

**Objective**

- To obtain a world-class education/research experience in a challenging and stimulating environment with a focus on the control systems of upper and lower limb myoelectric prosthetics.

**Education****PhD (ongoing) | AUG, 2017- | CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY**

- Major: Biomedical Engineering
- GPA=4.0

**BS | AUG, 2012-MAY, 2016 | WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS**

- Major: Biomedical Engineering
- GPA=3.5

**Experience****RESEARCH ASSISTANT (WOC APPOINTMENT) | LEWIS STOKES VA | AUGUST 2017-**

- Research assistant with a WOC appointment at the Lewis Stokes Veterans Association in Cleveland working on peripheral nerve interfaces to restore and study sensation in amputees.

**RESEARCHER | REHABILITATION INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO | JULY 2016-JULY 2017**

- Research assistant at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago in the Center for Bionic Medicine. Did work on the design and control of lower limb powered prosthetic devices. Worked on teams of engineers as well as had independent projects towards the goal of improving these devices.

**RESEARCHER | WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE | FEBRUARY 2015-MAY 2016**

- Research as part of the WUIMIS biomaterials lab designing medical models, creating 3D printed myoelectric prosthetics and 3D printed body powered prosthetics, 3D printing medical models out of various materials, and bioprinting various structures. I also taught 3D modeling and prosthetic design to the younger undergrads in the lab to carry on after I graduated.

**RESEARCHER | WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE | MAY 2015-AUGUST 2015**

- Created an affordable, 3D printed, myoelectric prosthetic for a pediatric patient.

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT | WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE | AUGUST 2012-FEBRUARY 2015**

- Research in a biomaterials lab under Dr. Corey Deeken at the Washington University School of Medicine in the effectiveness of absorbable electrospun hernia repair meshes and their comparison to market brand Hernia meshes. Tissue Culture of mouse fibroblasts. Scanning Electron Microscopy. Histology. Biomechanical testing experience on an Instron. Experience in pig studies with hernia meshes.

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT | UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE | JUNE 2014-JULY 2014**

- Creation and drug loading of bioceramics for the use in the curing of bone diseases as part of the El-Ghannam lab.

**PROGRAMMER | DR. STOECKER AND ASSOCIATES | MAY 2012-AUGUST 2013**

- Created programs teaching lesson plans created by Dr. Stoecker and Associates to educate future medical students interested in dermatology.

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT | MISSOURI SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY | APRIL 2012-AUGUST 2012**

- Assisted in electro deposition on various substrates to test the properties of new materials in various applications in Switzer lab.

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT | WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS | MAY 2011-AUGUST 2011**

- Assisted in genetic testing on organisms in Shahar lab.

## Courses Taken

Introduction to Biomedical Engineering  
Introduction to Electrical and Electronic Circuits  
Principles of Biology I and II  
Probability and Statistics for Engineering  
Quantitative Physiology  
Signals and Systems  
Transport Phenomena  
Biochemistry  
Robotics Laboratory  
Biomedical Engineering Design  
Biomedical Ethics  
Control Systems  
Engineering Leadership and Team Building  
Biological Neural Computation

Organic Chemistry I and II with lab  
Biomechanics  
Physiological Control Systems  
Computer Science  
Bioengineering Thermodynamics  
Electromagnetics  
Sociological Approaches to American Medicine  
Numerical Methods for Computational Modeling in Biomedicine  
Conflict Management and Negotiation  
Bioelectric Phenomena  
Basic and Advanced Animation in Three Dimensions  
Engineering Ethics and Sustainability  
Cellular Neurophysiology

## Skills & Abilities

Programming in Java, Matlab, C++, and Authorware  
Scanning Electron Microscopy  
Basic electrodeposition and testing  
Statistical analysis  
The use and programming of an Arduino  
Design and construction of sensors for mechanical testing  
Firing and creation of bioceramics  
Uniaxial and Biaxial Mechanical Testing  
Harvesting of tissue from cadavers, donors, and pigs  
Use of Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy  
3D modeling in CAD, Blender, Inventor, and Zbrush  
Medical Modeling

Tissue Culture and Cell line maintenance  
The use and theory of electrospinning  
PCR and DNA extraction from Drosophila Melanogaster  
An understating of biomechanics and circuits  
The use of a 3D printer and printing of various materials  
Experience in writing and presenting papers  
Drug loading of materials  
Strain Analysis  
Use of High Performance Liquid Chromatography  
Use of ICP-OES  
Bioprinting  
Prosthetic design

## Publications

Zihni, Ahmed M., Jaime A. Cavallo, Dominic M. Thompson, Nabeel H. Chowdhury, Margaret M. Frisella, Brent D. Matthews, and Corey R. Deeken. "Evaluation of Absorbable Mesh Fixation Devices at Various Deployment Angles." Surgical Endoscopy 29.6 (2014): 1605-613. Web.

## Activities

8/12 – 5/16	Biomedical Engineering Society	1 hr/wk
8/13-5/16	Engineering Council	2 hrs/wk
8/13 – 5/16	MSA	1 hr/wk
12/14-5/15	Shadowing doctors	2-5 hrs/wk
8/15-5/16	TA for Quantitative physiology	6-13 hrs/wk

## Honors and Awards

2012	Valedictorian. Also received status of AP Scholar with Distinction award from College Board, 2012
2014/15/16	Dean's List

## References

Dr. Dustin Tyler	dxt23@case.edu	Dr. Levi Hargrove	l-hargrove@northwestern.edu
Dr. Micheal Brunt	bruntm@wudosis.wustl.edu	Dr. Jeffery Blatnik	blatnikj@wudosis.wustl.edu
Mr. Dominic Thompson	thompsonni@wudosis.wustl.edu	Dr. El-Ghannam	arelgha@uncc.edu