

# Chase Sakitis, MS

## Graduate Research Assistant

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### 🎓 Education

**Ph.D. Computational Sciences**, *Marquette University*

2021 – present | Milwaukee, WI

**M.S. Applied Statistics**, *Marquette University*

2020 – 2020 | Milwaukee, WI

**B.A. Mathematics**, *Bloomsburg University*

2014 – 2018 | Bloomsburg, PA

### 🔧 Technical Skills

MATLAB | Data Analysis | R

Bayesian Statistics | MS PowerPoint

Python | Machine Learning

MS Excel | Mathematical Modeling

HTML Coding | Regression Analysis

Word Processing

### 📁 Experience

#### Marquette University

08/2023 – present  
Milwaukee, WI

*MATH 1700 Student Success Coordinator*

- Organize weekly review sessions for all MATH 1700 students
- Meet one-on-one with students that require extra guidance for success in the course
- Create practice and homework assignments to establish uniformity between MATH 1700 sections

05/2023 – 08/2023  
Milwaukee, WI

*Summer Research Assistantship*

- Testing performance of BGRAPPA in fMRI with a simulation study

08/2022 – 05/2023  
Milwaukee, WI

*Graduate Teaching Assistant*

- MATH 1700 - Modern Elementary Statistics
- MATH 1700H - Honors Modern Elementary Statistics

05/2022 – 08/2022  
Milwaukee, WI

*Computational Sciences Summer Research Fellowship*

- Further investigated the BSENSE technique using real-world fMRI experimental data with comparisons to SENSE
- Derived a Bayesian method to GRAPPA image reconstruction - BGRAPPA

08/2021 – 05/2022  
Milwaukee, WI

*Graduate Research Assistant*

- Applied BSENSE to an fMRI simulation study, performing extensive statistical analysis on reconstructed images and task detection
- Analyzed real-world fMRI experimental data to understand and prepare for the application of BSENSE image reconstruction

- 05/2021 – 08/2021     *Computational Sciences Summer Research Fellowship*  
Milwaukee, WI     - Developed a Bayesian approach to SENSE image reconstruction - BSENSE
  
- 08/2020 – 05/2021     *Graduate Teaching Assistant*  
Milwaukee, WI     - MATH 4720 - Statistical Methods
  
- 05/2019 – 08/2020     **Starbucks Coffee Company, Shift Supervisor**  
Milwaukee, WI     - Delegated tasks and oversaw baristas for maximum efficiency  
- Assisted in inventory demands and organization  
- Ensured customers were satisfied with their purchases or services
  
- 11/2013 – 04/2019     **Key Ingredient Market, Assistant Plant Manager**  
Bath, PA     - Collaborated with the owner on the entire production  
- Trained and directed newly hired employees for respective positions

## Research

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### Current Work

Developing Bayesian techniques that formally incorporate prior information to reconstruct subsampled functional magnetic resonance imaging data.

## Publications

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### Journal

- **Sakitis CJ**, Rowe DB: *A Bayesian Approach to GRAPPA Image Reconstruction* (Status: In Preparation)
- **Sakitis CJ**, Brown AD, Rowe DB: *A Bayesian Approach to SENSE Parallel Image Reconstruction Produces Increased Accuracy in Detection of Task Activation* (Status: Submitted)

### Conference

- **Sakitis CJ**, Rowe DB: *Formal Bayesian Approach to GRAPPA Image Reconstruction*. Proc. Joint Stat. Meet., Section on Imaging, Toronto Ontario, Canada, 2023 (Forthcoming)
- **Sakitis CJ**, Rowe DB, Brown DA: *A Full Bayesian Approach to SENSE Image Reconstruction Increases Brain Tissue Contrast and Reduces Noise for More Accurate Statistical Analysis*. Proc. Joint Stat. Meet., Section on Imaging, 26:1380-1398, Washington DC, 2022
- **Sakitis CJ**, Rowe DB, Brown DA: *A Formal Bayesian Approach to SENSE Image Reconstruction*. Proc. Joint Stat. Meet., Section on Imaging, 25:1332-1358, Virtual, 2021.

## Awards

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**S.J. Merrill Award: Best Teaching Assistant**,  
*Klinger College of Arts & Sciences, Marquette University*  
2021

## Memberships

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- American Statistical Association
- International Society for Bayesian Analysis
- Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
- Kappa Mu Epsilon Mathematical Honor Society