# Daniel J. Geiszler

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## **EDUCATION**

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Ph.D., Bioinformatics

Computational Methods for Characterizing Post-translational and Chemical

Modifications Found in Open Searches

California State University San Marcos

B.S., Chemistry; B.S., Biotechnology; Minor, Mathematics

Graduation: 19 Aug 2022

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## **EXPERIENCE**

Koç Üniversitesi – Dr. Nurhan Özlü

16 Sep 2023 – Present

EMBO Postdoctoral Fellow – Proteome Informatics

Istanbul, Turkey

- Developed noise-robust method for post-translational modification localization utilizing machine learning and Bayesian statistics
- Worked alongside biologists to extract meaning from complex experimental designs
- Implemented continuous integration via GitHub Actions

Koc Üniversitesi – Dr. Nurhan Özlü

15 Sep 2022 – 15 Sep 2023

Marie Curie CoCirculation2 Postdoctoral Fellow – Proteome Informatics

Istanbul, Turkey

- Led efforts to identify urinary biomarkers of renal cell carcinoma in unenriched urine
- Advised multiple biological teams on computational proteomics analysis techniques

University of Michigan Department of Pathology - Dr. Alexey Nesvizhskii

3 Jan 2018 – 31 Aug 2022

Graduate Researcher - Proteome Informatics

Ann Arbor, MI, USA

- Published and maintained widely used software packages for mass tolerant proteomics searches
- Developed methods for post-translational modification signature identification in mass spectra
- Spearheaded computational collaborations for multiple inter-university, cross-functional projects in chemoproteomics

University of Michigan Department of Biological Chemistry – Dr. Philip Andrews *Rotation Student – Computational Protein Crosslinking* 

5 Sep 2017 – 21 Dec 2017

Ann Arbor, MI, USA

- Investigated structural changes in the Hsp-CHIP-Tau complex via cleavable crosslinkers
- Devised strategies to adapt existing proteomics software to handle crosslinking technology

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry – Dr. Katherine Kantardjieff Student Researcher – Computational Biology 1 Jun 2015 – 18 May 2017

San Marcos, CA, USA

- Computationally analyzed chimeric protein structure and function with end goal of drug design
- Collected and elucidated X-ray diffraction data for lactate dehydrogenase
- Engineered in silico a selective enzyme inhibitor with attention to ADME/T properties

College of Pharmacy – Dr. Heather Carlson

25 May 2016 – 5 Aug 2016

Summer Researcher - Computational Structural Biology

Ann Arbor, MI, USA

- Analyzed thousands of apo and holo protein structure relationships from the PDB
- Identified 50+ methods of comparing protein structure
- Benchmarked methods of comparing protein structure

FUNDING	
European Molecular Biology Organization Postdoctoral Fellowship € 115,200 (ALTF 109-2023)	16 Sep 2023 – Present
Marie Sklodowska-Curie Action COFUND TÜBİTAK CoCirculation2 Postdoctoral Fellowship € 70,200 (121C367)	15 Sep 2022 – 15 Sep 2023
Proteome Informatics of Cancer Training Program \$73,968 (T32 CA 140044) 48648	1 Sep 2018 – 31 Aug 2021
Training Program in Bioinformatics \$23,844 (T32 GM 070449)	5 Sep 2017 – 31 Aug 2018
HONORS AND AWARDS	
Rackham Graduate Travel Award 2021	
Proteomics Data Mining Challenge 2020 winning team 2020	
IREU Summer Scholarship Recipient	

2017

Magna Cum Laude - CSUSM 2017

**Outstanding Chemistry Graduate** 2017

HyperCube Scholar in Computational Chemistry 2016

Outstanding Senior at CSUSM 2016

## **INVITED TALKS**

Illuminate Your Open Search: Comprehensive PTM Identification 13 Oct 2022 TuPA International Proteomics Congress // 4th National Proteomics Congress

# ACADEMIC SERVICE

25 Oct 2022 Computational Proteomics Woskhop Koç Üniversitesi Istanbul, TR

- Designed a FragPipe user workshop
- Taught hands on computational proteomics workshop for experimentalists

Bioinformatics Peer Mentorship Program 4 Sep 2018 – 31 Aug 2022 Ann Arbor, MI, USA Mentee: Bradley Crone

Helped mentee acclimate to a new lifestyle and identified funding opportunities

**EMBO Practical Course on Quantitative Proteomics** 3 May 2021 European Molecular Biology Organization Remote

Designed post-translational modification analysis lesson plan Taught hands-on post-translational modification workshop

May Institute: Computation and statistics for mass spectrometry and proteomics 14 May 2021 Northeastern University Remote

Facilitated a post-translational modification analysis workshop

Cell Reports; Methods; Journal of Proteome Research; Nature Methods; Open Research Europe

#### OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Technical support and open-source software maintenance

FragPipe (https://fragpipe.nesvilab.org/)

PTM-Shepherd (https://ptmshepherd.nesvilab.org/)

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

ASMS 2023 13 Quantitative Proteomics: Case Studies Member Registration (Upcoming)

Quantitative proteomics; SRM; DIA; Skyline; MSstats

Cultivating a Culture of Respect (2021)

Sexual- and Gender-based Misconduct; Equity

NIH Research Responsibility and Ethics (2017)

Fraud, Fabrications, and Plagiarism; Data Store, Ownership, and Peer Review; Animal Use and Care; Human Subjects Research and IRBs; Conflict of Interest; Research in the Global Workplace; Dual Use Issues

Responsible Conduct of Research and Scholarship (2021)

Ethical Research and Scholarship

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Detecting diagnostic features in MS/MS spectra of post-translationally modified peptides

Geiszler, D. J., Polasky, D. A., Yu, F., Nesvizhskii, A. I. Nature Communications (2023).

Solid-phase compatible silane-based cleavable linker enables custom isobaric quantitative chemoproteomics Burton, N. R, Polasky, D. P., Shikwanna, F., Ofori, S., Yan, T., **Geiszler, D. J.**, da Veiga Leprevost, F., Nesvizhskii, A. I., Backus, K. M. Journal of the American Chemical Society (2023).

MSFragger Labile Mode: A Flexible Method to Improve PTM Search in Proteomics

Polasky, D. A., Geiszler, D. J., Yu, F., Teo, G. C., Nesvizhskii, A. I. (2023). Molecular & Cellular Proteomics, 22(5), 100538.

Multiattribute Glycan Identification and FDR Control for Glycoproteomics

Polasky, D. A., Geiszler, D. J., Yu, F., Nesvizhskii, A. I. (2022). Molecular & Cellular Proteomics, 21(3), 100205.

Enhancing Cysteine Chemoproteomic Coverage Through Systematic Assessment of Click Chemistry Product Fragmentation

Yang, T., Palmer, A. B., **Geiszler, D. J.**, Polasky, D. A., Boatner, L. M., Burton, N. R., Armenta, E., Nesvizhskii, A. I., Backus, K. M. (2022). Analytical Chemistry, 94(9), 3800-3810.

PTM-Shepherd: analysis and summarization of post-translational and chemical modifications from open search results

**Geiszler, D. J.**, Kong, A. T., Avtonomov, D. M., Yu, F., da Veiga Leprevost, F., & Nesvizhskii, A. I. (2021). Molecular & Cellular Proteomics, 20, 100018.

Identification of modified peptides using localization-aware open search

Yu, F., Teo, G. C., Kong, A. T., Haynes, S. E., Avtonomov, D. M., **Geiszler, D. J.**, & Nesvizhskii, A. I. (2020). Nature Communications, 11(1), 1-9.

Integrated proteogenomic characterization of clear cell renal cell carcinoma

Clark, D. J., [39 authors], **Geiszler, D.**, [39 authors]. (2019). Cell, 179(4), 964-983.

Clear cell renal cell carcinoma biomarkers in unenriched urine

Geiszler, D. J., Nazlı Ezgi Özkan, Gamze Bur Yapici, Murat Can Kiremit, Nurhan Ozlu. Manuscript in preparation.

A statistical model for localization of post-translational modifications in noisy spectra

#### PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER WORK

A new statistical model for open search localization

Daniel J. Geiszler, Nurhan Ozlu [Poster]. American Society for Mass Spectrometry (2024). (Upcoming)

The Urinary Post-Translational Modification Landscape and Applications in Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma Biomarker Discovery

**Daniel J. Geiszler**, Nazli Ozkan, Gamze Yapici, Meral Kiremit, Nurhan Ozlu [Poster]. American Society for Mass Spectrometry (2023).

Computational Methods for Characterizing Post-translational and Chemical Modifications Found in Open Searches Daniel J. Geiszler. [Dissertation]. University of Michigan (2022).

Automated modification-specific spectral feature detection

**Daniel J. Geiszler**, Daniel A Polasky, Fengchao Yu, Alexey I. Nesvizhskii. [Poster]. American Society for Mass Spectrometry (2021).

Multi-Level Post-Translational Modification Classification with PTM-Shepherd

**Daniel J. Geiszler**, Andy T. Kong, Dmitry M. Avtonomov, Felipe da Veiga Leprevost, Hui-Yin Chang, Fengchao Yu, Alexey I. Nesvizhskii. [Poster]. American Society for Mass Spectrometry (2020).

Exploring the Open Proteome: Proteomics Open Search Analysis with PTM-Shepherd

**Daniel J Geiszler**, Andy T Kong, Dmitry M Avtonomov, Felipe V Leprevost, Guo Ci Teo, Hui-Yin Chang, Alexey I Nesvizhskii. [Poster]. American Society for Mass Spectrometry (2019).

Structural Biology in the Drug Design Process

Daniel J. Geiszler. [Thesis]. California State University San Marcos (2017).

Crystal Structure of Chicken Muscle Lactate Dehydrogenase

**Daniel J. Geiszler**, Katherine Kantardjieff. [Poster]. Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Symposium (2017).

## **LANGUAGES**

English (native)

Turkish (limited working proficiency)

Spanish (recoverable)

Java

Python

C++ (recoverable)