

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Neuroscience Initiative to Enhance Diversity

Davis, CA

Student Organizer

Event held April 2016

- Organized event that recruits 25 undergraduates from historically black and Hispanic serving colleges to increase representation in PhD programs
- Coordinated 10 workshops led by faculty and students
- Led a student data blitz and student panel on preparing your best application
- Conducted mock interviews with the students

Explorations, UC Davis Undergraduate Research Journal

Davis, CA

Editor

February 2015 - August 2015

Managing Editor, Physical and Life Sciences

September 2015 - Present

- Found appropriate faculty reviewers for student submitted publications
- Communicated faculty reviewer comments to student authors
- Assessed the reviewed and edited papers for acceptance in a yearly UC Davis publication
- Copy-edited and formatted student articles for publication

Davis Incubator Group

Davis, CA

President

September 2016 - Present

Member

January - August 2016

- Participated collaboratively in online machine learning competitions, finishing in the top 10% of a drivendata.org competition
- Organized and scheduled weekly meetings for a group of 6-8 graduate students to practice coding, machine learning, and share data analysis skills

Neuroimaging Journal Club

Davis, CA

Student Co-Facilitator

September 2013 - December 2016

- Invited faculty guests, selected papers, and led student discussions for the student-run neuroimaging journal club

COMMUNITY SERVICE

International Rescue Committee

Sacramento, CA

Refugee Empowerment Volunteer

January 2017 - Present

- Assisted recent refugees to the United States in preparing resumes and job applications
- Organized paperwork including financial forms to ensure compliance

Women in Science and Engineering

Davis, CA

Mentor, Workshop Organizer and Presenter

September 2015 - Present

- Mentored an undergraduate woman interested in pursuing an engineering graduate degree
- Designed, organized, and presented a workshop on how to apply to graduate school to 20 undergraduate women

UC - Davis Neuroblog

Online through UC Davis

Graduate Student Contributor

September 2013 - Present

- Planned, wrote and published posts about neuroscience, advocacy and related topics to a student run blog.

The Graduate Academic Achievement and Advocacy Program

Davis, CA

Graduate Student Volunteer and Mentor

September 2013 - June 2015

- Advised and assisted students from underrepresented minorities on topics including graduate school applications and science writing
- Planned and ran workshops for students from underrepresented minorities on topics including graduate school applications, research assistantships, and gap years
- Mentored a student

Graduate Student Assembly

Davis, CA

Departmental Representative

September 2013 - June 2015

- Attended meetings and voted on policy affecting graduate students at UC Davis and in the wider UC graduate student assembly
- Publicized information to graduate group

Brain Awareness Week

Davis, CA

Graduate Student Presenter

March 2013 - Present

- Developed and presented a new station on Vestibular Nystagmus for a school for non-traditional high schoolers in Sacramento
- Presented posters at a booth at the Farmer's Market
- Taught neuroanatomy using sheep brains to high schoolers in Davis

PUBLICATIONS *Submitted:* **Popa AM**, Cruz J, Wong L, Harvey D, Angkustsiri K, Leckliter I, Perez-Edgar K, Simon TJ. Seeing Eye to Eye with Threat: Atypical Threat Bias Responses in Children with 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome.

In Progress: McCabe KL, **Popa AM**, Durdle C, Amato M, Cabaral M, Wong L, Harvey D, Simon TJ. Quantifying the resolution of spatial and temporal representation in children with 22q11.2 deletion syndrome.

In Progress: **Popa AM**, McCabe KL, Morgan H, Garner J, Harvey D, Amato M, Simon TJ. Children with 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome show Visuospatial Impairments on Bisection Tasks.

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

UC Davis Graduate Student Assembly Travel Award
 UC Davis FUTURE Certificate Track
 UC Davis Graduate Student Assembly Travel Award
 ERP Boot Camp (Dr. Steven J. Luck)
 UC Davis Graduate Student Assembly Travel Award

2015-16 Academic Year
 2015-16 Academic Year
 2014-15 Academic Year
 Completed July 2014
 2013-14 Academic Year

AFFILIATIONS

Association for Women in Science, *Student Member*

2013-present

PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

Selected from 13 Posters (5 first author) and 5 Presentations (4 first author) at International Conferences

- **Popa AM**, Mayo D, Durdle C, Morgan H, Shapiro H, Ferrer E, Niendam T, Luck S, Carter C, Simon TJ. Attention and Inhibition Deficits in Youth with 22q11.2DS are Associated with Symptoms of Psychosis Proneness (an IBBC abstract). Poster Accepted at the 17th International Congress of the European Society for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry 2017, Geneva, Switzerland.
- **Popa AM**, Durdle C, Morgan H, Shapiro H, Niendam T, Carter C, Luck S, Simon TJ. Highly Psychosis-Prone Adolescents show Increased Capture by Distractor Stimuli and More Effort to Inhibit Emotional Stimuli than Typically Developing Controls. Oral Accepted at the 16th International Congress on Schizophrenia Research 2017, San Diego, CA.
- **Popa AM**, Shapiro H, Harvey D, Amato M, Cruz J, Cung N, Reyes D, Simon TJ. Children with 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome Show Lower Spatial and Temporal Acuity Than TD Children In Continuously Varying Tasks. Abstract Accepted at the 10th Biennial International 22q11.2 Conference 2016, Sirmione, Italy.