Alvin G. Thomas Curriculum vitae

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Utilizing Epidemiologic Methods in Transplantion: I believe that mathematical techniques can be used to improve the lives of millions. I hope to use my background in engineering and programming to answer important questions in medicine. I currently work in the field of transplantation with the Epidemiology Research Group in Organ Transplantation (ERGOT) at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

CURRENT POSITION

Research Data Analyst, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery Epidemiology Research Group in Transplantation August 2016 to present

EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD

M.S.P.H., International Health, May 2016

- Thesis Topic: The mLAKE Community Trial: Using mHealth to Empower CHWs to Encourage Combination HIV Prevention
- Adviser: Larry W. Chang, MD, MPH

Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA

B.S., Chemistry-Engineering, May 2014

- *Honors* in Engineering
- Thesis: Plasticity in Dissociated Neuronal Networks under Chronic Stimulation
- Adviser: Jonathan Erickson, PhD
- Minor in Poverty and Human Capabilities

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

[1] Perin, J, **Thomas, A**, Oldja, L, Ahmed, S, Parvin, T, Bhuyian, SI, Sarker, B, Biswas, SK, Faruque, AS, Sack, RB, and George, CM, 2016. Geophagy is associated with growth faltering in children in rural Bangladesh. *The Journal of Pediatrics*. 2016 Nov 30; 178:34-9. doi:10.1016/j.jpeds.2016.06.077

CONFERENCE POSTERS

- [2] **Thomas AG**, Shaffer A, Massie A, Segev DL. Use of Pulsatile Perfusion Modifies the Effect of Delayed Graft Function on Graft Failure. In: *American Transplant Congress*, Chicago, IL, USA, April 29 May 3, 2017.
- [3] **Thomas AG**, Massie A, Garonzik-Wang J, Lentine K, Henderson M, Segev DL. Landscape of Multiple Donations from a Living Donor in the USs. In: *American Transplant Congress*, Chicago, IL, USA, April 29 May 3, 2017.
- [4] **Thomas AG**, Henderson ML, Massie AB, Shaffer A, Luo X, Holscher CM, Segev DL. Fewer than 50% of Transplant Centers Fully Comply with OPTN Living Donor Follow-up Policy. In: *American Society of Transplant Surgeons*, Miami, FL, USA, January 26-29, 2017.
- [5] Hapern SE, Thomas AG, Holscher CM, Massie AB, Henderson ML, Anjum S, Locke JE, Segev DL. Sexual Dysfunction Among Living Kidney Donors. In: *American Society of Transplant Surgeons*, Miami, FL, USA, January 26-29, 2017.

- [6] Long A, Hutton H, Mbabali I, Thomas A, Bugos E, Mulamba J, Amico KR, Nalugoda F, Gray R, Wawer M, Nakigozi G, Chang LW. Evaluation of a Motivational Interviewing-Informed, mHealth-Supported CHW Training Program to Promote HIV Treatment and Prevention in a HIV Hotspot Ugandan Fishing Community. In: *International Association of Providers of AIDS Care*, Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA, May 9-11, 2016.
- [7] Chang LW, Mbabali I, Kong X, Hutton H, Long A, Thomas A, Bugos E, Ssekasanvu J, Kennedy C, Amico KR, Nalugoda F, Reynolds SJ, Quinn T, Serwadda D, Gray R, Wawer M, Nakigozi G. A Cluster-Randomized Trial to Promote Combination HIV Prevention Using mHealth-Supported CHWs in a High-Prevalence Ugandan Fishing Community: Design and Baseline Characteristics of the mLAKE Trial. In: *International AIDS Conference*, Durban, South Africa, July 18-22, 2016.
- [8] Erickson J, Thomas A, Strickland K, Barnes A. Iterative Gaussian mixture model splitting of multimodal PSTH for studying activity dependent changes in cultured network connectivity. In: *Society for Neuroscience*, San Deigo, CA, USA, November 9-13, 2013.

AMERICORPS SERVICE

Robotics Program Founder | Lexington City Schools | 2011-2014

 Created and ran a program that uses Lego NXT robots to introduce middle school and elementary students to robotics, computer science, and engineering design utilizing a \$2500 grant from NASA.

Shift Leader | Campus Kitchens Project | 2011-2014

 Addressed local hunger as a ServSafe-certified manager by supervising shifts that collected, prepared, and served over 300 meals/week.

Trip Coordinator | Volunteer Venture Program | 2011-2013

• Coordinated three weeklong service trips for incoming students, which involves budget management and logistical planning.

Therapeutic Nursery Intern | Kennedy Krieger Institute | 2011

• Conducted play-therapy sessions with homeless toddlers and their families. Provided care for the children and assisted with an active study in child psychology.

Patient Eligibility Intern | Rockbridge Area Health Center | 2010-2012

 Helped manage the medical database, helped eligible patients acquire free medication from pharmaceutical companies, and answered patient questions by phone.

HARDWARE AND

Computer Programming:

SOFTWARE SKILLS • C, C++, Java, Python, SQL, MySQL

Numerical Analysis:

• R, Stata, MATLAB, Maple

Version Control and Software Configuration Management:

• Git, SVN

Desktop Editing and Productivity Software:

- Atom, Xcode, RStudio
- TEX (LATEX, BIBTEX)
- Microsoft Office, LibreOffice, Google Docs, iWork
- GIMP, Adobe Photoshop

Operating Systems:

• Apple OS X, Microsoft Windows, Linux (Fedora)

Awards

Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health

• Center for Global Health Pilot Grant, 2015

Washington and Lee University

- Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, 2014
- Omicron Delta Kappa Leader of the Year, 2014
- Sigma Pi Sigma Physics Honor Society, 2013
- Johnson Opportunity Grant, 2013
- Evans International Grant, 2013
- Avis P. Waring Scholarship, 2013
- Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society, 2013
- Johnson Scholarship, 2010-2014