

#### GRADUATE STUDENT CANDIDATI

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Data Intensive Biology lab of the University of California, Davis

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

• 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

2020 - Present

· 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

**Tutor** St. Paul - Minnesota

Concordia University, St. Paul

2016 - 2018

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

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## Professional Service \_\_\_\_\_

MARINE BIOLOGY LABORATORY

Scholarly Literature Workshop Author and Lead instructor

University of California, Davis

Datalab 2024 - Present

Gene Regulatory Networks for Development Teaching Assistant

University of Chicago

Admissions Committee Member University of California, Davis

- 2024

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
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

MATH AND BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT 2017 - 2018

Sexual Assault Victim Advocate

United States Air Force

Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst

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

United States Air Force 2011 - 2014

**Leadership Mentor**Sheppard Air Force Base

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

2010 - 2011

Treasurer

Hennepin Technical College

Treasurer

Hennepin Technical College
Student Government

2009 - 2010

SkillsUSA participant

Hennepin Technical College

AUTOMOTIVE DEPARTMENT 2009 - 2010

Funding and Grants \_\_\_\_\_

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 2019 - 2020

Post 9/11 GI Bill

US DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

Concordia University, St. Paul

2014 - 2018

May 2024

May 2022

March 2020

March 2020

May 2019

**Federal Pell Grant** 

US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Hennepin Technical College 2008 - 2010

University of California, Davis

## 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 Concordia University, St. Paul

Decemeber 2018

Paul W. Stor Biology Award

Concordia University, St. Paul

FOR EXCELLENCE AND DEDICATION TO UNDERGRADUATE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

**Dean's List**Concordia University, St. Paul

2014 - 2018

January 2013

May 2018

Airman of the Quarter

Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXCELLENCE WHILE SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Academic Excellence

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

University of California, Davis

June 2024

| My Successes and Failures of Grad School: How to Think like a Scientist  | Concordia University, St.Paul   |
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| A DISCUSSION TO STUDENTS ABOUT WHO CAN BECOME A SCIENTIST                | September 2023                  |
| Thoughts on academic writing: Emphasis on the GRFP                       | University of California, Davis |
| A LECTURE ON WRITING THE NSF GRFP TO IMSD STUDENTS                       | October 2022-24                 |
| Relocation and the meaning of life                                       | University of California, Davis |
| A LECTURE TO PREP ON PERSONAL TIPS ON MOVING ACROSS COUNTRY FOR ACADEMIA | 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  |
| A CAPSTONE PRESENTATION ON INDEPENDENT BIOLOGY RESEARCH                  | November 2018                   |
| How to count the Cantor set You Cant?!                                   | Concordia University, St. Paul  |

A PRESENTATION TO THE MATHEMATICS CLUB, SIGMA PI

Science Department Research Symposium

A PRESENTATION TO THE MATHEMATICS CLUB, SIGMA PI

**3D Printed Koch Snowflake Fractals** 

Science Department Research SymposiumConcordia University, St. PaulAN UPDATE ON CURRENT STATE OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH2017, 2018

November 2018

April 2018

Concordia University, St. Paul