

#### GRADUATE STUDENT CANDIDATE

Data Intensive Biology lab of the University of California, Davis

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I am deeply engaged in bioinformatics and mentorship. I excitedly wrangle data, craft software, and create dynamic mentorship opportunities.

## Research Interests

- Bioinformatically exploring the world of big, public data in new and interesting ways.
- Combining scientific domains to create a pleasant end-user experience.
- I have overcome many obstacles to be where I am today and I am just happy to be here.

## **Education**

Doctor of Philosophy California, USA

University of California, Davis 2020 - Present

• Biochemistry, Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology Graduate Group

Bachelors of Arts & Science Minnesota, USA

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, St. Paul 2014 - 2018

- · Biology, BS
- · Chemistry, BA
- Honors in Research
- Minor in Mathematics
- · Magna Cum Laude

### **Associate of Applied Science in Automotive Mechanics**

Minnesota, USA

HENNEPIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

2008 - 2010

· Academic Excellence

# Research Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Research Davis - California

University of California, Davis 2020 - Present

- Pangenomic and novel database curation for the sourmash software ecosystem
- Case vs control multiomic investigation of public data
- · Image analysis and quantification pipeline for ectodermal derivatives specified in early development
- Professors for the Future (PFTF) Fellow
- NIH Molecular Cell Biology T32 Fellowship Affiliate
- NIH Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) Affiliate

#### **Junior Research Specialist**

Davis - California

University of California, Davis

2019 - 2020

- Molecular evolution of thermal tolerance in coral
- Knot theory topology of dsDNA in bacteriophage DNA packaging

### **Undergraduate Research**

St. Paul - Minnesota

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, St. Paul

2017 - 2019

• Novel artificial culture vessel for shell-less chick development

Concordia University, St. Paul

St. Paul - Minnesota

• In subjects of Calculus, Physics, Chemistry, and Biology

2016 - 2018

## **Professional Service**

## Scholarly Literature Workshop Author and Lead instructor

University of California, Davis

DATALAB

**Tutor** 

2024 - Present

**Gene Regulatory Networks for Development Teaching Assistant** University of Chicago MARINE BIOLOGY LABORATORY 2024 -**Admissions Committee Member** University of California, Davis PREP@UCD 2023 - Present

**Recruitment Colloquium Mentor** University of California, Davis **BMCDB GRADUATE GROUP** 2020 - 2024

**Biology Graduate Admissions Pathways Mentor** University of California, Davis

BioGAP 2020 - 2021

**NSF GRFP Grant Writing Working Group Creator and Lead Instructor** University of California, Davis

ROGERS LAB 2020 - 2021

## Community Involvement \_\_\_\_\_

**AISES Rocketry Team Founding Co-Mentor** University of California, Davis

LETTS LAB 2021 - 2023

**Grad & Post Doc UCD SACNAS Chapter Founding Board Member** University of California, Davis COLLEGE OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES 2020 - 2021

Young Scientist Program Volunteer University of California, Davis

COLLEGE OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES 2019 - 2020

**3D Printing Club Founder and President** Concordia University, St. Paul

2017 - 2018

2011 - 2014

2019 - 2020

**Sexual Assault Victim Advocate** Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE 2012 - 2014

Flight line Training Leader Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE 2012 - 2014

**Physical Training Leader** Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst

**Leadership Mentor** Sheppard Air Force Base

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE 2010 - 2011

**Treasurer** Hennepin Technical College

STUDENT GOVERNMENT 2009 - 2010

SkillsUSA participant Hennepin Technical College

AUTOMOTIVE DEPARTMENT 2009 - 2010

## **Funding and Grants**

MATH AND BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

**Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)** University of California, Davis

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION 2021 - 2024

**Undergraduate Preparation Fellowship (UPF)** University of California, Davis

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH 2020 - 2021

Postbaccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP) University of California, Davis NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH

Post 9/11 GI Bill Concordia University, St. Paul

US DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS 2014 - 2018

**Federal Pell Grant** Hennepin Technical College

US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2008 - 2010

# **Honors and Awards**

Professors for the Future

A COMPETITIVE, LEADERSHIP-DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

College of Biological Science's Dean's Mentorship Award

IN RECOGNITION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO HAVE EXCELLED IN THE MENTORSHIP OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) Award

NIH Undergraduate Preparation Fellowship (UPF) Award

NIH Postbaccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP) Award

**Honors in Research** 

Paul W. Stor Biology Award

FOR EXCELLENCE AND DEDICATION TO UNDERGRADUATE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

**Dean's List** 

Airman of the Quarter

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXCELLENCE WHILE SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

**Academic Excellence** 

University of California, Davis

May 2024

University of California, Davis

May 2022

University of California, Davis

March 2020

University of California, Davis

March 2020

University of California, Davis

May 2019

Concordia University, St. Paul

Decemeber 2018

Concordia University, St. Paul

May 2018

Concordia University, St. Paul

2014 - 2018

Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst

January 2013

Hennepin Technical College

May 2010

## Skills\_

### **Programming Languages**

BASH, R, JAVASCRIPT, PYTHON, SQL

#### **Markup Languages**

CSS, HTML, LATEX, MARKDOWN, RMARKDOWN

#### **Other Languages**

SNAKEMAKE

### **Version Control**

GIT/GITHUB

#### **Text Editors**

RSTUDIO, VIM/NEOVIM

### Health

SELF-AID BUDDY CARE (SABC), CPR TRAINED, AED CERTIFIED

#### Safety

SELF-DEFENSE COORDINATOR, SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM ADVOCATE (SAVA)

#### Mechanics

FCC GROL, CERTIFIED AIRCRAFT MECHANIC, CERTIFIED AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC

## Presentations

### My Successes and Failures of Grad School: How to Think like a Scientist

A DISCUSSION TO STUDENTS ABOUT WHO CAN BECOME A SCIENTIST

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## Thoughts on academic writing: Emphasis on the GRFP

A LECTURE ON WRITING THE NSF GRFP TO IMSD STUDENTS

### Relocation and the meaning of life

A LECTURE TO PREP ON PERSONAL TIPS ON MOVING ACROSS COUNTRY FOR ACADEMIA

University of California, Davis

June 2024

Concordia University, St.Paul

September 2023

University of California, Davis

October 2022-24

University of California, Davis

May 2022

**Student Funding Panel** University of California, Davis A DISCUSSION TO RECRUITS ABOUT GRADUATE STUDENT GRANTS AND FUNDS February 2022 Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee (DEIC) Gap Year Seminar University of California, Davis A DISCUSSION TO STUDENTS ON THE IMPACT OF TAKING A GAP YEAR March 2021 **Diversity and Life Panel** University of California, Davis A DISCUSSION TO RECRUITS ON LIFE EXPERIENCE IN GRADUATE SCHOOL March 2021 Fractal, Hausdorff, and the Euclidean Dimension Concordia University, St. Paul A CAPSTONE PRESENTATION ON INDEPENDENT MATHEMATICS RESEARCH December 2018 Mandelbrot and Julia, an Imaginary Relationship Concordia University, St. Paul A CAPSTONE PRESENTATION ON INDEPENDENT MATHEMATICS RESEARCH December 2018 Perserverance in Research Concordia University, St. Paul November 2018 A CAPSTONE PRESENTATION ON INDEPENDENT BIOLOGY RESEARCH How to count the Cantor set... You Cant?! Concordia University, St. Paul A PRESENTATION TO THE MATHEMATICS CLUB, SIGMA PI November 2018 **3D Printed Koch Snowflake Fractals** Concordia University, St. Paul

April 2018

A PRESENTATION TO THE MATHEMATICS CLUB, SIGMA PI