

Christina Mehta-Candidate for Secretary



Employment:

Current Positions (As of 2021):

Associate Professor (primary) and Director of Infectious Disease Biostatistics, Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine

Research Associate Professor (secondary), Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University

Prior Positions:

Research Assistant Professor, Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Rollins School of Public Health (2014-2021);

Associate Director Biostatistics Collaboration Core, Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Rollins School of Public Health (2018-2021)

Education:

PhD in Biostatistics, Emory University (2014)

MSPH in Epidemiology, Emory University (2004)

BS in Biology, Emory University (2000)

Professional Innovation and Accomplishments (etc. research, teaching, management, leadership, and team-building):

Research Interests:

My research focuses on innovatively and appropriately applying existing biostatistical methods to research questions in the health sciences, particularly in the areas of HIV and women's health, and the teaching/mentoring of beginning and early career clinical researchers in rigorous and reproducible research methods using quantitative data.

Publications:

Over 85 manuscripts in various journals, including *JAMA Network Open*, *JAMA Surgery*, *EClinical Medicine*, *Science Translational Medicine*, *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, *Journal of Statistics and Data Science Education*, *Stat*, *BMC Medical Research Methodology*.

Honors Include:

Team Science Award (2024), Department of Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine

Service to the Profession (etc. ENAR and other professional societies):

Editorial Activities:

Statistical Editor, *Journal of Infectious Diseases*

Service and Committee Work for the Profession:

ENAR: Inaugural Diversity Liaison Officer (2021-2023); Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Committee Founding Chair (2023) and past-Chair (2024); Program Committee Co-Chair (2023) and Chair (2024); Awards Committee Chair (2024); Educational Committee member (2023); Regional Member, Council of the International Biometric Society (2025-2029)

ASA: Statistical Consulting Section: Publications Officer (2023-2024); Secretary/Treasurer (2026-2027); Chair Membership Engagement, Outreach and Diversity Committee (2026-2028); Pathways to Promotion subcommittee (2020-present)

Other Professional Society Activity: Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Outreach Group Liaisons Committee (2021-2023); Advancing Collaborative Biostatistics at Emory (ACBE) Organizer and Founding Chair (2021-2023)

Additional Leadership Roles:

Director, Infectious Diseases Biostatistics, Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases

Director, Emory Network of Biostatisticians for RECOVER

Director of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Emory Specialized Center of Research Excellence in Sex Differences

Director of Biostatistics, Emory Team RHYTHM

Director of Biostatistics, Emory site of the MACS/WIHS Combined Cohort Study

Director of Biostatistics, Emory site of the Study of Reproductive

Candidate Platform:**What is your vision for ENAR? Is there anything you'd like to see accomplished?:**

Since 2021, I have been actively involved in helping ENAR be a welcoming and inclusive environment for all biostatisticians, regardless of degree type, field of employment, years of experience, area of expertise, and/or background. I led initiatives including the development of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility committee, solicited feedback from members through town halls and surveys to assess inclusion and determine best next steps, led the development of the Awards Committee including the criteria and evaluation for the newly initiated Dionne Price Award, and worked to include a variety of sessions on the invited program so that all biostatisticians would find topics of interest. From these experiences, I know that ENAR is led by individuals committed to the profession of biostatistics. From ensuring colleagues places to connect at the Annual Meeting, creating awards to recognize excellence in many forms, and encouraging our next generation of scientific leaders through mentoring programs, ENAR helps our field grow and shine. I would like the opportunity to serve ENAR as secretary to be a part of these efforts.