CV of Failures (Ongoing)

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About

To quote the original article [1]:

> *As scientists, we construct a narrative of success that renders our setbacks invisible both to ourselves and to others. Often, other scientists' careers seem to be a constant, streamlined series of triumphs. Therefore, whenever we experience an individual failure, we feel alone and dejected. [...] So here is my suggestion. Compile an 'alternative' CV of failures. Log every unsuccessful application, refused grant proposal and rejected paper.*

I like this idea and would like to contribute. I've organized it by academic periods in my life.

High School

Morristown High School, Morristown, NJ   Fall 2006 - Spring 2010

- I missed National Merit Scholar.
- I applied to and was rejected from: *Cornell, Princeton, Duke, Brown, Columbia* and didn't even bother applying to the other top schools.

Undergrad

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ   Fall 2010 - Spring 2014

- I applied to 14 REU's and was rejected from 12 of them.
- I failed to earn a single point on the Putnam Exam.
- I got a ≈ 650 on the GRE Math Subject Test and was too embarrassed to send it to schools.
- For graduate school I applied to and was rejected from: *NYU CS PhD, UPenn CS PhD, Brown CS PhD, Duke CS PhD (wait-list)* and was didn't even bother applying to top schools like *MIT*, *Stanford*, or *Cornell*. *Columbia* accepted me off the wait-list.

Grad School

Columbia University, New York, NY   Fall 2014 - Spring 2019

- I was rejected from NSF GRFP.
- I applied to the George Nicholson Student Paper thrice and a slew of other INFORMS Paper competitions and lost almost all of them.
- Multiple rejections from misc. CS conferences, top journals, etc.

Assistant Professorship

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA   Summer 2019 -

In progress.

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[1] See https://www.nature.com/articles/nj7322-467a.