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HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION · MACHINE LEARNING · ALGORITHMS

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Eadem mutata resurgo. "Changed, yet the same, I rise again."

# **Education**

#### **University of Texas at Dallas**

Dallas, TX

MS IN SYSTEMS ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT

2017 - 2019

**Baylor College of Medicine** 

Houston, TX

MEDICAL DEGREE

2015 - 2017

Medicine seemed to me a narrow tunnel through which I would have to shed most of my identity in order to fit. I began to realize that being a doctor was not the best way that I could help others, or help myself.

**Duke University** 

Durham, NC

A.B. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, B.S. IN NEUROSCIENCE, MUSIC MINOR, JAPANESE MINOR

2009 - 2013

I entered Duke University with the primary goal of understanding the mind, thought, and the nature of intelligence. It's hard not to be envious of the ambitiousness of youth.

**Harvard University** Cambridge, MA

SUMMER SCHOOL

2008

I took the course Intensive Introduction to Data Structures. By this time, my love of Computer Science had already been deeply fomented. I still have my printouts of the lecture slides.

# **Experience**.

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**TECHNICAL COFOUNDER** 2021 - Present

· Formal Software Verification (Under NDA)

**The Bracket Studio** Remote

NEURAL ARCHITECT, COMPUTATIONAL GEOMETER

2021 - Present

A Neural Architect or Neural Designer is a constructor of neuroscience informed neural networks that are embedded in a geometric space. Traditionally, neural networks are embedded in a Hilbert space, or you might say they aren't embedded at all, as anything can be adjacent to anything and everything. Constraining network designs to those that could actually exist in 2D or 3D space (when constructed with non-zero size components) aids interpretability without hampering expressivity.

- Interfaced with our Discord community, answering bounty participant questions and reviewing their pull requests.
- Designed the data bounties, from the contest copy to the sql schemas, and prototyped the collection process to anticipate participant difficulties.
- Wrote programs to facilitate working with and understanding massive datasets.

Dolthub Dallas, TX

SOFTWARE ENGINEER

2020 - Present

Dolt adds revision control capabilities and git semantics to SQL databases. I preside over data bounties, contests in which our community members collaborate and compete to construct large and intriguing datasets.

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#### OfficeHours.com, Upwork, Chegg

Dallas, TX

FREELANCE TUTOR

2018 - Present

Tutoring is diagnostic in nature; often there is one small misunderstanding that once uncovered and corrected allows everything to fall in place. I find being the catalyst aiding in such transformations to be deeply rewarding. I enjoy the dual challenge of comprehending both the subject matter and the student in order to make the complex accessible. Subjects tutored listed in "Certifications" section.

**Self-Decode** BIOINFORMATICIAN 2019 - 2020

I worked as a bioinformatician (bioinformaticist) for Self-Decode, which involved understanding and transforming primary literature in medicine, statistics, and computer science.

- Worked with massive genomic files.
- Calculated polygenic and behavioral risk scores for serious illnesses, such as cancers, heart disease, and COPD.
- Designed procedures to convert these scores to "intuitive, human useful" measures.

• Worked on a risk assessment for COVID-19, which estimated the severity of a case of coronavirus, given background risk factors such as age and pre-existing conditions.

Google Mountain View, CA

SOFTWARE ENGINEER, VIRTUAL ASSISTANTS AND HOME AUTOMATION

2014 - 2015

As a member of the Third Party Actions team, I enabled interactions between third-party developers and Google Assistants.

- Handled the integration of Nest Smart Thermostats with Google services.
- Engaged in grammar engineering to bind search queries to the appropriate response.
- Attended TGFs, weekly all-hands meetings on the global mission and activities of Google.
  Learned and used internal and open-source tools for maintaining and modifying the largest codebase in human history.

#### **Duke University Computer Science Department**

Durham, NC

UNDERGRADUATE TA

2011 - 2013

- Served as a TA for Computer Design/Organization and Introduction to Operating Systems.
- · Conducted review sessions, held office hours, and helped students via Piazza (a classroom Q&A service).
- Met with professors to discuss student progress and to help plan the course.
- · Graded assignments and projects.

**Medical Shadowing** 

Dallas, TX

PREMEDICAL STUDENT

- Duke Neurosurgery (Durham, NC)
- Methodist Hospital Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Surgery
- Lewisville Medical Center Oncology, Radiology

Citizen's Advocate

Coppell, TX

JOURNALIST

2007 - 2009

## Research

#### **Gabianni Theoretical Neuroscience Lab**

Houston, TX

RESEARCHER, PROBABILITY THEORIST, PROGRAMMER

I studied mathematical models of sensory information processing in insects at Rice University. Most of my time was spent pouring through "Mathematics for Neuroscientists," Professor Gabianni's textbook.

#### Nicolelis Brain/Machine Interface Labs

Durham, NC

Undergraduate Researcher, Information Theorist, Programmer

2011 - 2013

The Nicolelis Laboratory is best known for pioneering studies in neuronal population coding, Brain Machine Interfaces (BMI) and neuroprosthetics in human patients and non-human primates.

- Used my programming and mathematical skills to assist in the prototyping of neuroprosthetics.
- Created linear regression models and implemented Kalman Filters to predict the motor intentions of monkeys from neuronal data.
- Wrote code to integrate a mini mind-controlled car with the BMI system.

My senior thesis was the development of an Information Theoretic model of an Artificial Tactile Stimulation Task. The task itself was a discriminatory task in which rhesus macaques learned to distinguish digital objects based on their artificial texture which they sensed via direct brain stimulation when they interacted with the objects on a computer screen. My thesis analyzed their performance on these tasks to produce quantitative measures of the channel capacity of BMI systems.

### **Johns Hopkins Center For Language and Speech Processing**

Baltimore, MD

Undergraduate Researcher, Computational Linguist

Each summer, CLSP organizes and host a few international teams for an intensive 6-week research workshop on speech and language engineering. These very successful workshops have had a widespread impact on the Human Language Technology community.

- Developed natural language processing technologies as part of a team of researchers.
- Created automatic extractive summarizers of multi-speaker audio documents.
- Implemented a reduction of Graph Edit Distance to Binary Linear Programming.
- Computed Kullback-Leibler and Jensen-Shannon Divergence for parse trees.
- Participated in seminars for advanced techniques in Natural Language Processing and Computer Vision.
- Presented research to sponsors at the NSF, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and Google Research.

#### **Duke Center for Eating Disorders**

Durham, NC

2011 - 2012

UNDERGRADUATE CLINICAL RESEARCHER

The Duke Center for Eating Disorders provides comprehensive, individualized treatment for the entire spectrum of eating and body image issues.

- · Participated in research committee investigating the link between proprioceptive awareness and anorexia nervosa.
- Proctored the Y beam balance test protocol as a measure of proprioception.
- Taught the experimental protocol to other researchers.

# Extracurricular\_\_\_\_\_

Instruments

VoraciTee	Durham, NC
DESIGNER, MARKETING DIRECTOR, DESIGN DIRECTOR, CEO	2009 - 2012
Duke Chronicle	Durham, NC
Writer, Associate Online Editor, Graphics Editor	2009 - 2013
Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity - Lambda Nu Chapter HISTORIAN, ASSISTANT PLEDGE MASTER, WEBMASTER, RUSH CHAIR	Durham, NC 2010 - 2013
<b>Duke Habitat For Humanity</b> Active Member, Selected for the 2011 Collegiate Challenge	Durham, NC 2009 - 2011
Duke University - Project Build BUILDER	Durham, NC 2009
Duke Djembe Ensemble Performer	Durham, NC 2009 - 2013
Duke Chinese Dance Troupe Performer	Durham, NC 2009 - 2013

Voice, Classical Guitar, Piano, Percussion