

Education

RENSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, TROY, NEW YORK

AUG 2021 TO MAY 2025

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE in Biomedical Engineering with a Minor in Healthcare Markets

Distinction: *CUM LAUDE*

Research Experience

Visiting Researcher | RPI - Deep Imaging Analytics Lab | May 2025 to Current | Troy, NY

- Developed a deep learning pipeline for joint segmentation and classification of skin lesions
- Built multimodal classifiers and a reinforcement learning curriculum for molecular generation
- Presented research regularly to PI Dr. Pingkun Yan and lab members

Researcher and Co-Author | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | SEP 2023 to MAY 2024 | Troy, NY

- Co-authored a forthcoming book chapter with Dr. Nancy Campbell on the medicalization of extreme sport athletes
- Conducted interviews and a literature review to examine risk and addiction in athletic subcultures

Research Assistant | Zikopolus Human systems Neuroscience | APR 2019 to AUG 2019 | Boston, MA

- Analyzed electron microscopy images and performed 3D reconstructions of neurons
- Assisted with brain tissue preparation and staining for slide analysis

Research Projects

Multimodal AI for de novo CNS Drug Design via Molecular Generation

- Fine-tuned a SMILES-based transformer model with reinforcement learning to generate CNS-optimized molecules
- Integrated SHAP-informed property classifiers (e.g., BBB permeability, QED) into reward signals
- Accepted for presentation at BMES 2025

Wearable Device for Gait and Sedentary Behavior Monitoring

- Engineered a wearable IMU-based system using a microcontroller with Bluetooth transmission and an XGBoost classifier to monitor gait and sedentary behavior in older adults
- Collaborated with Dr. Todd Shatynski of The Bone & Joint Center on clinical use cases

Skin Lesion Segmentation and Classification Pipeline

- Built a deep learning workflow combining U-Net segmentation and CNN classification
- Classified lesions across 9 diagnostic categories including melanoma and keratosis

Medicalization of Extreme Sports Athletes

- Investigated biological vs. sociological frameworks of addiction
- Conducted interviews, memoir analysis, and literature review
- Chapter currently in production

Publications and Conference Posters

- *De Novo CNS Drug Generation via Multimodal AI and SHAP-Guided Reinforcement Learning*. Presentation, BMES Conference, 2025 (with Dr. Pingkun Yan). Selected as 1 of 70/704 accepted abstracts for an oral presentation.
- *Medicalization of Extreme Sports Athletes in a Risk Regulatory Society*. Chapter, forthcoming, 2025 (with Dr. Nancy Campbell).

Industry Experience

Senior Paralegal | Massachusetts DPH | SEP 2025 to Current | Boston, MA

- Assist in the resolution of complaints made against nurses in Massachusetts

Lab Operations Intern | Ultragenyx Pharmaceuticals | JUN 2023 to AUG 2023 | Woburn, MA

- Managed QC sample logistics and completed GMP documentation
- Led inventory optimization and lab protocol updates

Product Development Consultant | Veritas Genetics | JUN 2022 to SEP 2023 | Danvers, MA

- Curated mutation data for 13,000+ genes to streamline genetic testing workflows

Lab & Operations Assistant | Veritas Genetics | NOV 2020 to AUG 2021 | Danvers, MA

- Processed thousands of COVID-19 tests and coordinated region-wide sample logistics
- Developed internal software to enhance sample accessioning
- Ensured CAP, CLIA, HIPAA, and OSHA compliance

Additional Information

- Certified in Mental Health First Aid
- Emergency Room volunteer, Samaritan Hospital
- Founder, annual charity sports tournament at RPI
- Fundraised thousands for the Jimmy Fund via Boston Marathon walks
- UI/UX design and marketing strategist for edtech startup FuzeMee
- Former camp counselor and restaurant server