



RICE ALUMNI

Alumni Information Sheet

Areas of Volunteer Interest

(check all that apply)

- ☒ ARA Board
- ☒ ARA Committees
- ☒ Homecoming/Reunion
- ☒ Regional Groups

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DEGREES EARNED

Institution	Degree	Year
Rice University	BA	2006
University of Southern California	MA	2008
	PhD	2012

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Name of Spouse: (if applicable) _____

For ARA Board applicants: I have read the ARA Board Member Responsibilities and understand that as an ARA Board member I would be required to fulfill all responsibilities as described, including giving every year to the Rice Annual Fund in accordance with my means. ☒ I agree.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Briefly describe your occupation or business:

As a postdoctoral research fellow at the NIH in the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), I use neuroimaging and brain stimulation to develop ways to facilitate neural repair after an individual has a neurological injury (e.g., stroke, TBI).

Tell us about your student activities at Rice:

I served as an O-week advisor, academic fellow, sports representative for the Chinese Students Association, group leader for Campus Crusade, taught group fitness classes, was in Leadership Rice, played powerpuff football, and initiated various volunteer activities.

How have you been involved with Rice since graduation?

I was the regional volunteer coordinator for LA, hosting numerous events for the past 2-3 years including happy hours, a cocktail party at the Museum of Jurassic Technology, holiday outings, etc. and maintain the LA Rice Facebook page. I also represent Rice at college fairs and conduct prospective student interviews, and recently joined the fundraising committee for my class (2006). Just moved to DC and will host an event here in two weeks.

Are you involved with other community or professional groups?

I serve as a social coordinator for the Organization of Human Brain Mapping (OHBM), an international neuroscience community, and serve as an adhoc reviewer for several neuroscience/neuroimaging scientific journals. I was active in the Neuroscience Graduate Forum at the University of Southern California where I completed my PhD and organized a number of social events there, and I likewise plan to get involved in the postdoctoral community here at the NIH.

PERSONAL STATEMENT *(recommended for board candidates)*

My experience Rice was one of the most influential stages of my life and instilled in me an intellectual curiosity that has driven me to pursue a career in research related to clinical rehabilitation. My enthusiasm for Rice stems from my interactions with the diverse, intelligent, and quirky student body that Rice recruits and the unique environment that Rice fosters through its intimate size and dedication to giving students hands-on opportunities in academics and leadership. I feel like Rice allowed me I developed confidence in my own abilities--intellectual and otherwise--and taught me to seek out new opportunities and make my own path, traits which ultimately propelled me forward into the career I have today.

As an English and Kinesiology double major, I took a career test my senior year at Rice which suggested I become either a farmer or an occupational therapist. I chose the latter, and attended the nation's top program for occupational therapy at the University of Southern California on a generous scholarship, in part due to the Dean's favorable impression of Rice. While pursuing a clinical masters in occupational therapy, I became interested in neuroscience and began doing research part-time while finishing my masters. I then entered a PhD program pursuing cognitive neuroscience and concurrently worked as an OT in a rehabilitation center for adults with neurological disorders part-time. Throughout my research career, I have received a number of fellowships including the National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship and the USC Provost's PhD Fellowship, which I believe my background at Rice also made possible. I recently completed my PhD and have begun as one of the youngest postdoctoral fellows at my lab at the NIH in the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

Throughout my time both in LA and starting here in DC, I have been integrated into the Rice community and have consistently found a body of brilliant, fun, down-to-earth and yet passionate individuals that I consider family. Bringing Rice alumni together through local events is a joy for me because of the fun-loving Rice attitude and the exciting paths Rice alumni have taken, and I have similarly enjoyed representing Rice at college fairs, through interviews, and through fundraising as I feel Rice has given me so much and I am thrilled to be able to give back. I would be honored to take on greater responsibility and serve Rice on the Association of Rice Alumni Board, and I am committed to representing Rice both in my local community and on a larger scale, through enhancing Rice's relations with its diverse alumni across the world.

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