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I am a microscopist with experience with several imaging modalities including wide-field, confocal, single molecule localization microscopy, and selective plane illumination. I also have experience in cell biology research, particularly in the field of epigenetics.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Physics

Purdue University

Thesis: *Advancing super-resolution microscopy for quantitative in-vivo imaging of chromatin nanodomains*

Master of Science, Biophysics

University of Chicago

Bachelor of Science, Physics, Magna Cum Laude

Indiana University

Minor: Mathematics

Bachelor of Science, Informatics, Magna Cum Laude

Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering, Indiana University

Concentration: Mathematics

EXPERIENCE

Graduate Researcher

2021-Present

Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

- Developed novel microscopy systems for super-resolution imaging of living cells
- Developed image processing software and probabilistic models for high-dimensional imaging datasets and Bayesian methods for statistical inference tasks
- Designed diffusion models/score-based generative models and general computer vision techniques (object detection, segmentation, etc.) in PyTorch for modeling image datasets in super-resolution fluorescence microscopy
- Investigated the impact of point mutations of epigenetic proteins on the structure of nucleosome nanodomains and complement experimental data with molecular dynamics simulations

Graduate Researcher

2020-2021

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

- Utilized fluorescence microscopy to measure temporal dynamics of calcium concentration in MIN6 cells
- Performed Monte Carlo simulations of cellular networks to relate network architecture to calcium dynamics

Research Assistant

2019-2020

Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

- Developed a scientific package in Python for high-throughput object detection and tracking
- Managed the package lifecycle and user training throughout the laboratory

AWARDS	<i>NIH Graduate Training Fellowship</i> University of Chicago, Chicago, IL	2020
	<i>Travel Award and Lightning Talk Invitation</i> Physical Sciences in Oncology - Minneapolis, MN	2019
	<i>Hudson and Holland Scholarship for Diversity and Inclusion</i> Indiana University, Bloomington, IN	2013-2017
	<i>Founders Scholar</i> Indiana University, Bloomington, IN	2013-2017
	<i>Cigital Scholarship</i> Indiana University, Bloomington, IN	2016-2017
PUBLICATIONS	Clayton Seitz [†] , Donghong Fu [†] , Mengyuan Liu, Hailan Ma, and Jing Liu. <i>BRD4 phosphorylation regulates the structure of chromatin nanodomains</i> . Physical Review Letters (In Review). 2024	
	Clayton Seitz and Jing Liu. <i>Counting fluorescent emitters with a single photon avalanche diode array</i> . Communications Physics (In Review). 2024	
	Clayton Seitz and Jing Liu. <i>Uncertainty-aware localization microscopy by variational diffusion</i> . In Progress. 2024	
	Maelle Locatelli [†] , Josh Lawrimore [†] , Hua Lin [†] , Sarvath Sanaullah, Clayton Seitz , Dave Segall, Paul Kefer, Salvador Moreno Naïke, Benton Lietz, Rebecca Anderson, Julia Holmes, Chongli Yuan, George Holzwarth, Bloom Kerry, Jing Liu, Keith D Bonin, Pierre-Alexandre Vidi. <i>DNA damage reduces heterogeneity and coherence of chromatin motions</i> . PNAS 12 July 2022; 119 (29): 1-11	
	Mengdi Zhang, Clayton Seitz , Garrick Chang, Fadil Iqbal, Hua Lin, and Jing Liu. <i>A guide for single-particle chromatin tracking in live cell nuclei</i> . Cell Biology International 15 January 2022; 46 (5): 683-700	
	Wenting Wu, Farooq Syed, Edward Simpson, Chih-Chun Lee, Jing Liu, Garrick Chang, Chuanpeng Dong, Clayton Seitz , Decio L. Eizirik, Raghavendra G. Mirmira, Yunlong Liu, Carmella Evans-Molina; <i>Impact of Proinflammatory Cytokines on Alternative Splicing Patterns in Human Islets</i> . Diabetes 25 October 2021; 71 (1): 116-127	
	Clayton Seitz , Hailan Ma, and Jing Liu. <i>Cytokine-induced transcriptional memory is evident in the kinetics of transcriptional bursts</i> . Biophysical Society Annual Conference 2022	
TECHNICAL SKILLS	Clayton Seitz , Hua Lin, Keith Bonin, Pierre-Alexandre Vidi, and Jing Liu. <i>Quantifying the spatiotemporal dynamics of dUTP labeled chromatin during the DNA damage response</i> . Biophysical Society Annual Conference 2020	
	ImageJ, CellProfiler, Linux, Bash, Python, R, PyTorch, C/C++, SQL, LaTeX, Git, Docker, SLURM	