

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

• 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
- NIH Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) Affiliate
- NIH Molecular Cell Biology T32 Fellowship 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

2016 - 2018

• Novel artificial culture vessel for shell-less chick development

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, St. Paul

St. Paul - Minnesota

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

# Professional Service

# Scholarly Literature Workshop Author and Lead instructor

University of California, Davis

DATALAB

**Tutor** 

2024 - Present

**Admissions Committee Member** University of California, Davis PREP@UCD 2023 - Present **Recruitment Colloquium Mentor** University of California, Davis BMCDB GRADUATE GROUP 2020 - Present **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 MATH AND BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT 2017 - 2018 **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 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE 2011 - 2014 **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

# Funding and Grants\_

AUTOMOTIVE DEPARTMENT

**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 Concordia University, St. Paul US DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS 2014 - 2018 Federal Pell Grant Hennepin Technical College US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2008 - 2010

2009 - 2010

# **Honors and Awards**

Professors for the Future

University of California, Davis

A COMPETITIVE, LEADERSHIP-DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

May 2024

#### 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 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 and Safety**

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

### **Health and 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

# **Student Funding Panel**

A DISCUSSION TO RECRUITS ABOUT GRADUATE STUDENT GRANTS AND FUNDS

University of California, Davis

June 2024

Concordia University, St.Paul

September 2023

University of California, Davis

October 2022-23

University of California, Davis

May 2022

University of California, Davis

February 2022

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee (DEIC) Gap Year Seminar  A discussion to students on the impact of taking a gap year	University of California, Davis <b>March 2021</b>
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	November 2018

**3D Printed Koch Snowflake Fractals** 

A PRESENTATION TO THE MATHEMATICS CLUB, SIGMA PI

Concordia University, St. Paul

Concordia University, St. Paul

April 2018

2017, 2018