Brandon Bocklund

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Research Experience

• Phases Research Lab, Pennsylvania State University

University Park, PA

2016 - Present

NASA Space Technology Research Fellow (Advisor: Zi-Kui Liu)

- Contributed to pycalphad, a library for computational thermodynamics using the CALPHAD method
- Contributed to atomate, a computational tool for high-throughput ab-initio materials calculations with VASP
- Developed NanoGrain, which uses thermodynamic models to predict the stability of nano-sized alloys

• Solid State Ionics Laboratory, Michigan State University

East Lansing, MI

2015 - 2016

- Undergraduate Research Assistant (Advisor: Jason D. Nicholas)
 - Fabricated and improved the performance of solid oxide fuel cellsCharacterized fuel cells with EIS, XRD, and SEM
 - Developed Rp Plotter, a GUI-based Python application for data analysis and visualization
 - Participated in a 10 week professional development course
- Composite Materials & Structures Center, Michigan State University

Undergraduate Research Assistant (Advisor: Lawrence T. Drzal)

East Lansing, MI

2014 - 2015

- Designed a graphene nanoplatlet-based capacitive deionization cell
- Characterized graphene nanoplatelet papers using scanning electron microscopy
- Used Solidworks to create a 3D printed model for the deionization cell apparatus
- Participated in a 10 week professional development course

Teaching Experience

• Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Penn State University Teaching Assistant State College, PA

2017

- MatSE 462: General Properties Laboratory in Materials
 - o Independently taught and graded assignments for two lab sections of 5 students
 - o Instructed students on using techniques for characterizing mechanical, electrical and optical properties
- College of Engineering, Michigan State University Undergraduate Lab Mentor

East Lansing, MI

2015 - 2016

Education

• Pennsylvania State University

University Park, PA

Ph.D. Materials Science and Engineering; Graduate Minor, Computational Materials

2016 - Present

- 3.86 GPA
- NASA Space Technology Research Fellow (2018 Present)
- Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (2018)
- NSF Research Trainee in the CoMET Program (dftcomet.psu.edu) (2016 2018)
- Helen R. and Van H. Leichliter Graduate Fellowship recipient (2016)

• Michigan State University

East Lansing, MI

2012 - 2016

B.S. Materials Science and Engineering

- 3.56 GPA
- Dean's List, 5 semesters
- MSU College of Engineering Endowed Opportunity Fund scholarship recipient (2015 2016)

Technical Skills

Software Developed: pycalphad (pycalphad.org), atomate (pythonhosted.org/atomate), NanoGrain, ESPEI Computational Tools and Software: Python, MATLAB, C++, VASP, Thermo-Calc, MongoDB, Solidworks, LATEX Materials Characterization Techniques: Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC), Electrical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS), Hardness Analysis, Optical Microscopy, Thermal Gravimetric Analysis (TGA), Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM), X-Ray Powder Diffraction Spectroscopy (XRD), Profilometry