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Education

Colorado State University

Doctorate of Philosophy - Bioengineering.

Fort Collins, CO

Fall 2018 - Spr 2024

• Dissertation title: Stochastic modeling to explore the Central Dogma of molecular biology and to design more informative single-molecule live-cell fluorescence microscopy experiments.

Colorado State University

Bachelor of Science - Chemical and Biological Engineering. GPA: 3.35

Bachelor of Science - Biomedical Engineering

Fort Collins, CO Fall 2012 - Spr 2017

Publications

Aguilera et. al. Methods in Quantitative Biology – from Analysis of Single-Cell Microscopy — Contributing Author Images to Inference of Predictive Models for Stochastic Gene Expression. UNDER REVIEW.

Raymond et. al. Identification of potential riboswitch elements in Homo Sapiens mRNA 1st Author 5'UTR sequences using Positive-Unlabeled machine learning. ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION.

Raymond et. al. Using mechanistic models and machine learning to design single-color multiplexed nascent chain tracking experiments. Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology. 11, 2023. doi: 10.3389/fcell.2023.1151318

1st Author

Forero-Quintero et. al. Visualization, quantification and Modeling of Endogenous RNA Polymerase II Phosphorylation at a Single-copy Gene in Living Cells. *Bio-protocol.* 12(14) 2022. doi: 10.21769/BioProtoc.4482.

2nd Author

Forero-Quintero et. al. Live-cell imaging reveals the spatiotemporal organization of endogenous RNA polymerase II phosphorylation at a single gene. *Nature Communications*. 12(1):3158 2021. doi: 10.1038/s41467-021-23417-0.

2nd Author

Aguilera et. al. Computational design and interpretation of single-RNA translation experiments. *PLOS Computational Biology.* 15(10) 2019. doi: 10.1371/journal.pcbi.1007425.

2nd Author

Weber et. al. Identification of gene regulation models from single-cell data. *Physical Biology.* 15(5) 2018. doi: 10.1088/1478-3975/aabc31.

2nd Author

Teaching Experience

Course Instructor - Colorado State University

Jan 2023 - May 2023

- BIOM 421 Transport Phenomena
 - \bullet Instructed senior undergraduate engineering students principles in transport phenomena including topics such as pharmacokinetics, fluid dynamics, mass transport, and FEM / FVM analyses.
 - Created an engaging and vibrant learning environment and lecture materials with a focus on applicable real world examples.

Learning Assistant - UQ-Bio summer school

Summer 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024

- Taught and assisted various levels of student from undergraduate to first year PhD students at the undergraduate quantitative biology summer school across many topics: ODE modeling, Machine learning, Python coding, MCMC, stochastic simulation, and finite state projection.
- Generated lecture materials used for teaching students on topics for learning Python, TASEP modeling, and machine learning. Provided these materials as open source Colab notebooks.

• Fostered a welcoming and collaborative project-focused environment for small groups via mentoring student teams.

Graduate Teaching Assistant - Colorado State University

Fall 2020, Fall 2021

BIOM 421 - Transport Phenomena

Assisted undergraduate students during one-on-one sessions and office hours.

Work Experience

Research Assistant - Colorado State University

Sept 2017 - Aug 2018

• Developed open source python packages aimed at providing our lab's research to the public and allow fellow scientists to quickly build TASEP-based Nascent Chain Tracking models.

Undergraduate Research Assistant - Colorado State University

Fall 2016 - Summer 2017

- Completed an honors thesis focusing on a Python GUI for solving bursting gene models
- Provided support to a research laboratory with implementing models in Python.

Accepted Talks

UQ-Bio 2023 Guest Lecturer - Fort Collins, Colorado

June 2023

- Gave a 15 minute talk on my dissertation project combining mechanistic mRNA models to extend the color pallette of NCT experiments.
- Presented a poster on my publication "Using mechanistic models and machine learning to design single-color multiplexed nascent chain tracking experiments"

APS March Meeting - Las Vegas, Nevada

March 2023

• Talk title: "Combining mechanistic and statistical models to enable Nascent Chain Tracking for multiple mRNAs using a single color"

Conference Attendances

qCMB Symposium - Fort Collins, Colorado

June 2024

Attendee and poster presenter

• Presented a poster on my publication "Identification of Potential Riboswitch Elements in Homo Sapiens 5'UTR Sequences using Positive-Unlabeled Machine Learning."

Rocky Mountain RNA Symposium - Aurora, Colorado

April 2024

Attendee and poster presenter

• Presented a poster on my publication "Identification of Potential Riboswitch Elements in Homo Sapiens 5'UTR Sequences using Positive-Unlabeled Machine Learning."

qCMB Symposium - Fort Collins, Colorado

June 2023

Attendee and poster presenter

- Gave a 2.5 minute lightning talk advertising my poster.
- Presented a poster on my publication "Using mechanistic models and machine learning to design single-color multiplexed nascent chain tracking experiments"

Awards

Outstanding Graduate Student - Colorado State University

Spring 2023

Outreach

Guest Judge CSU Gradshow - Colorado State University

Fall 2024

Engineering Mentor - Colorado State University

Fall & Spr 2014