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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering

Aug 2022 – May 2027 (Expected)

M.S. in Environmental Engineering

Aug 2023 – Dec 2023 (Expected)

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

Minneapolis, MN

B.Eng in Environmental Engineering — GPA: 3.81/4.00

Aug 2018 – May 2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

Project: Pandemic Readiness and Equity through Virus Epidemiology of Wastewater (PREViEW) Aug 2022 – Present

- Conduct research on forms of viruses and their persistence with regards to various environmental factors (such as surfactants, temperature, and ammonia) in wastewater.
- Perform experiments to evaluate and compare methods of nucleic acid extraction and concentration from wastewater.
- Mentor undergraduate research assistants in the lab.

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

Minneapolis, MN

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Jan 2021 – Aug 2022

Project: Biochar for Nutrient Removal from Municipal Wastewater (Behrens' Lab)

Sep 2021 – Aug 2022

- Operated and prepared wastewater media for sequencing batch reactors.
- Analyzed nitrate, nitrite, and ammonium using segmented flow analysis and UV-Vis spectrophotometry to characterize nutrient removal capacities of biochar.

Project: Hydrologic and Hydraulic Characteristics of Effective Sea Lamprey Barriers

Jan 2022 – May 2022

- Conducted literature review on the efficacy of current sea lamprey barrier technologies.
- Designed and performed fluid mechanics experiments with model barriers in hydraulic flumes.
- Analyzed the time-averaged and root-mean-square velocities of the water flow due to barriers' impact, lamprey detachment forces, and turbulent kinetic energy from the experiment results.

Project: Determination of Biomethane Generation Potential in the Domestic Municipal Waste Flow of Hanoi, Vietnam

Jan 2021 – Nov 2021

- Sampled organic municipal waste, conducted calculations based on the samples' waste composition, and performed biochemical methane potential tests on a sample of organic matters resembling the above waste to measure its anaerobic digestion capability.

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

Presentations

- Nguyen, Allie; Tschirner, Ulrike. *Determination of Biomethane Generation Potential in the Domestic Municipal Waste Flow of Hanoi, Vietnam*. Fall Virtual Undergraduate Research Symposium 2021, University of Minnesota, 27 November 2021, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Poster Presentation.

Publications

- Article: Viet-Anh Nguyen, Thi Minh Thanh Vu, **Minh-Anh (Allie) Nguyen**, Viet Minh Nguyen, *Can COVID-19 disease be transmitted in water environment?* (in Vietnamese). J. Environment and Cities, Vietnam Association of Urban and Industrial Environment, 2021. ISSN 1859-3623, Vol.131, pp. 36-42.
- Report: *National Strategy for Rural Clean Water Supply and Sanitation for the period to the year 2030, vision to 2045*. Consultancy work, prepared for the Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, funded by UNICEF. 2021.
- Report: Viet-Anh Nguyen, Nguyen Duong Quang Chanh, Vu Manh Cuong, **Minh-Anh (Allie) Nguyen** et al., *Study on the implementation of low and no-cost options in three wastewater treatment plants, Vietnam* (Project No. 100052). IESE, for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and Vietnamese Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), Contract No. 3000070422. March–August 2019

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Institute of Environmental Science and Engineering (IESE)(HUCE)** Hanoi, Vietnam
Environmental Engineering & Management Intern May 2019 – Jan 2021
- Participated in preparation of five environmental engineering research papers, manuals, and reports.
 - Contributed to environmental management consultancy contracts of IESE, Hanoi University of Civil Engineering (HUCE)
 - Participated in site visits to wastewater treatment plants, clients' factories, and contaminated sites. Conducted field surveys of municipal waste management.
- Office of Undergraduate Research (UC Berkeley)** Berkeley, CA
SURF Graduate Student Mentor Jan 2023 – Aug 2023
- Led draft proposal workshops and weekly office hours and for applicants of the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellows (SURF) program.
 - Hosted 2 summer workshops on research skills with an attendance of 50 SURF fellows.
 - Organized and facilitated the SURF program's orientation, weekly small group meetings, and students' final presentations.
- SMART Learning Commons, University of Minnesota Libraries (UMN)** Minneapolis, MN
Peer Tutor Mentor Sep 2019 – May 2022
- Assisted over 100 students' learning inquiries in Math and Chemistry.
 - Observed and evaluated 12 SMART peer tutors with 1-on-1 consultation sessions and written reports.
 - Led a 60-minute staff meeting every semester for additional training of peer tutors.
- College of Science and Engineering (UMN)** Minneapolis, MN
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Sep 2021 – May 2022
- Graded assignments for CECE 3101 (Computer Applications I) and CECE 3501 (Introduction to Environmental Engineering).
 - Prepared and presented teaching materials with the instructor, and managed class logistics for CSE 1001 (First-year Experience).
- International Student Consultant* May 2021 – Aug 2021
- Assisted 80 incoming international students during orientation and before their US arrival.
 - Provided logistical support to the CSE Academic Advising office in facilitating activities and preparing for orientation.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Trussell Fellowship in Environmental Engineering (UC Berkeley) 2022-2023
- College of Science and Engineering Dean's List (UMN) 2018-2021
- Department of Civil, Environmental and Geo- Engineering James and Sharon Weinel Chi Epsilon Scholarship (UMN) 2021-2022
- International Student and Scholar Services Culture Corps Program Scholarship (UMN) 2021
- Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Scholarship (UMN) 2021
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- Department of Civil, Environmental and Geo- Engineering Adolph Sommerfeld Scholarship (UMN) 2021
- UMN Global Excellence Scholarship (UMN) 2018-2022

SKILLS

Laboratory: digital PCR, water sample collection, UV–Vis spectrophotometry, sequencing flow analysis, sequencing batch reactor operation, water chemistry analysis (alkalinity, hardness, microbial level, COD/BOD concentrations).

Software: MATLAB, Microsoft Excel.

Languages: Vietnamese (native proficiency), English (bilingual proficiency).

Certifications: Master Certified Tutor (CRLA Level 3).

LEADERSHIP AND OUTREACH

UC Berkeley:

- Graduate Women of Engineering *Career and Professional Development Head (2023-Present), Member (2022-23)*
- Beyond Academia *Member (2023-Present)*

University of Minnesota:

- American Society of Civil Engineers *Historian (2021-22)*
- CSE International Ambassadors *President (2021-22), Vice President (2020-21), Secretary (2019-20)*
- Chi Epsilon Honors Society *Vice President (2021-22)*
- Design U *Research and Strategy Team Member (2021)*
- Welcome Week Program *Welcome Week Leader (2020)*