

GRADUATE STUDENT CANDIDATI

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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

Tutor St. Paul - Minnesota

Concordia University, St. Paul

2016 - 2018

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

Professional Service

Scholarly Literature Workshop Author and Lead instructor

DATALAB 2024 - Present

University of California, Davis

University of Chicago

2012 - 2014

Gene Regulatory Networks for Development Teaching Assistant

Marine Biology Laboratory - 2024

Admissions Committee Member University of California, Davis

PREP@UCD 2023 - Present

Recruitment Colloquium MentorUniversity 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 PresidentConcordia 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

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

AUTOMOTIVE DEPARTMENT 2009 - 2010

Funding and Grants_

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 2019 - 2020

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

US DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS 2014 - 2018

Federal Pell GrantHennepin 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

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

A DISCUSSION TO STUDENTS ABOUT WHO CAN BECOME A SCIENTIST

Thoughts on academic writing: Emphasis on the GRFP

A LECTURE ON WRITING THE NSF GRFP TO IMSD STUDENTS

University of California, Davis

June 2024

Concordia University, St.Paul

September 2023

University of California, Davis

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	November 2018
3D Printed Koch Snowflake Fractals	Concordia University, St. Paul

A presentation to the mathematics club, sigma pi

April 2018

Concordia University, St. Paul