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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2014–present **Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA,**
MD-PhD Candidate.
Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology (MD)
Harvard Department of Systems Biology (PhD)
- 2012–2014 **Stanford University, Stanford, CA,**
Master of Science.
Biomedical Informatics
- 2007–2013 **Stanford University, Stanford, CA,**
Bachelor of Arts.
Human Biology - Biomedical Computation

Research Positions

- 2016–Present **Isaac Kohane Biomedical Informatics Group, Harvard Department of Biomedical Informatics, Boston, MA.**
PhD Student. Applying deep learning methods to medical images, medical text, transcriptomics, and chemical structure data.
- 2013–2014 **Nigam Shah Lab of Clinical Informatics, Stanford University, Stanford, CA.**
Research Assistant. Analyzed millions of electronic medical records, including clinical text, for temporal associations between drugs, diseases, devices, and procedures. Applications included off-label drug use profiling, adverse drug event detection, and comparative effectiveness research. Supervisor: Dr. Paea LePendu
- 2013–2014 **Daniel Rubin Lab of Imaging Informatics, Stanford University, Stanford, CA.**
Research Assistant. Designed and implemented the Melanoma Rapid Learning Utility (MRLU), an analytical engine for near real-time analysis of clinical and genetic data from the Stanford and Vanderbilt Cancer Centers.

Publications and Preprints

- SG Finlayson**, I. S. Kohane, A. L. Beam. Adversarial Attacks Against Medical Deep Learning Systems. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1804.05296* **2018**.
- J. Wiens, G. M. Snyder, **SG Finlayson**, M. V. Mahoney, L. A. Celi, *Potential Adverse Effects of Broad-Spectrum Antimicrobial Exposure in the Intensive Care Unit in Open Forum Infectious Diseases*.
- X. Tu, M. Xie, J. Gao, Z. Ma, D. Chen, Q. Wang, **SG Finlayson**, Y. Ou, J.-Z. Cheng. Automatic Categorization and Scoring of Solid, Part-Solid and Non-Solid Pulmonary Nodules in CT Images with Convolutional Neural Network. *Scientific Reports* **2017**, 7.

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S. Tamang, M. Patel, D. Blayney, J. Kuznetsov, **SG Finlayson**, N. H. Shah. Detecting Unplanned Care from Unstructured Text in Electronic Health Records. *Journal of Oncology Practice* **2015**.

SG Finlayson, P. LePendur, N. H. Shah. Building the graph of medicine from millions of clinical narratives. *Scientific Data* **2014**, 1.

R. Harpaz, A. Callahan, S. Tamang, Y. Low, D. Odgers, **SG Finlayson**, K. Jung, P. LePendur, N. H. Shah. Text Mining for Adverse Drug Events: the Promise, Challenges, and State of the Art. *Drug Safety* **2014**, 37, 777–790.

Peer-Reviewed Conferences/Abstracts

Tamang S, **Finlayson S**, Chen X, Kuznetsov JL, Blayney D, Patel M, Shah NG. Assessing the true nature of unplanned cancer care. *Journal of Clinical Oncology (Meeting Abstracts)*, Boston, MA. 2014.

Finlayson S, Sochat V, Szabo L, Yancy L. A Rapid Learning System for Personalized Glioblastoma Treatment Planning. *AMIA Annual Symposium*, Washington, D.C.. 2013.

Book Chapters

Pollard T, Derroncourt F, **Finlayson S**, Velasquez A. "Data Preparation". *Secondary Analysis of Electronic Health Records*. Springer International Publishing, 2016. 101–114.

Teaching

2015 **Teaching Assistant**, *Harvard-MIT Health Sciences, and Technology*, Boston, MA.

HST 190: Introduction to Biostatistics (Prof. Rebecca Betensky) and HST 015: Matlab for Medicine (Prof. Matthew Frosch). Taught discussion sessions, review sessions, and office hours. Graded assignments and exams. Taught HST 190 in both winter and summer offerings. Additionally, developed a new programming project assignment for HST 030: Pathology.

2012–2013 **Teaching Assistant**, *Department of Computer Science*, Stanford University, Stanford, CA. CS 181: Ethics in computer science (Prof. Stephen Cooper) and CS 103: Mathematical Foundations of Computing (Profs. Ma and Colgrove). Taught discussion sessions, review sessions, and office hours. Graded projects, assignments, and exams.

2013 **Teaching Assistant**, *Department of Biology*, Stanford University, Stanford, CA.

BIO 112/212 Human Physiology (Prof. Daniel Garza). Taught discussion sessions, review sessions, and office hours. Graded assignments and exams.

2012–2013 **Private Tutor**, *Mathematics, English, and Physics*.

Tutored middle and high school students on a weekly basis.

Committee Membership

2013–Present Invited Member, Research Advisory Committee, Hydrocephalus Association

Honors

2014 Medical Scientist Training Program, NIH Predoctoral Fellowship

- 2011 Academic All-American Honors, NCAA Division I Men's Water Polo
- 2011 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation All-Academic Honors
- 2007-2008, 2010-2012 Thomas Ford Family Endowed Scholarship, Stanford University Athletic Department
- 2007-2012 National Scholar, Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation
- 2007 Finalist, National Merit Scholar
- 2007 California State Scholar-Athlete of the Year, California Interscholastic Sports Federation
- 2007 National Winner, Wendy's High School Heisman Award
- 2004 2nd, American Physiological Society, Intel International Science and Engineering
- 2004 Eagle Scout with Gold Palm, Boy Scouts of America

Volunteer Work

- 2008-Present **Co-Founder and Chief Scientific Officer**, *Team Hydro*.
Co-Founded non-profit organization to raise funds and awareness for Hydrocephalus research through open water swims throughout nation, including from Alcatraz Island to SF. Have raised more than \$600,000+ to date. Research, author, and produce informational materials and website articles for lay public. Develop and maintain relationships with sponsors, donors, researchers, and swimmers. www.teamhydro.org
- 2012-2014 **Program Director and Counselor**, *Camp Kesem*, Stanford, CA.
As program director (2014), developed, planned, and oversaw all camp activities for week-long, sleep-away program for 140+ children of cancer patients. Worked with team of student and community volunteers to select and train a team of 50+ counselors and staff, raise funding through private and corporate donations, and execute camp program. As counselor (2012-2014), oversaw group of 14 campers throughout week.
- 2011-2013 **Medical Interpreter**, *Pacific Free Clinic*, Stanford, CA.
Selected via application and interview process to interpret for Spanish-speaking patients at free community clinic. Assisted and followed patients from triage. Completed 40-hour certification program.

Miscellaneous Experience

- 2007, **Member**, *Varsity Water Polo Team*, Stanford University, Stanford, CA.
- 2010-2011 Trained 20+ hours per week, approx. 46 weeks per year. Competed in matches at venues throughout nation. Team consistently ranked in top four nationally.
- 2007, **Member and Soloist**, *The Mendicants A Capella*, Stanford University.
- 2010-2011 Represented Stanford at concerts on campus and throughout nation. Featured as soloist on professionally produced album.

Programming Languages

- Advanced R, PYTHON, SQL
- Intermediate Unix Scripting (awk, etc.), MATLAB, JAVA, C, C++, JULIA
- Basic Web Development

Languages

- English Native

Spanish Full working proficiency