

# Vicky R. Zhu

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# **EDUCATION**

## University of Notre Dame

GPA: 3.96/4.0

Spring 2020

2018 - present

M.S. Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics
Ph.D. Candidate in Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics

present

Advisor: Prof. Robert Rosenbaum

Research interests: Neuron dynamics, Recurrent Neuronal Network(RNN) for machine learning.

## University of California Berkeley

2015 - 2018

GPA: 3.72/4.0 (Cum Lauder)

• B.A. in Mathematics

Summer 2018

• B.A. in Statistics
-exchange semester: University of Melbourne, Australia

Summer 2018 Spring 2018

#### Pasadena City College

2013 - 2015

GPA: 4.0/4.0 (Summa Cum Laude)

A.A. in Natural Science
 study abroad semester: University of Oxford, U.K.

Summer 2015 Spring 2015

# **PUBLICATION**

#### Journal

- Baker. C., **Zhu. V.**, & Rosenbaum, R. Nonlinear stimulus representations in neural circuits with approximate excitatory-inhibitory balance. *PLoS Computational Biology*(In Press), 2020
- Otto, P., Savoie. B., Wright. A., & Zhu. R., Mixing Time of the Generalized Rooks Walk. Mathematics Magazine (Resubmit), 2019

#### Conference Proceeding

• Desgrottes. M., Senger, S. Soukup. D., & **Zhu. R.**, A Generalized Framework for Studying Finite Rainbow Configuration. *Combinatorial and Additive Number Theory(CANT) conference*, 2018

# PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCE

#### **Invited Talk**

- Rainbow Configuration. Nebraska Conference for Undergraduate Women in Mathematics(NCUWM), Lincoln, NE, Feb. 2018
- Frame Geometry. Missouri State University, Springfield, MO. July, 2017
- Mixing Time of the Generalized Rooks Walk. Northern California Undergraduate Conference, Sonoma, CA. Mar. 2017
- Mixing Time of Rooks' Walk. Joint Mathematics Meeting(JMM), Atlanta, GA, Jan. 2017
- Prediction of Oscar Best Picture Award. Miller Scholar Meeting, Berkeley, CA. Aug. 2016

#### Poster Presentation

- A Nonlinear stimulus representations in neural circuits with approximate excitatory-inhibitory balance. Society for Neuroscience(sfn) Meeting, Chicago, IL. Oct. 2019
- Mixing Time of Markov Chain with the application on Rooks' Walk. University of California, Berkeley, CA. Apr. 2017
- A Generalized Framework for Studying Finite Rainbow Configuration. Nebraska Conference for Undergraduate Women in Mathematics(NCUWM), Lincoln, NE. Feb. 2017

#### Conference Attendance

• Computational and Systems Neuroscience (Cosyne) Meeting. Denvor, CO.Feb. 2020

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### University of Notre Dame, Dept. of ACMS

2018 - present

• Graduate Reserarch Toward Ph.D. Advisor: Prof. Robert Rosenbaum

-Recurrent Neuronal Network in Machine learning.

#### University of California, Berkeley. Dept. of Mathematics & Statistics 2016 - 2017

- George Miller A.Scholarship for Undergraduate Research Advisor: Prof. David Aldous

  —Independent research project using varies methods to predict Oscars winning.
- Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program(URAP) Advisor: Prof. Stefanie Ebeling
  -Numerically decode number theory cryptograph problems.

## Missouri State University. Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics

Summer 2017

• Research Experiences for Undergraduates(REU)

Advisor: Prof. Steven Senger

- Participated in algebraic combinatorics questions.

## Willamette University. Dept. of Mathematics

Summer 2016

• Research Experiences for Undergraduates(REU)

- Advisor: Prof. Peter Otto
- Participated in mixing time of markov chain research problems.

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

## University of Notre Dame

Summer 2020

Instructor on Record

- Taught ACMS 10145, undergraduate Intro to Business Statistics I.(Online)

## University of Notre Dame

2018 - present

Teaching Assistant

- Held weekly office hours and tutorial sessions, graded assignment and exams.
- $\bullet\,$  undergraduate Artificial Neural Network course.

Spring 2020

• undergraduate Computational Neuroscience course.

Fall 2019

• undergraduate Intro to Probability course.

Spring & Fall 2019

• undergraduate Intro to Business Statistics I.

Fall 2018

#### University of California, Berkeley

Summer 2018

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

- Held weekly office hours and tutorial sessions.
- undergraduate calculus II.
- undergraduate Python programming.

# University of California, Berkeley

2016 - 2018

Grader

- Graded weekly assignments for undergraduate courses.
- undergraduate Abstract Algebra course.

Summer 2018

• undergraduate Discrete Math course.

Fall 2016

## Pasadena City College

2014 - 2015

Tutor

- Helped students with their coursework difficulties in learning center.
- college Algebra course.

Fall 2015

• college Statistics course.

2014 - 2015

# HONORS & AWARDS

Arthur J. Schmitt Leadership Fellowship in Science and Engineering University of Notre Dame, IN.	2018 - present
Schmitt Travel Grant Award University of Notre Dame, IN. (\$250)	Spring 2020
Graduate Student Professional Development Award ACMS, Notre Dame, IN. (\$500)	Spring 2020
Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship for traveling The U.S. Department of State's. (\$2500)	2017 - 2018
Carroll Grants Berkeley Educational Opportunity Program, CA. (\$600)	2017 - 2018
AMS Undergraduate Travel Award  Joint Mathematics Meetings at Atlanta, GA. (\$550)	Fall 2017
NSF Grant DMS 1559911 Award for REU Missouri State University, Springfield, MO. (\$4000)	Summer 2017
Academic Opportunity Fund Award Berkeley ASUC Academic Affairs for Nebraska Women in Mathematics Conference, of	Fall 2016 & 2017 CA.(\$200, \$250)
NSF Grant DMS 1460982 Award for REU Willamette University, Salem, OR. (\$4500)	Summer 2016
George A. Miller Scholarship for Undergraduate Research University of California, Berkeley, CA.(\$8000)	2015 - 2017
The Collin Lai and Susan Hum Merit Scholarship for Academic Excellence Los Angeles County office, CA. (\$1000)	Fall 2016
Hixon Teacher preparation Scholarship Pasadena City College, CA.(\$800)	2015 - 2016
Robert Westerbeck Scholarshi Pasadena City College, CA. (\$1500)	Fall 2015
Pacific Asian American Scholarship for Perseverance Pasadena City College, CA. (\$2000)	Spring 2015
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# University of Notre Dame Pi Day 5k

2019 - 2020

- Race route organizer
  - Organized the race route and ensure safety for all the participants.

# Schmitt Society Concession Stand, Notre Dame, IN

Fall 2019

- ullet Fund raising committee
  - Raised fund up to \$2500 for Schmitt Society.

## AWIS-ND Mentorship Program, Notre Dame, IN

2018 - 2019

- Mentor
  - Mentored two undergraduate women in science each semester in developing their career plans and organized workshop in building LinkedIn networks and CVs.

## Cal Day, Berkeley, CA

Spring 2017

- orientation coordinator
  - Orientated incoming students with department information and encourage greater opportunities for underrepresented student group in STEM fields.

## Upward Bound, Monterey Park, CA

2014 - 2015

- English Phonics Instructor
  - Taught new immigrants basic English via phonetic form.

#### Sunrise Foundation, San Gabriel, CA.

2013 - present

- Voiceover and translator
  - Translated English to Chinese and hosted cultural events for the local community.

# PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

#### Association for Women in Science

2018 - present

- Professional Development Committee
- ACMS Department Representative

#### Schmitt Leadership Society

2018 - present

- Website designer & developer

## **American Mathematics Society**

2017 - present

-Member

# TECHNICAL SKILLS

Proficient: Matlab, Python, R, LaTeX, Excel

**Experienced:** C/C++, Mathematica, Photoshop, Illustrator