







From the DIRECTOR



The Biomedical Data Science Innovation Lab (BDSIL) stands as a pioneering initiative, generously supported by the NIH, that converges the realms of biomedical sciences and data science. This unique platform brings together junior faculty members spanning diverse disciplines such as clinical medicine, bench research, biomedical engineering, computer science, statistics, and mathematics. Its primary objective is to foster interdisciplinary collaboration and stimulate innovation by addressing specific challenges in the biosciences through the application of cutting-edge data science methods.

At the heart of BDSIL's mission is the cultivation of new, multidisciplinary partnerships. These collaborations are meticulously facilitated to tackle challenges in biomedicine where data science plays a pivotal role. The annual selection of unique but topical themes ensures a dynamic and evolving focus, reflecting the rapidly advancing landscape of biomedical research and computational applications.

The BDSIL experience is characterized by a multifaceted approach. Participants engage in weekly webinars featuring thought leaders in the field, gaining insights into the latest developments and best practices. The 'micro-lab' activities provide interactive opportunities to discuss data science methods to real-world challenges, advancing interdisciplinarity, and innovative thinking.

A cornerstone of BDSIL is the five-day, mentored, and facilitated grant and manuscript development workshop. This intensive collaborative setting serves as a catalyst for translating ideas into tangible outcomes. The emphasis on mentorship ensures that participants receive guidance from experienced professionals, enhancing the quality and viability of their proposals and manuscripts. With an amazing team of facilitators – who act as ring masters, cruise directors, and cheerleaders – provide overall structure to these events. An amazing team of BDSIL staff members coordinates all event logistics, ensuring that these events run smoothly.

Themes from previous years, such as the microbiome, the brain, mobile devices, environmental exposures, bioethics, and biomedical data science education in artificial intelligence, underscore the breadth of topics addressed. This diversity reflects the wideranging impact that data science can have across various facets of biomedicine. The BDSIL takes pride in its role as a catalyst for innovation and creativity in the application of data science to biomedical challenges. The ultimate goal is to not only generate new knowledge but also to facilitate the development of projects that have the potential to secure NIH or NSF grant funding. Moreover, the emphasis on resulting in new peer-reviewed research articles underscores the commitment to contributing meaningfully to the scientific literature and the career paths of our participants.

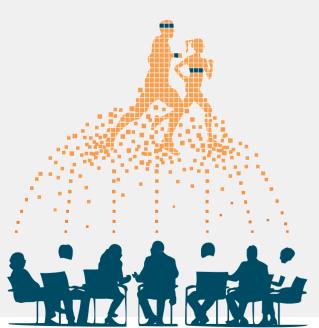
Throughout all BDSIL activities, the concept of Team Science is omnipresent. Recognizing that complex challenges in biomedicine require collaborative efforts, the program fosters a culture of teamwork. Participants are encouraged to leverage diverse expertise, perspectives, and skills, emphasizing that breakthroughs often emerge at the intersection of disciplines.

The Biomedical Data Science Innovation Lab represents a dynamic and forward-thinking initiative at the crossroads of biomedical science and modern computational applications. By nurturing collaboration, fostering innovation, and embracing the principles of Team Science, BDSIL stands as a beacon in the quest to unravel the complexities of biomedicine through the transformative power of data science.



John Darrell Van Horn, Ph.D., M.Eng.

Biomedical Data Science Challenges of Wearable and/or Ambient Sensors



Achieving the potential of wearable and ambient sensors will necessitate the integration of different data formats, including structured and unstructured data, realtime and static data, from diverse populations interacting with a range of devices including but not limited to wearable electronics, mobile devices, and environmental sensors. This data requires the development of computational and analytical methods to enable high-confidence predictions that relay just in time information to individuals through a personalized user interface and experience (UI/UX) for the greatest impact. The teams developed at the lab created project ideas that addressed this data science challenge.

Location

Lake Arrowhead, CA

Date

June 15-19, 2016

The study of the microbiome is a rapidly developing area with the aim of identifying, treating, and preventing disease as well as promoting health by understanding the interaction of microbes with humans in a variety of ecological niches both within the human body and the external environment. The projects generated at the lab approached the relevant data associated with the microbiota with a health or biomedical research objective.



2017

Date

Quantitative Approaches to Biomedical Data Science

June 19-23, 2017

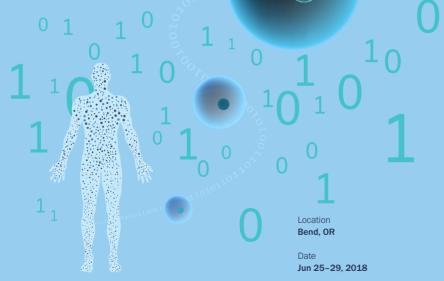
Challenges in our Understanding of the Microbiome



Mathematical Challenges of

Single Cell Dynamics

Understanding the implications of single cell heterogeneity is critical for developing personalized treatments. The Lab promoted collaboration between mathematicians, statisticians, and biomedical researchers towards the development of novel or significantly adapted models, methods, and approaches for overcoming difficult data science challenges arising from the collection and analysis of single cell big data.



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2019

Data Science Challenges in Rural

Health and Environmental Exposures



Rural health and environmental exposures specifically concerns communities in less populated areas of the country where exposure to pollutants, toxins, chemicals, etc have a disproportionate impact on citizen health and wellbeing. The immediate and long-term consequences of these exposures have a direct impact on life quality due to reduced access to health care, policies of local government, health disparities, changes to diet and exercise, and corporate interests. Collaborations between biomedical and quantitative scientists lead to project ideas with better approaches to implementation and interpretation of such data.



The brain is recognized as a major source of microscopic, systems-level, spatial, and temporal datatypes in health as well as in disease. This BDSIL aimed to highlight the challenges of working with such datatypes and how data might be integrated to gain insights into brain form, function, and connectivity and the understanding of major clinical disorders.

2021

Brain Analytics and

Data Integration

Virtual

Date June 21-25, 2021 Artificial Intelligence (AI) has great potential to assist in biomedical decision making. However, such systems are not immune from making erroneous recommendations, struggling to maintain patient privacy, and which give rise to vexing questions about their suitability across genders, ethnic, or cultural communities. The lab formed new interdisciplinary collaborations that generated creative strategies for addressing ethics of AI in biomedicine.



2022

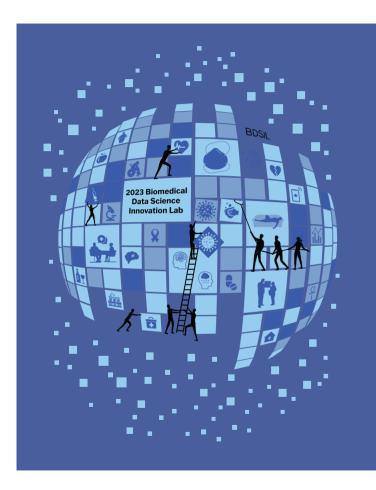
Ethical Challenges of Artificial

Intelligence in Biomedicine

Charlottesville, VA

Date

June 13-17, 2022



Public Health Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic

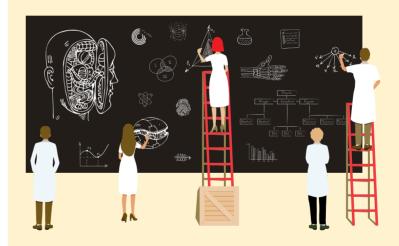
The COVID-19 pandemic has upset our lives in ways unimaginable. We are only now, just contending with the secondary effects of COVID exposures – so-called 'long-haul COVID' – but also the effects of deferred regular health check-ups, poor mental health, etc. This lab fostered the formation of new interdisciplinary collaborations to generate creative strategies on the use of data science approaches for predicting secondary health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Location Kenmore, WA

Date June 26-30, 2023

Building Partnerships for Generative AI Training in Biomedical and Clinical Research

2024



How can those with expertise in the development of AI, large-language, and generative content models join forces with biomedical science educators to provide insight and guidance on training about, using, and leveraging these tools?

The goal of the 2024 Biomedical Data Science Innovation Lab (BDSIL) is to foster the formation of new interdisciplinary collaborations which will generate creative strategies on the use of data science approaches for creating new strategic partnerships between Al developers, biomedical researchers, and educators.

Location

Date

San Diego, CA

June 16-20, 2024

Process

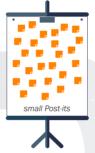


Microlabs

Making initial connections, developing the foundation, and exploring the problems space prior to the in-person Innovation Lab

Knowledge in the Room

Learning about attendees, their expertise and bringing together thoughts, ideas, insights and questions



Day 1



Stewarding Rounds

Progect idea rounds of exploration, working through obstacles, and receiving guidance

Day 3



Seeds of Research Ideas

Aspirational challenges and identifying potential research projects

Day 2

Presentations & Feedback

Refining projects, and final presentations of the 6-10 groups

Days 4 & 5



Post-Lab

Mentor feedback, 4 month post-lab team check-in, and continued scientific outcomes



Participants are early career level advanced post-doctoral fellows, coming from biomedical or data science research, seeking to take on interesting, data-driven challenges engaging with new, multidisciplinary teams in biomedicine.





Mentors are scientifically established senior investigators able to provide experience, encouragement, and support. They do not control – they merely meet with the forming teams to provide feedback, guidance, and direction to orient them, reinforcing the positive aspects of potential team projects while asking clarifying questions about areas in need of improvement.

Facilitators are a combination or tour guides, cruise directors, and ring masters. They run the day-to-day agenda, coordinate our activities, and bring their own positive attitudes to bear on all things we hope to achieve.



Provocateurs are domain experts who give short talks to challenge, push, encourage, and disrupt, expanding the bounds of thinking. Provocateurs have been inventors, entrepreneurs, astronauts, microbiologists, and neurogeneticists. Each has the goal to off balance in a good way to help see problems in a new light.



The UVA-based **Leadership Team** provides direction, coordination, and assistance throughout. Theirs is a year-long level of participation, planning, promotion, support, and number one points of contact before, during, and after each event.



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Knowledge in the Room



The photographs in this book are a compilation of all the pictures taken during the BDSIL events from 2016 through 2023.

Day 1









"We help to encourage interdisciplinary teams, comprised of biomedical and computational scientists, to think differently, spark new ideas, develop novel research projects, challenge themselves, and to be innovative."

-Jack Van Horn, Director

"It's really exciting. I never had this kind of engaging, interactive activities." -2019 Participant





"This was an experience unlike anything I've had in my career and it was great!"
-2018 Participant







"The whole workshop is so dynamic." -2022 Participant



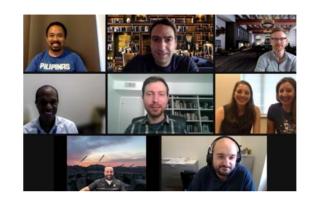
"It is an outstanding opportunity to get to know some brilliant minds and connect." -2022 Participant











"In setting up new collaborations, it's a great opportunity... I think one of the big reasons for coming to one of these things is definitely to talk about science and learn new things, but really from a community building standpoint, this is an amazing experience." -Laura Heiser, Mentor 2018







Seeds of Research Ideas

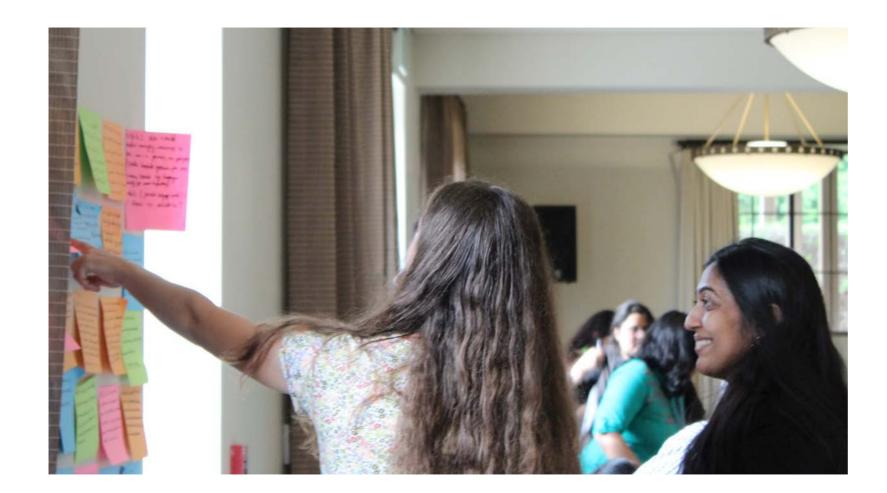
Day 2

"It's really exciting. I never had this kind of engaging interactive activities that made my brain constantly thinking. This is really accelerated learning...Whenever you have questions, you directly get answers."

- 2018 Participant









"It was an opportunity to build collaborations that would take a year or more, in a single week." -Anonymous



"One of the best academic experiences I have ever participated in!" -2018 Participant

"I believe a team comprising of people with a diverse background, minds and ideas has the potential to solve any complex problem. I was impressed with the ability of the lab organizers to bring computational and experimental researchers to brainstorm about science for a few days in a single room." -Anonymous

















"The BDSIL was such a great opportunity for me to be a part of. Meeting other early investigators from around the country interested in common research themes has been magical for me." -2021 Participant

Stewarding Rounds

Day 3







"One of the things that we just love about this event is that everybody here was not only really interested in collaborating and working with each other, brainstorming and coming up with novel ideas; everybody is also very nice."
-2018 Participant





"It was the most productive workshop I have attended." -2022 Participant



"It's super exciting and very stimulating. It's a very unique opportunity to make a lot of progress very quickly." -2019 Participant













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"What a great experience this was! Excellent speakers and mentors! But the best part was meeting all the incredibly smart and motivated participants, each bringing ideas and different expertise to the table!" -2021 Participant





Day 4 & 5

Presentations and Feedback









Feedback

Day 5 Final Presentations





"It was an extremely positive experience that both increased my research network and prompted novel and exciting collaborations." -2018 Participant

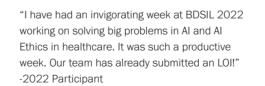


















"The whole process was magical. At the end you have an amazing set of projects, and people that you legitimately want to work and hangout with."
-2022 Participant











"Thanks to the BDSIL for the wonderful experience. Great networking and collaborative learning opportunity." -2023 Participant



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"I made so many great connections and left bursting with energy." -2023 Participant















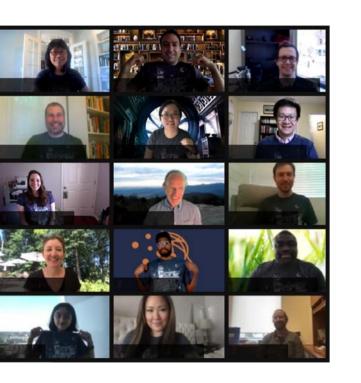
"It was an eye-opening experience for me. I would definitely recommend it to my colleagues." -2019 Participant

















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"What I really get excited about is when you talk to people five years after they've been to one of these events and they say, "Yeah, I've been working with so-and-so on two different projects now for the last three years and we met five years ago at an Innovation Lab!" -Tim Dunne, KI Facilitator



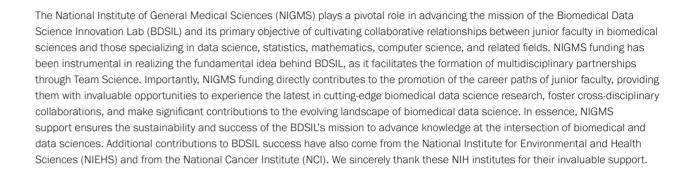






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Appendix

Scientific Outcomes and Measures of Success

PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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AWARDS

GRANT NUMBER PROJECT TITLE

1557576; 1557593; 1557642; 1557668; 1557589	QuBBD: Collaborative Proposal: Interactive Ensemble Clustering for Mixed Data with Application to Mood Disorders
1557765; 1557722; 1557727;	QuBBD: Collaborative Research: Advancing mHealth using Big Data Analytics: Statistical and Dynamical
1557730; 1557712	Systems Modeling of Real-Time Adaptive m-Intervention for Pain
1557733; 1557739; 1557742	QuBBD: Collaborative Research: Precision medicine and the management of infectious diseases
1557679; 1557565; 1557559; 1557578	QuBBD: Collaborative Research: SMART Spatial-Nonspatial Multidimensional Adaptive Radiotherapy Treatment
1557466	QuBBD: Estimating drug-drug and drug-disease interactions for nursing homes residents
5R01CA214825	SMART-ACT: Spatial Methodologic Approaches For Risk Assessment And Therapeutic Adaptation In Cancer Treatment
5R01CA225190	QUBBD: Precision E -Radiomics For Dynamic Big Head & Neck Cancer Data
R01EB025024	QUBBD: Statistical & Visualization Methods For Pghd To Enable Precision Medicine
3R01AT010413	SCH: INT: Collaborative Research: Development And Analysis Of New Mathematical And Statistical Models For Chronic Pain
1R21TR002513	Increasing Access To Clinical Microbiome Specimens Via A Living µbiome Bank
1R01CA258827	Longitudinal Spatial-nonspatial Decision Support For Competing Outcomes In Head And Neck Cancer Therapy
1R01HL155945	Multiscale Modeling Of Right Ventricular Fibrotic Remodeling In Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
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