

Alex Popinga and her off-piste trajectory to CSU and UQ-Bio

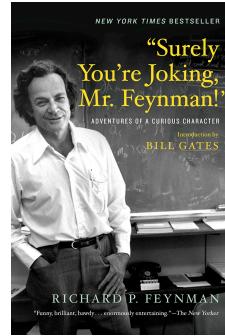
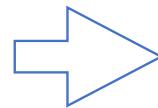


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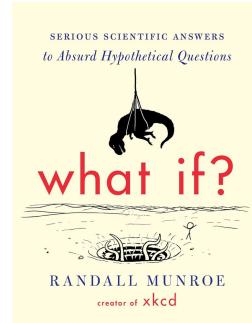
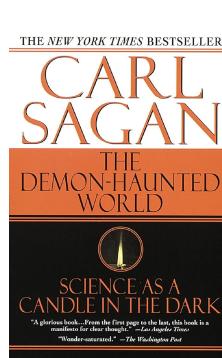
- Welcome and Logistics
- Meet the UQBIO Organizers:
 - Brian
 - Luis
 - Zach
 - Will
 - Alex
- Overview of the 2024 UQBIO Program and Resources
- Program Goals
- Tips and Best Practices
- Python Warm Up



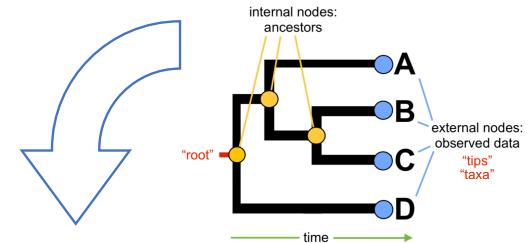
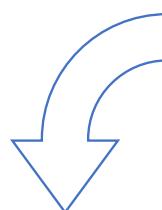
Music major at the University of Northern Iowa 



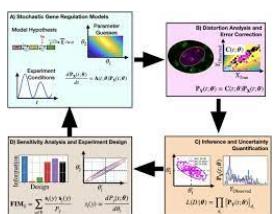
Inspired by science, scientists, science popularisers; developed particular fascination with genetics and evolutionary biology; switched into biology



Imposter syndrome, COVID-19 pandemic, etc. -> rock climbing obsession



Developed strong interest in computational / statistical methodology and started studying bioinformatics, too



Recovery & return to science -> discovery of Munsky Group! -> self-actualisation / living happily ever after?

Pursued & completed PhD at the University of Auckland, NZ, on topics in computational biology

