# **Howard Wang**

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Swarthmore College — Swarthmore, PA

2022 - 2026

- **B.A.** in Mathematics; **B.S.** in Engineering

Swarthmore, PA

- GPA: 3.82/4.00
- Relevant Courses: Multivariable Calculus, Linear Algebra, PDEs, Probability, Stochastic Processes, Biomedical Data Analysis, Engineering Mechanics, Thermofluids, Physical Systems & Optics, Electrical Circuits.

### **PUBLICATION & CONFERENCES**

- Wang, H., Moser, A. Frequency Domain Analysis of Infant and Adult EEG During Object Recognition. [Poster] Society for Neuroscience Conference, Washington, DC, 2024.
- Wang, H., Miller, J., Towles, J. System to Measure Thumb-Tip Movement Produced by Muscles. [Poster] NCUR, Long Beach, CA, 2024.

#### **AWARDS & HONORS**

•	\$6,000 Allen and Naomi Schneider Summer Research Fund, Swarthmore College.	Jun 2025
•	\$6,000 Tarble Summer Research Fellowship, Swarthmore College.	Jun 2024
•	\$5,500 Surdna Summer Research Fellowship, Swarthmore College.	Jun 2023
•	\$1,500 Society for Neuroscience Conference Travel Award, Swarthmore College & Sigma Xi.	Oct 2024
•	\$1,000 NCUR Conference Travel Award, Sigma Xi & Provost's Office.	Apr 2024
•	Outstanding Presentation Award, Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting.	Oct 2024

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

# **Spatial Modeling of T Cell Dynamics in HIV Reservoir Formation**

Newark, DE

Dr. Ryan Zurakowski, Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Delaware

Sep 2024 - Present

- Designed and implemented a PDE-based spatial model simulating CD4+ T cell and HIV reservoir dynamics under antiretroviral therapy.
- Analyzed steady-state behavior and spatial heterogeneity of infected and uninfected T cell populations across lymphoid tissue.
- Developed MATLAB code to visualize and compare treatment outcomes across varying immune and drug parameters.
- Currently testing model robustness against stochastic perturbations and biological variability.

# Frequency Domain Analysis of EEG in Infant and Adult Object Recognition

Swarthmore, PA

Dr. Allan Moser & Dr. Benjamin Zinszer, Department of Engineering, Swarthmore College

Jan 2023 – Jan 2025

- Applied Fast Fourier Transform to EEG data from infants and adults during object recognition tasks to extract 18 spectral features.
- Performed classification using SVM, achieving 96.60% accuracy based on theta/(alpha+beta) ratio features.
- Mapped coherence across parietal and occipital electrodes, identifying key developmental differences in visual processing.
- Presented results at Society for Neuroscience 2024; writing thesis on frequency-domain biomarkers of neural development.

# **Designing a Motion Capture System for Thumb-Tip Kinematics**

Swarthmore, PA

Dr. Joseph Towles, Department of Engineering, Swarthmore College

Sep 2023 - May 2024

- Developed an opto-mechanical system to measure 3D thumb-tip trajectories in cadaveric specimens during individual muscle activation.
- Calibrated and validated motion capture system using digitized anatomical reference frames and mechanical rig testing.
- Analyzed variation in tip displacement across intrinsic thumb muscles, contributing to models of motor control and rehabilitation.
- Co-authored abstract and presented findings at NCUR 2024.

Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) Analysis in Electrical Enclosure Testing Tenco Engineering Inc.

Remote

- Created a Python data processing pipeline to extract, clean, and visualize EMI frequency profiles from chamber test logs.
- Built comparison tools for identifying emission peaks across configurations and test environments.
- Developed diagnostic plots to support design revisions and client reporting for electronic enclosures.
- Contributed to automation of quality assurance process in pre-certification EMI testing workflow.

## **Molecular Dynamics Simulation of Tyrosine Phosphatase Binding**

Salt Lake City, Utah May 2022 – Aug 2022

Dr. Thomas Cheatham, College of Pharmacy

- Constructed all-atom protein models using Gaussian to evaluate ligand binding to tyrosine phosphatase.
- Conducted energy minimization and molecular dynamics to explore conformational shifts under thermal fluctuation.
- Interpreted hydrogen bonding patterns and residue-level interactions to assess active site accessibility for inhibitor design.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCES

## **Grader Mechanics & Electrical Circuits & Computer Engineering & Stochastic**

Jan 2024 – May 2024

- Evaluated homework and problem sets for three core engineering courses (E6: Mechanics, E11: Electrical Circuits, E21: Computer Engineering) with 120+ enrolled students.
- Provided accurate and timely feedback on conceptual and numerical problem-solving assignments.
- Collaborated with course instructors to clarify grading rubrics and adjust problem difficulty based on class performance.

#### EXTRACURRICULARS AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

**Senior Admissions Fellow** 

Swarthmore, PA

Swarthmore College Admissions Office

May 2025 - Present

- Selected through a competitive application process to represent the college in interviewing prospective applicants.
- Conducted evaluative interviews and provided written reports used in the admissions decision process.
- Collaborated with admissions officers on outreach and programming for prospective students.

### Team Vice Captain - Men's Cross Country

Swarthmore, PA

Swarthmore College Varsity Athletics

Mar 2022 - Present

- Led team warm-ups, organized travel logistics, and mentored first-year athletes on training and recovery practices.
- Helped foster a cohesive and motivated team environment through peer support and communication with coaches.

### **President – Swarthmore Calligraphy Club**

Swarthmore, PA

Swarthmore College Student Clubs

Sep 2022 - May 2023

- Revived and led weekly workshops promoting East Asian calligraphy and ink-based visual art.
- Designed events to attract new members and collaborated with the Intercultural Center on programming.

# Photo Editor – The Phoenix (Swarthmore Student Newspaper) & Swarthmore College Media

Swarthmore, PA Sep 2022 – Present

- Campus Publication & Social Media
  - Managed a team of photographers and curated weekly image content for front-page and feature articles.
  - Covered major campus events and theatrical productions with high-impact visual storytelling.

#### **SKILLS & INTERESTS**

- **Programming:** Python, Java, MATLAB, R, C/C++, LabView, Git
- Technical Skills: Machine learning, Signal processing, EEG analysis, ODE/PDE modeling
- Art & Media: Chinese calligraphy, oil color/water color painting, Documentary filmmaking (ultrarunning film with 20K+ views)
- Languages: English (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (native)
- Interests: Ultrarunning (6× 100-milers), Photography, Visual storytelling