

Andrew Hill

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Education

University of Washington, Seattle

Ph.D. in Genome Sciences (entering class of 2014)

University of Washington, Seattle

B.S. in Bioengineering with College Honors (2012)

3.79 Departmental GPA; 3.69 Overall GPA

Research Experience

MacArthur Lab of Massachusetts General Hospital/Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard

9/2013 – Present

Research Assistant

- Developed python API and scripts to extract/refine data from Leiden Open Variation Databases.
 - Performed extensive automated validation of variants mapped from HGVS to VCF format.
- Developed methods for automating detection of misannotated protein coding exons in GENCODE using metrics for evolutionary conservation, constraint in a large reference panel, and tissue expression levels.
- Wrote software to detect and analyze multi-nucleotide polymorphisms derived from ~65K exome sequencing samples that change LoF variant interpretation compared to individual variants.
- Led pilot effort with Software Carpentry to implement best software development practices within lab.

Tekscan, Inc.

9/2012 – 1/2014

Applications Engineer

- Conducted engineering research projects for new applications of force and pressure sensors.
 - Implemented machine learning algorithms to estimate shoe-size from pressure sensor data.
 - Signal processing and data analysis for IMU position/angle tracking of human gait.
 - Greatly improved algorithms for gait-analysis from Tekscan pressure sensor data.
- Developed automated test fixtures and data-analysis scripts with MATLAB and LabVIEW.
- Provided engineering support and/or training to customers and all internal departments.

UW Biorobotics Lab (Professors Blake Hannaford and Howard Chizeck)

1/2010 – 6/2012

Undergraduate Research Assistant

- Thesis: Online Modeling of the *In Vivo* Mechanical Properties of Soft Tissue for Robotic Surgery
 - Designed, built, and programmed electromechanical device to quantify in vivo tissue dynamics.
 - Developed Unscented Kalman Filter/signal processing using MATLAB/C++.
- Co-developed hardware and microcontroller code for haptic-enabled glove.
- Developed hardware and microcontroller code to detect peg-contact in FLS block-transfer task.

Professor Joan Sanders Lab

8/2009 – 1/2010

Undergraduate Research Assistant

- Collected/analyzed data to calibrate tri-axis force sensor for amputee gait analysis.
- Designed and built Plexiglas housing for patient-mounted electronics.

Selected Coursework

Probability and Statistics

Embedded Microcomputer Systems

Organic Chemistry

Computer Science I&II

Biochemistry

Signal Processing

Independent Coursework

- Machine Learning
- Algorithms Design and Analysis – Part 1
- Circuits and Electronics
- Manual Machining and Layout (Mill and Lathe)

Coursera (Stanford)
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MIT Open Courseware
Artisan's Asylum

Skills

- **Computing:** Python, R, Bash, Java, C#, C/C++, MATLAB, LabVIEW
- **Web Development:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- **Software Development Tools:** Git, Mercurial, Eclipse, Visual Studio
- **Operating Systems:** Windows and UNIX-based operating systems
- **Bioinformatics:** GATK, BED Tools, SAM Tools, VCF Tools, Variant Effect Predictor, UCSC Genome Browser
- **Embedded Systems:** ARM and Arduino embedded system programming
- **Machining:** CNC mill, lathe, band-saw, drill-press, various hand tools

Coaching and Teaching Experience

iD Tech Camps <i>Summer Camp Instructor: Programming in Java and Adventures in Robotics</i>	Summer 2012
UW Bioengineering Department Circuitry Workshops <i>Volunteer Instructor</i>	Winter 2012
UW Bioengineering Outreach Program <i>Ultrasound Education Module Co-Developer and Instructor</i>	12/2011 – 6/2012
United States Gymnastics Training Camps <i>Counselor and Coach</i>	Summers 2005 – 2010

Leadership Experience and Activities

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Brigham and Women's Hospital <i>Volunteer – Kraft Family Blood Donor Center</i>	9/2012 – 4/2013
UW Biomedical Engineering Society <i>Vice President and Webmaster</i>	6/2011 – 6/2012
UW Honors Department <i>Peer Mentor</i>	9/2008 – 9/2009
Washington Men's Gymnastics Team <i>Team Member</i>	8/2008 – 10/2009

Selected Awards and Honors

- Mary Gates Research Scholarship
- Annual Dean's List
- USA Gymnastics Men's Program Scholarship
- Friends of Gymnastics Scholarship

Presentations

- **Andrew Hill.** “Calibration and Synchronized Data Acquisition for High-Speed Applications.” Tekscan North American Distributor Meeting. Boston, MA. **April, 2013.**
- **Andrew Hill,** Sina Kosari, Blake Hannaford, and Howard Chizeck. “Online Modeling of the *In Vivo* Mechanical Properties of Soft Tissue for Robotic Surgery.” University of Washington Mary Gates Undergraduate Research Symposium. Seattle, WA. **May 2012.**

Study Abroad

- Creative Travel Writing and Sustainability in Ecuador Summer 2010