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Education

Rice University 2017 - present Houston, TX Computer Science, graduating May 2021, GPA: 3.21 **Westwood High School** 2013 - 2017 Austin, TX GPA: 4.0/4.0 (5.58/5.0 weighted), Graduated May 2017

Conference Presentations

PyoFuel: Using Python and Pathway Tools to engineer synthetic biofuel Sole Author more Dec 2016 Colorado • Int'l. Soc. for Computational Biology / Rocky Mountain Bioinformatics Conference (poster session)

Projects

Lentil - A Musician's Feedback Service Independent Project demo Summer 2018 - present Conceive, design, and implement a web-based musician feedback service (ReasonML + React) Musicians submit recordings of performances and receive pointed feedback from teachers **Physics Sunset** *Independent Project* Summer 2017

<u>demo</u>

Design and implement browser-based interactive graphical simulation of a physics problem (ReasonML)

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Disease Transmission Analysis

Spring 2018

 Design and implement rooted-directed minimal spanning tree algorithm (Python) Analyze genetic + epidemiological data from 2011 disease outbreak to infer the disease transmission tree

DNA Sequence Alignment

Spring 2018

Design and implement DP solutions to two DNA sequence alignment problems (Python)

Align human and fruit-fly protein sequences to identify the PAX domain within the "eyeless" gene

Phylogenetic (Evolutionary) Trees

Spring 2018

Infer the optimal evolutionary tree, given DNA sequences for the leaf taxa (Python)

Hidden Markov Models and Part-of-Speech Tagging

Spring 2018

Implement statistical learning of HMM using training corpus of pre-tagged sentences (Python)

Implement Viterbi algorithm to assign part-of-speech tags to new sentences using trained HMM

Chef Arduino Independent Project

2010 - 2011

Conceive, design, build, and program an Arduino-based robot to test properties of food samples

Software Development Skills

Programming Languages & Frameworks

2013 - present

Proficient: Python, Java, ReasonML/OCaml, React

Basic: C, Racket, Pyret, Elm, Html, Numpy

Software Design

2013 - present

- Systematic Program Design Designing Data & Functions, EdX course based on HtDP2
- Functional programming with types

Software Testing

2017 - present

- Test-driven development, unit-tests, property-based tests
- Python testing using Pytest, Java testing using JUnit 5 & QuickTheories

Work Experience

UT Austin Summer Research Academy - College of Natural Sciences Summer Intern

2015, 2016 Austin, TX

- DNA extraction, splicing, and recombineering of the DHX35 gene using E. coli
- Worked with Dr. Al Mackrell in the Vertebrate Interactome Mapping Lab
- Conducted computational Flux Balance Analysis on cyanobacteria engineered for biofuel

Organizations and Activities

| CSters: Women in Computer Science, Rice University | 2017 - present |
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| CS Club, Rice University | 2017 - present |
| Society of Women Engineers (SWE), Rice University | 2017 - present |
| SASE: Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers, Rice University | 2017 - present |
| Club Tennis, Rice University | 2017 - present |
| • Music: sing, record, perform, take lessons <u>soundcloud</u> <u>youtube</u> | 2007 - present |
| PyLadies: Austin community of women Python programmers, team programming, presentations | 2015 - 2017 |