

**CITIZENSHIP:** U.S. Citizen

**EDUCATION:** **University of California, Santa Barbara** **2019 - Present**

*Ph.D. Candidate, Mechanical Engineering*

*Advisor: Enoch Yeung*

- Mechanical Engineering Excellence Fellowship

- GPA: 4.0

- Coursework:

- ME 203: Operator Theory
- ME 210 A/B: Numerical Analysis: Matrix Analysis, ODEs, PDEs
- ME 215 A: Applied Dynamical Systems
- ME 225EY: Biological Computing
- ME 225 MM: Mathematical Methods
- ME 236: Nonlinear Control Systems
- ME 243 A/B: Linear Control Systems
- ME 269: Network Systems
- ECE 283: Machine Learning (Supervised, Unsupervised)

- Teaching Assistantship and Tutoring:

- ME 14: Statics
- ME 155a: Control System Design
- ME 163: Vibrations
- ECE 179: Robot Dynamics and Control

**University of California, San Diego**

**2015 - 2019**

*B.S. Math – Applied Science*

- Chancellor's Associates Scholarship

- Selected Coursework:

- MAE 101 A: Intro to Fluid Mechanics
- MAE 108: Probability and Statistics for Engineers
- Math 103 A: Intro to Abstract Algebra
- Math 120 A: Complex Analysis
- Math 142 A/B: Real Analysis
- Math 154: Intro to Graph Theory
- Math 171 A: Linear Optimization

**GRADUATE** **Biological Control Laboratory**

**Jan 2020 – Present**

**RESEARCH:** **University of California, Santa Barbara**

- Designed and built genetic toggle switches with time-varying parameters for the purpose of optimizing plastic degradation done by bacteria.
- Mathematically modeled parameter varying genetic toggle switches.
- Provided stability analysis of time varying toggle switch models through the framework of Koopman Operator theory.
- Developed algorithms which fit time varying parameters to the pertinent toggle switch models.
- Built a library of promoters which give distinct gene expression profiles during different bacterial growth phases.

**UNDERGRAD** **Delplanque Research Group**

**June 2018 – Aug 2018**

**RESEARCH:** **University of California, Davis** (Funded by UC LEADs)

- Carried out numerical simulations of respiratory drug intake in the human trachea using OpenFOAM.

- Found correlations between parameters of the simulated particle injections and the evenness of the particle distributions.

**Coimbra Research Group**

**June 2017 – Aug 2017**

**University of California, San Diego** (Funded by UC LEADs)

- Conducted research on numerical methods to solve variable order differential equations (VODEs) using MATLAB.
- Devised an efficient numerical method that could solve VODEs 50% faster than conventional methods, so VODE model predictions could be made more quickly, improving the energy efficiency of the system.

**Center for Advanced Surgical and Interventional Technology**

**June 2014 - Aug 2014**

**University of California, Los Angeles** (Volunteer)

**June 2016 - Aug 2016**

- Assisted in the testing of an innovative way to treat prostate cancer known as focal laser therapy.
- Used Meshmixer to design a model of a human head to test remote trans-oral surgery.
- Developed molds using Solid Works to test the effects of a catheter-fed laser on phantom tissue.
- Compiled lists of potential treatment candidates within the UCLA health database using SQL.
- Tested haptic feedback on the da vinci remote surgical robot.

**EMPLOYMENT: Supplemental Instructor**

**Sep 2016 - June 2019**

**University of California, San Diego**

- Facilitated math workshops for college students consisting of tutoring and support to ensure their academic success.
- Worked with professors to develop lesson plans which would supplement material from courses.
- Classes Supported: Linear Algebra, Calculus (1,2,3), Pre-Calculus.

**PUBLICATIONS: Harrison, J., Yeung, E.** Stability analysis of parameter varying genetic toggle switches using Koopman Operators. Mathematics 2021, 9, 3133. <https://doi.org/10.3390/math9233133>

**PROJECTS: -Quantitative assessment of wildfire risk** (SIAM Grad Student Math Modeling Camp)  
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**-Prediction of chronic kidney disease degeneration with machine learning** (SIAM Mathematical Problems in Industry | Vironix)  
[PDF](#)

**CONFERENCES: Harrison, J., Yeung, E.:** Analysis and validation of parameter varying genetic toggle switches using Koopman Operators

- SIAM CSE23 (2023)

**Harrison, J., Ruvalcaba, C., Delplanque, J.-P.:** Computational simulations for the improvement of respiratory drug intake in the human trachea

- SACNAS (2018) | UC LEADs Symposium (2019)
- SACNAS Presentation Award
- UC LEADs Symposium Honorable Mention.

**Harrison, J., Orosco, J., Coimbra, C.F.M.:** Efficient Numerical Methods for Solving Variable Order Differential Equations

- SACNAS (2017) | SCCUR (2017)

<b>AWARDS &amp; DISTINCTIONS:</b>	<b>Mechanical Engineering Excellence Fellowship</b>	<b>2019</b>
	-Funding given to a select subset of incoming Ph.D. students	
	<b>Chancellor's Associates Scholarship (UCSD)</b>	<b>2015 - 2019</b>
	- 4-year full-ride scholarship	
	<b>University of California's Leadership Excellence through Advanced Degrees Fellowship (UC LEADs)</b>	<b>2017 - 2019</b>
	- Funding for 2 Summers of research and travel for conferences	
	<b>Fulfillment Fund Scholarship</b>	<b>2015 - 2019</b>
	- 4-year scholarship	
	<b>2018 SACNAS National Diversity in STEM Conference Presentation Award</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>MENTORSHIP:</b>	<b>Bardia Khosravi, Biological Control Lab</b>	
	-Undergraduate research assistant at UCSB, 2023	
	-Continuing bachelor's degree at UCSD in fall 2023	
	<b>Kevin Chang, Biological Control Lab</b>	
	-Undergraduate research assistant at UCSB, 2023	
	<b>Annie Nguyen, Biological Control Lab</b>	
	-Undergraduate research assistant at UCSB, 2023	
<b>TECHNICAL SKILLSETS:</b>	<b>Programming:</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Syntax: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Python</li> <li>• MATLAB</li> <li>• Java</li> <li>• SQL</li> <li>• HTML &amp; CSS</li> <li>• Julia</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linux</li> <li>• Windows</li> <li>• macOS</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<b>Machine Learning:</b>	
	-PyTorch	
	-TensorFlow	
	-Sci-Kit Learn	
	-SciPy Optimize	
	-Principal Component Analysis	
	-Neural networks for classification and prediction	
	-Logistic Regression	
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	<b>Biological Lab Skills:</b>	
	-Bacterial Cell Cultures	
	-Mammalian Cell Cultures	

- DNA Design
- Golden Gate Assembly
- Genetic Editing
- DNA Sequence Analysis
- Genetic Circuit Design
- Gen5 Plate Reader Experiments

**Design and Simulation:**

- Geneious Prime
- Solid Works
- Meshmixer
- OpenFOAM
- 3D printing
- Simulink

**Mathematics:**

- Modelling and control of biological and physical processes
- Verification and falsification of claims through logic and reasoning
- Probabilistic and statistical methods
- Numerical analysis
- Model parameter fitting

**Circuits and Electronics:**

- $\mu$ C: Arduino

**Graphic Design:**

- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Illustrator