Olivia McGough

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Education

University of Washington	Ph.D. Statistics, June 2028 (expected)
	Advised by Daniela Witten
Reed College	B.A. Mathematics, May 2023, Phi Beta Kappa

Employment

Graduate Research Assistant , UW Statistics Dept. (supervisor: Daniela Witten)	January 2024 - present
Tribal Collaboration Consultant, UW Statistics Dept.	Summer 2024
Graduate Teaching Assistant, UW Statistics Dept.	Fall 2023
Collaborative Mathematics Research Fellow , Reed College (supervisors: Angélica Osorno and Kyle Ormsby)	Summer 2023
NSF REU Research Fellow , UCLA (supervisor: Deanna Needell)	Summer 2022
Rosenbaum Research Fellow , Reed College (supervisor: David Perkinson)	Summer 2021

Publications

- 1. **O. McGough**, D. Witten, D. Kessler. Valid F-screening in Linear Regression. arXiv preprint arXiv:2505.23113. https://arxiv.org/abs/2505.23113, (2025).
- 2. R. Perry, Z. Xu, **O. McGough**, D. Witten. *Infer-and-Widen*, or Not? arXiv preprint arXiv:2408.06323. https://arxiv.org/abs/2408.06323, (2025).

- G. Goel, O. McGough, D. Perkinson. Counting Weighted Maximal Chains in the Circular Bruhat Order, Journal of Combinatorial Theory, Series A, vol. 195, p. 105709, April 2023.
- X. Ding, X. Dong, O. McGough, et al. Population-Based Hierarchical Nonnegative Matrix Factorization for Survey Data, IEEE/ACM International Conference on Big Data Computing, Applications, and Technologies (BDCAT), 2022.

Scholarships & Awards

- Gertrude M. Cox Scholarship, early career winner, 2025
- National Science Foundation, GRFP, 2025

Presentations

- December 2022: IEEE BDCAT Symposium, Portland, Oregon.
- October 2022: Reed College Mathematics Colloquium.
- April 2022: Joint Mathematics Meetings, AMS.
- August 2021: Young Mathematicians Conference, Ohio State University.

VOLUNTEER/MENTORSHIP

Tribal Collaboration Consultant , UW Statistics Dept.	Summer 2025		
Led coding drop-in sessions for tribal environmental professionals.Developed R lessons for the Tribal Exchange Network.			
Mentor, UW Directed Reading Program	Fall 2024		
• Led weekly meetings on <i>Introduction to Statistical Learning</i> .			
DICE Committee Member, UW	Sept 2023 – present		
• Assisted with DEI initiatives and department surveys.			