# Richard Boeri Decal

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Skills + denotes proficiency

**Languages** Python<sup>+</sup> · R · SQL · BASH · Español<sup>+</sup> · English<sup>+</sup> · Italiano

**Packages** Tensorflow · Pandas<sup>+</sup> · Numpy<sup>+</sup> · Scikit-learn · Matplotlib<sup>+</sup> · Tidyverse

**Passions** Travel, teaching, learning, social justice, my tiny home. Research interests:

molecular biology, climate science, computational neuroscience.

## **Experience**

Research Assistant Seattle, WA

Fairhall Lab, Dept. of Biophysics, Uni. of Washington

2014 - 2016

- Iteratively developed dynamical agent-based models of mosquito thermonavigation and benchmarked them against experimental data.
- My models will be further validated using electrophysiological & tethered flight experiments to test theories about multi-modal sensation and decision-making.

#### **Publications**

Burman, Yu, Poole, **Decal**, Pallanck. "Analysis of neural subtypes reveals selective mitochondrial dysfunction in dopaminergic neurons from parkin mutants". *PNAS* 2012. 109(26):10438-43. Kunttas-Tatli, Zhou, Zimmerman, Molinar, Zhouzheng, Carter, Kapur, Cheatle, **Decal**, McCartney. "Destruction Complex Function in the Wnt Signaling Pathway of Drosophila Requires Multiple Interactions Between Adenomatous Polyposis Coli 2 and Armadillo". *Genetics* 2012. 190(3):1059-75. **Decal**. "Quantifying Small RNA Concentrations in *C. elegans*". Honors thesis. 2011.

### **Projects**

PolceStops	Created a webapp to query and visualize the Stanford Open Policing dataset.
CartPole	I solved CartPole (a continuous classic control game) using policy gradients.
Income Prediction	Predicted incomes using California census data based on 14 characteristics using feature engineering, support vector machines, and cross-validation.
Roboskeeter (ongoing)	Modelling mosquito heat-tracking behavior from windtunnel experiments.

#### **Education**

M.S. Data Science, New College of Florida. Full tuition scholarship.	Expected 2019
Artificial Intelligence Engineer Nanodegree, Udacity	2017
B.A., Chemistry/Biology (Honors), New College of Florida	2011