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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2019–present **MSE, Biomedical Engineering**, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD.
GPA: 4/4; Focus Area: *Biomedical Data Science*; Expected graduation date: 2021
- 2017–present **BS, Biomedical Engineering**, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD.
GPA: 3.75/4; Dean's List (2018-2019); Expected graduation date: 2021

Areas of Interest

- Using machine learning to make sense of historically intractable neurological disorders
- Building predictive digital health solutions using artificial intelligence

Experience

- 2018–present **Research Assistant**, *Neurodata Lab*, Johns Hopkins University.
- Developed novel split criteria to enable accurate high-dimensional regression using the Random Forest algorithm
 - Discovered neuro-connectively similar subtypes of autism using joint embeddings of multi-network connectomes
- 2018–2019 **Research Assistant**, *Ghebremichael Lab*, Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT and Harvard.
- Quantified performance of ROC models in binary and multi-class settings
 - Identified biomarkers for antiretroviral toxicity by applying machine learning methods to HIV-patient data
- 2017–2018 **Design Team Member**, *Dept. of Biomedical Engineering*, Johns Hopkins University.
- Developed a clinical machine learning algorithm to predict the onset of lung failure in pediatric patients
- 2017 **Summer Research Intern**, *Fondazione Bruno Kessler*, Trento, Italy.
- Created autonomous data collection vehicles by mounting spectral cameras on drones
 - Implemented deep learning algorithms to quantitatively assess environmentally-related crop damage from image data
- 2016–2017 **Independent Researcher**, *Walt Lab*, Tufts University.
- Used next-generation sequencing to create a novel microbiome dataset characterizing oral health
 - Identified biomarkers for oral health by analyzing high-dimensional genomic data using unsupervised clustering and hidden Markov models
 - Presented at the 2017 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, Los Angeles, CA

Publications

- [1] Jong Soo Lee, Elijah Paintsil, **Vivek Gopalakrishnan**, and Musie Ghebremichael. "A comparison of machine learning techniques for classification of HIV patients with antiretroviral therapy-induced mitochondrial toxicity from those without mitochondrial toxicity". In: *BMC Medical Research Methodology* 19.1 (Dec. 2019), p. 216. ISSN: 1471-2288. DOI: [10.1186/s12874-019-0848-z](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12874-019-0848-z).
- [2] Nian Wang, Robert J Anderson, David G Ashbrook, **Vivek Gopalakrishnan**, Youngser Park, Carey E Priebe, Yi Qi, Joshua T Vogelstein, Robert W Williams, and G Allan Johnson. "Node-specific heritability in the mouse connectome". In: *PREPRINT* (July 2019). DOI: [10.1101/701755](https://doi.org/10.1101/701755).

Conference Presentations

- [3] **Vivek Gopalakrishnan** and Joshua T Vogelstein. "Towards discovering heterogeneity in autism via multi-network connectomics". Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES). Oct. 2019.

Grants and Awards

- 2019 **Pistrutto Fellowship Recipient**, *Johns Hopkins University*, Dept. of Computer Science. This fellowship allowed me to conduct an independent summer research project focusing on the clinical applications of machine learning.
- 2018 **Grant Recipient**, *AWS Cloud Credits for Research*, Johns Hopkins University. This research grant gave me the necessary computational resources to conduct extensive simulation studies of my extensions to the Random Forest algorithm.
- 2017 **Second Place Winner**, *Intel International Science and Engineering Fair*, Category: Microbiology.
Project: Identification of biomarkers of oral health from next-generation sequencing data.
- 2017 **Semi-Finalist**, *Regeneron Science Talent Search*, Microbiology.
Project: A molecular and physiological analysis of a weight loss supplement (EGCG).

Skills

- Programming Python, R, C++
- Mathematics Statistics, Machine Learning, Network Theory
- Misc. Unix, git, \LaTeX

Teaching

- 2018–present **Head PILOT Leader**, *Johns Hopkins University*.
 - Lead tutoring sessions for Linear Algebra and Multivariable Calculus
 - Additional responsibilities include writing weekly problem sets and preparing other leaders to teach sections

Leadership

- 2017–present **Music Director**, *Johns Hopkins University*, AllNighters.
Compose original arrangements and lead rehearsals as part of the AllNighters, JHU's premeir all-male A Cappella group