

# Benjamin David Solomon

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## Education

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Washington University, St. Louis, MO

- Ph.D., Immunology Expected May, 2018
- M.D. Expected May, 2018

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

- B.A., Biological Science, *Magna Cum Laude* May, 2009
  - B.A., Philosophy May, 2009
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## Grants, Honors, and Scholarship

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- Angela Zheng and Shawn Hu Graduate Fellowship in Immunology 2014
  - NIH F30 Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Pre-doctoral Fellowship 2014
  - Medical Scientist Training Program Fellow, Washington University 2009-present
  - *Magna Cum Laude*, Cornell Biology Department Honors Thesis Program 2009
  - Biomedical Research Apprenticeship Program Scholar, Washington University 2008
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Research Project, Cornell University BioExpo Research Symposium 2008
  - Cornell/HHMI Research Scholar 2007
  - HHMI/NIH/MCPS Student Internship Scholar 2004
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## Publications

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- T. L. Ai, **B. D. Solomon**, and C.-S. Hsieh, "T-cell selection and intestinal homeostasis.," *Immunol. Rev.*, vol. 259, no. 1, pp. 60–74, May 2014.
- W.-L. Lo, **B. D. Solomon**, D. L. Donermeyer, C.-S. Hsieh, and P. M. Allen, "T cell immunodominance is dictated by the positively selecting self-peptide.," *Elife*, vol. 3, p. e01457, Jan. 2014.
- P. P. Ni, **B. Solomon**, C.-S. Hsieh, P. M. Allen, and G. P. Morris, "The Ability To Rearrange Dual TCRs Enhances Positive Selection, Leading to Increased Allo- and Autoreactive T Cell Repertoires.," *J. Immunol.*, vol. 193, no. 4, pp. 1778–86, 2014.
- B. D. Solomon**, C. Mueller, W.-J. Chae, L. M. Alabanza, and M. S. Bynoe, "Neuropilin-1 attenuates autoreactivity in experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis.," *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A.*, vol. 108, no. 5, pp. 2040–5, Feb. 2011.
- B. U. Schraml, K. Hildner, W. Ise, W.-L. Lee, W. a-E. Smith, **B. Solomon**, G. Sahota, J. Sim, R. Mukasa, S. Cemerski, R. D. Hatton, G. D. Stormo, C. T. Weaver, J. H. Russell, T. L. Murphy, and K. M. Murphy, "The AP-1 transcription factor Batf controls T(H)17 differentiation.," *Nature*, vol. 460, no. 7253, pp. 405–9, Jul. 2009.
- W. T. Watford, B. D. Hissong, L. R. Durant, H. Yamane, L. M. Muul, Y. Kanno, C. M. Tato, H. L. Ramos, A. E. Berger, L. Mielke, M. Pesu, **B. Solomon**, D. M. Frucht, W. E. Paul, A. Sher, D. Jankovic, P. N. Tsichlis, and J. J. O'Shea, "Tpl2 kinase regulates T cell interferon-gamma production and host resistance to *Toxoplasma gondii*.," *J. Exp. Med.*, vol. 205, no. 12, pp. 2803–12, Nov. 2008.

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## Research experience

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| Washington University – <i>Doctoral Research</i> - Mentor: Dr. Chyi-Song Hsieh   | 2011-present |
| - Demonstrated distinct developmental pathways of mucosal T cell subsets at the clonal level through high-dimensional analysis of the T cell receptor repertoire |              |
| Washington University – Mentor: Dr. Kenneth Murphy   | 2008         |
| - Identified the consensus sequence and promoter binding regions of the transcription factor BATF  |              |
| Cornell University – Mentor: Dr. Margaret Bynoe  | 2006-2009    |
| - Demonstrated the role of Neuropilin-1 as a toleragenic mechanism in the prevention of experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis                                |              |
| National Institutes of Health – Mentor: Dr. John O'Shea  | 2005-2006    |
| - Identification and molecular characterization of novel genes products involved in CD4+ T cell differentiation  |              |
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## Laboratory skills

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- Cellular biology: Cell culture, surface/intracellular antibody staining, flow cytometry, retroviral transduction of cell lines, lymphocytes, and hematopoietic stem cells
  - Molecular biology: DNA/RNA extraction, PCR, plasmid cloning, SDS-PAGE/western blotting, EMSA, ELISA, RNA reverse transcription
  - Mouse experiments: animal husbandry, cellular adoptive transfer, bone marrow chimeras
  - Computational biology: Illumina MiSeq experimental design and analysis, microarray analysis, RNA-sequencing analysis
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## Computational skills

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- Programming languages: R (proficient), Python (familiar)
  - Operating systems: Windows (proficient), Linux (familiar), Macintosh (familiar)
  - Flow cytometry software: FlowJo (proficient), FACSDiva (proficient)
  - Adobe applications: Photoshop (proficient), Illustrator (familiar)
  - Web development: HTML (familiar), CSS (familiar), Bootstrap (familiar), Jekyll (familiar)
  - Microsoft applications (proficient): Word, Excel, Powerpoint
  - Miscellaneous: Markdown (proficient), Git (familiar), Latex (familiar)
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## Teaching experience

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| - Neurol 554: Neural Science – Teaching Assistant, <i>Washington University</i>         | 2011      |
| - VETMI 315: Basic Immunology - Teaching Assistant, <i>Cornell University</i>           | 2008      |
| - BIOBM 330: Principles of Biochemistry - Teaching Assistant, <i>Cornell University</i> | 2007-2009 |
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## Leadership positions

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| - Medical Scientist Training Program Student Committee, <i>Washington University</i> | 2011-present |
| - Undergraduate Biology Student Advisor, <i>Cornell University</i>                   | 2007-2009    |
| - Global Health Minor Advisory Committee, <i>Cornell University</i>                  | 2006-2008    |
| - Cornell Health International Chief Operating Officer, <i>Cornell University</i>    | 2006-2007    |