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Education & Training

Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Epidemiology, Boston University, May 2023 - June 2024

Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, UCSF, Jan. 2019 - Apr. 2023

Ph.D. Epidemiology & Translational Science, University of California, San Francisco, Sept. 2013 - Dec. 2018

Dissertation: "Mathematical Models of Vaccine-Preventable Disease in California"

Committee: Travis C. Porco (chair), M. Maria Glymour, James Lloyd-Smith,
& in collaboration with Jennifer Zipprich, Kathleen Harriman, and Erin Murray at the California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

B.S. Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), 2004-2008

Research Experience

Research in Epidemiology

Assistant Professor, Brown University School of Public Health, July 2024 - *present*

Postdoctoral Scholar, Maria Glymour's Research Group, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, UCSF and Department of Epidemiology, BU, Jan. 2019 - June 2024

Study Coordinator & Graduate Student Researcher, Travis Porco's Research Group, Proctor Foundation, UCSF, Mar. 2012 - Oct. 2018

Measles Surveillance Research Associate, California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Sept. 2012 - Aug. 2013

Collaborations with Stephen L. Buka (Brown), Edward Huey (Brown), Gil Rabinovici (UCSF), Renaud La Joie (UCSF), María Corrada (UCI), Rachel A. Whitmer (UC Davis), Charles DeCarli (UC Davis), Roy Anderson (Imperial College London), Elizabeth Rose Mayeda (UCLA), Caitlin S. Pepperell (UW Madison), George Rutherford (UCSF), Jennifer Zipprich (CDPH), Thomas Lietman (UCSF), Erin Murray (CDPH), John W. Hargrove (University of Stellenbosch, South Africa)

Research in Physics & Physical Chemistry

Nergis Mavalvala's Research Group, LIGO, Undergraduate Student Researcher, MIT, Jan. 2007 - Jun. 2008

Andrei Tokmakoff's Research Group, Undergraduate Student Researcher, MIT, Jan. 2005 - Aug. 2007

Interests & Skills

Epidemiology, reproducible research, causal inference, mathematical modeling, neuroimaging, dementia, statistics, large-language models, computer simulation, metascience

Awards & Grants

NIH NIA K99/R00 Transition to Independence Award, Mathematical Models of Tau-PET Measures and Cognitive Decline in Alzheimer's Disease Across the Lifespan, K99AG073454/R00AG073454, 2022 - 2027

Brown-Sanofi Student Fellowship, PI & Faculty Mentor, Spring 2024 - *present*

NIH NIGMS F31 Individual Predoctoral Fellowship, Application of Branching Processes to Measles in California, F31GM120985, 2016 - 2018

Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) Scholarship, 2016 - 2018

TICR Program Award for Excellence in Teaching the Methods of Clinical Research, 2016

Phi Beta Kappa of Northern California Scholarship, 2016

Research Exchange Scholar, International Clinic on Data, Disease, and Dynamics, 2014

Phi Beta Kappa, 2008

Sigma Pi Sigma, Physics Honor Society, 2008

Professional Memberships

MELODEM, Methods in Longitudinal Dementia Research, 2019 - *present*

ISTAART, Alzheimer's Association International Society to Advance Alzheimer's Research and Treatment, 2019 - *present*

Society of Epidemiologic Research, Member, 2013 - *present*

Teaching Experience

Course Instructor, Computational Epidemiology, Department of Epidemiology, Brown, Spring 2026

Course Instructor, Pharmacoepidemiology, Department of Epidemiology, Brown, Fall 2025

Guest Lecturer, Sensitivity and Stability Analyses, Pharmacoepidemiology, Department of Epidemiology, Brown, Fall 2024

Guest Lecturer, Instrumental-Variable Analyses, Database Seminar, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, UCSF, Fall 2021

Guest Lecturer, Branching Processes & Hidden Markov Models, Mathematical Modeling of Infectious Disease, UCSF, Spring 2017 & 2018

Guest Lecturer, Novel Methods in Epidemiology: Mathematical Modeling of Infectious Disease, Global Health Seminar, UCSF, Spring 2018

Departmental Tutor, Epidemiologic Methods, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, UCSF, Spring 2016 - Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant & Course Administrator, Mathematical Modeling of Infectious Disease, UCSF, Winter Quarters 2016 & 2017

Teaching Assistant, Statistical Methods for Causal Inference, UCSF, Spring Quarter 2016

Teaching Assistant, Epidemiologic Methods, UCSF, Fall Quarter 2015

Teaching Assistant, Meaningful Modeling of Epidemiologic Data, Muizenberg, South Africa, Summer 2014

Departmental Tutor, Vibrations and Waves, MIT, Fall Semester, 2006

Scientific Review Activities

2024 **Reviewer**, Special Emphasis Study Section, NIH NIA RFA-AG-25-016 “Multi-Scale Models Bridging Levels of Analysis in Aging and Alzheimer’s Disease (AD) and AD-Related Dementias (ADRD) (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)”

Manuscript Reviewer, Selected Journals: *American Journal of Epidemiology, JAMA Neurology, Alzheimer’s & Dementia, Alzheimer’s & Dementia: Translational Research and Clinical Interventions, Nature Communications*

Professional Service as a Faculty Member

Faculty Advisory Committee, Brown University School of Public Health, at-large representative, Sept. 2025 - present

Committee Member, Epidemiology Department Curriculum Committee, Sept. 2024 - present

Dissertation Committee Co-Chair, Tiffany Hsieh, Department of Epidemiology, Brown University, Dec 2025 - present

Master’s Thesis Committee Member, Haile Teshome, UCSF, Dec 2025 - present

Publications

Accepted Manuscripts & Preprints

1. **Ackley SF**, Flanders M, Murchland A, Chen R, Wang J, Shah SJ, Huey ED, Glymour MM. Evaluation of Amyloid Removal as a Surrogate for Cognitive Decline: Pilot Analysis in Individual-Level Data from the A4 Study of Solanezumab. medRxiv. 2025:2025-07. Forthcoming at Alzheimer’s & Dementia: TRCI. **Accepted 2025.**
2. **Ackley SF**, La Joie R, Caunca M, Mukherjee S, Choi SE, Trittschuh EH, Crane PK, Hayes-Larson E. Substituting Blood-Based Biomarkers for Imaging Measures in Alzheimer’s Disease Studies: Implications for Sample Size and Bias. medRxiv. 2025:2025-11.

Published Papers

Complete List of Published Work in MyBibliography

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17 first-author publications & 2 senior-author publications.

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60. Zhang J, Soleimani-Meigooni DN, Koeppe R, **Ackley S**, Schonhaut DR, Lin ZE, Maiti P, Yballa C, Rocha S, Shankar R, Amuiri A. Exploring Centiloid Robustness: Impact of Sample Size and Image Resolution on Centiloid Conversion Accuracy. *Journal of Nuclear Medicine*. 2025 Oct 23.
59. Graff RE, Chen DM, Swinnerton KN, **Ackley SF**, Ospina-Romero M, Zimmerman SC, Wang J, Buto P, Nierenberg JL, Elahi FM, Lu KP, Witte JS, Glymour MM. Evaluation of polygenic risk scores for a possible genetic basis of the inverse association between cancer and cognitive decline. *Alzheimer Dis Assoc Disord*. 2025 Oct 23.
58. **Ackley SF**, Andrews RM, Seaman C, Flanders M, Chen R, Wang J, Lopes G, Sims KD, Buto P, Ferguson E, Allen IE. Trends in the Distribution of P Values in Epidemiology Journals: A Statistical, P-Curve, and Simulation Study. *American Journal of Epidemiology*. 2025 Aug 21.

57. **Ackley SF**, Wang J, Chen R, Hill-Jarrett TG, Rojas-Saunero LP, Stokes A, Shah SJ, Glymour MM, Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative. Methods to crosswalk between cognitive test scores using data from the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Cohort. *Alzheimer's & Dementia*. 2025 Feb;21(2):e14597.
56. Wang J, **Ackley SF**, Woodworth DC, Sajjadi SA, Decarli CS, Fletcher EF, Glymour MM, Jiang L, Kawas C, Corrada MM. Associations of amyloid burden, white matter hyperintensities, and hippocampal volume with cognitive trajectories in the 90+ Study. *Neurology*. 2024 Aug 13;103(3):e209665.
55. Almeida ML, Pederson AM, Zimmerman SC, Chen R, **Ackley SF**, Riley A, Eng CW, Whitmer RA, George KM, Peterson RL, Mayeda ER. The Association Between Physical Activity and Cognition in a Racially/Ethnically Diverse Cohort of Older Adults: Results From the Kaiser Healthy Aging and Diverse Life Experiences Study. *Alzheimer Disease & Associated Disorders*. 2024 Apr 1;38(2):120-7.
54. Hayes-Larson E, **Ackley SF***, Turney IC, La Joie R, Mayeda ER, Glymour MM, Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative. Considerations for use of blood-based biomarkers in epidemiologic dementia research. *American Journal of Epidemiology*. 2024 Mar;193(3):527-35. *Co-first.
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S. F. Ackley. *Trends in the Distribution of P values in Epidemiology Journals in Elevating Epidemiologic Research Standards: Methods and Innovations in Meta-Research.* SER 2026 Virtual Mid-Year Meeting, February 9-13, 2026. *Invited, forthcoming.*

S. F. Ackley. *The Baddest Bias Debate: Researcher Degrees of Freedom.* Gerontological Society of America, November 2025. *Invited.*

S. F. Ackley. *Methods to crosswalk between cognitive test scores using data from the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Cohort.* Gerontological Society of America, November 2025. *Invited.*

S. F. Ackley. *Amyloid Removal as a Surrogate for Cognitive Decline: Does Amyloid Removal Reflect Meaningful Cognitive Improvement?* Rhode Island Alzheimer's Disease Symposium. December 11, 2025. *Invited.*

S. F. Ackley. *Evaluating the Presence of a Physiologic Ceiling in Amyloid Trajectories: Insights from the Sampled Iterative Local Approximation (SILA) Algorithm and Simulations.* Alzheimer's Imaging Consortium, AAIC. July 2025.

S. F. Ackley. *Reanalysis of the A4 Study to Formally Evaluate Amyloid Removal as a Surrogate for Cognitive Decline* MELODEM. June 2025.

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S. F. Ackley. *Instrumental variable meta-analysis of the effect of systolic blood pressure reduction on cognitive change: Evidence from randomized trials antihypertensive therapies.* Alzheimer's Association International Conference. July 2021.

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R Package

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