Norwegian Biotechnology Advisory Board "Research Data Threatened by US Cuts" ("Forskningsdata trua av amerikansk nedskjæring")

03/04/24 We're Doomed We're Saved Podcast Guest "Polygenic risk scores – The Truth in our Genes"
11/01/23 Research covered in *Michigan Daily,* "International research study finds new genetic links to heart disease"
15/02/21 Perspective 2020 Podcast Guest, "Interpreting a Data Driven World"

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NETWORKS

K.G. Jebsen Academy for Young Medical Researchers | American Society of Human Genetics | Norwegian School of heart research (NORHEART) | Network for implementing multiomics approaches in ASCVD prevention and research (AtheroNET COST Action) | Network for Cardiovascular Pharmacogenomics and Precision Medicine (CardioPharmaGENET COST Action) | The Musicality Genomics (MusicGens) Consortium

COMPETENCIES

Programming experience in Perl, Python, R, Unix shell, Bash, C/C++, Snakemake; Processing of RNA-seq, ChIP-seq, ATAC-seq, proteomics assays, exome sequencing, genotyping, electronic health record, and survey data; **Statistical competencies** in advanced probability theory, non-parametric statistical inference, generalized linear models, survival analysis, linear mixed models, optimization algorithms; **Clinical research experience** with writing protocols and statistical analysis plans for clinical trials, performing power calculations, use of patient reported outcome measures. **Extensive use of high performance compute cluster** with parallel programming to create and execute pipelines, analysis within **trusted research environments** and Linux/Windows virtual machines, and environment management with conda. **Leadership skills** including supervising students, consensus building, and facilitating collaborative meetings; **Research project management** including applying for and maintaining institutional and national ethics approvals, developing and managing research budgets, leading international research teams; Commitment to **FAIR data principles and open science practices** including sharing of my code on GitHub and authorship of Data Management Plans; **Molecular biology protocols** for DNA extraction, PCR, RT-PCR, restriction digest, Illumina library preparation, bacteriophage display; **Laboratory experience** with fruit fly husbandry and behavioral assays, EMS mutagenesis, Scanning Electron Microscopy.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

04/10/2026	Good Clinical Practice Training (Certificate from NIDA Clinical Trials Network)
29/01/25 – Present	Program for pedagogical basic competence, NTNU (150/200 hours complete)
15/01/26-16/01/26	The Carpentries Instructor Training (Certified Carpentries Instructor)
15/09/25	Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health (Course Certificate from Coursera) Clinical Trials Analysis, Monitoring, and Presentation; Design and Interpretation of Clinical Trials
20/11/23	NTNU Faculty of Medicine and Health PhD Supervising Course
01/08/21	Lifeology University SciComm Program: Empathetic Communicator Certificate
23/07/18 - 27/07/18	University of Washington Department of Biostatistics 23rd Summer Institutes in Statistical Genetics Modules: Adv. Quantitative Genetics, Statistical & Quantitative Genetics of Disease
01/09/14 - 31/12/14	Genetic Counseling Professional Topics Seminar, Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (3 credits)
01/09/14 - 31/05/15	NIH Academy Certificate Program, National Institutes of Health (Certificate of Completion)
01/02/14 – 31/05/14	Current Topics in Genome Analysis, National Human Genome Research Institute
01/03/14	Writing and Publishing a Scientific Paper, National Institutes of Health Office of Intramural Training and Education (Certificate of Training)
01/10/13	Computing for Data Analysis, Coursera partnership with JHU Bloomberg School of Public Health (Statement of Accomplishment)

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

01/09/21 - Present	parkrun Volunteer & Run Director	Archdale, NC & Trondheim, Norway
01/0516 - 01/07/18	UNC General Alumni Association's Ann Arbor Carolina Club Chair	Ann Arbor, MI
01/05/16 - 01/11/19	Wesley Foundation at the University of Michigan Community Coordinator (May – Sept. 2016) Loud Lecture Committee Member (April 2016 – November 2019)	Ann Arbor, MI
01/06/14 - 01/07/15	Montgomery Hospice Respite and Companionship Visitor	Rockville, MD
2010 - 2013	Quaker Lake Camp Health and Safety Director (2010, 2011, 2013) Seeds Environmental Education Program Coordinator (2012, 2013)	Climax, NC
01/06/11 - 01/05/13	Orange & Chatham County Judicial System Guardian ad Litem	Chapel Hill, NC

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND INTERESTS

Languages: Norwegian (B2/C1), Spanish (beginner), English (native)
18/08/2025 Sea Kayaking Level 1, Norwegian Paddle Association (NPF) Trondheim, Norway

08/12/2024	Norwegian Social Studies Test (Samfunnkunskapsprøven)	Trondheim, Norway
01/05/2011	Wilderness First Aid, National Outdoor Leadership School	NC, USA

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