Brandon Bocklund

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Research Experience

 Phases Research Lab, Pennsylvania State University NSF National Research Trainee (Advisor: Dr. Zi-Kui Liu) University Park, PA

2016 - Present

- Developed computational tools for high-throughput ab-initio materials calculations
- Used VASP to make first principles predictions for metallic alloys
- Created phase diagrams from ab-initio and experimental data using the CALPHAD method

• Solid State Ionics Laboratory, Michigan State University

East Lansing, MI

2015 - 2016

- Undergraduate Research Assistant (Advisor: Dr. Jason D. Nicholas)
 - Fabricated and tested Solid Oxide Fuel CellsCharacterized fuel cells with EIS, XRD, and SEM
 - Developed a Python application for data analysis and visualization using Matplotlib and Tkinter
 - Participated in a 10 week professional development course

Undergraduate Research Assistant (Advisor: Dr. Lawrence T. Drzal)

• Composite Materials & Structures Center, Michigan State University

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

• College of Engineering, Michigan State University Undergraduate Lab Mentor

East Lansing, MI

2015 - 2016

- Mentored 3 classes, interacting with over 250 students
- Responsible for grading assignments and quizzes, promoting learning, and proctoring exams
 - o EGR 100 Introduction to Engineering Design
 - EGR 102 Introduction to Engineering Modeling
 - o EGR 291 Spatial Visualization

Education

• Pennsylvania State University

University Park, PA

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

2016 - Present

- NSF National Research Trainee in the CoMET Program (http://dftcomet.psu.edu)
- Michigan State University

East Lansing, MI

2012 - 2016

- 3.56 GPA
- Dean's List, 5 semesters

B.S. Materials Science and Engineering

- MSU College of Engineering Endowed Opportunity Fund scholarship recipient (2015 2016)
- Webmaster for the Materials Science and Engineering Society (http://egr.msu.edu/msesoc) (2015 2016)

Technical Skills

Computational Tools: Python, MATLAB, C++, VASP, Thermo-Calc, Solidworks, VESTA, 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