# Emma Flynn

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# EDUCATION

# Carnegie Mellon University & University of Pittsburgh

Ph.D. in Computational Biology

Pittsburgh, PA August 2023–Present

### Georgia Institute of Technology

B.S. in Computer Science, GPA: 3.25/4.00

Atlanta, GA August 2016–May 2020

- Threads: Intelligence and Media
- Minor: Biochemistry and Chemistry
- Relevant Coursework: Data Structures and Algorithms, Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Deep Learning, Intro to Info Visualization, Computer Animation, Natural Language Processing, Biochemistry, Organic Chemistry

# Experience

Microsoft

Redmond, WA

July 2020 - July 2023

Software Engineer

- Develop next-generation distributed systems technology for ubiquitous computing in the Office of the CTO
- Ensure the health and availability of Azure Cloud's fleet as a member of the Datacenter Management (DCM)
  team
- Enhance and support agents for automatic booting and monitoring of Azure Compute clusters
- Automate recovery strategies for life-cycle agents in fleet for immediate mitigation and prevention of outages
- Collaborate with other Azure Compute teams to resolve internal or customer-reported resource availability issues within 48 hours

Pfizer

Cambridge, MA

Machine Learning Intern

May 2019 - August 2019

- Built and trained a multilayer perceptron (MLP) neural network using PyTorch to accurately predict mass spectrum (MS) based on compound structure for MS/MS technique on small molecules using a training set of 100,000 compounds
- Automated process to build data set of 100,000 molecular structures from internal database using specific molecular characteristics
- Constructed Dash app for mass spectrometry (MS) researchers to automate quality control checks of proteomic
  MS data using both supervised and unsupervised learning methods
- Developed support-vector machine (SVM) classifier trained on manually-labeled spectra data to identify faulty
  MS data based on spectra characteristics

#### Big Data and Quantum Mechanics Research Team

Atlanta, GA

Student Researcher

January 2018 - May 2020

- Used Georgia Tech supercomputing cluster to run density-functional theory calculations to approximate adsorption energies for nitrogen fixation on transition metal slabs
- Worked with teammates to develop hypotheses for energy trends from adsorption energy calculations
- Helped to consolidate results and write paper for publication
- Presented on team progress and blockers during weekly research team meetings

Leidos

Charlottesville, VA

Software Engineering Intern

May 2018 - October 2018

- Led text analysis portion of new plug-and-play machine learning product for military intelligence analysts to relate key terms found within intelligence documents
- Used ML and NLP libraries, such as GenSim, NLTK, and Tensorflow, with Python to implement Word2Vec algorithm and named-entity recognition for establishing context between listed entities
- Worked on a SCRUM team of 20 engineers spread over two offices to develop an architecture for plug-and-play ML algorithms
- Parsed diplomatic cables to construct 15 GB text corpus for use in demo of text analysis program

# PUBLICATION

 Comer, B.M., Lenk, M.H., Rajanala, A.P., Flynn, E.L., Medford, A.J. Computational Study of Transition-Metal Substitutions in Rutile TiO2 (110) for Photoelectrocatalytic Ammonia Synthesis. *Catalysis Letters* 151, 1142–1154 (2021).https://doi.org/10.1007/s10562-020-03348-z

## SKILLS

- Programming Languages: Python (4 years), Java (5 years), C++ (1 year), C# (1 year), KQL (1 year), Processing (1 year), C (1 year), R (1 year)
- Tools: Bash, Linux, Git, Visual Studio, LaTeX, Jupyter, PyTorch, Keras, Tensorflow, NLTK, Docker, Dash, Plotly, Android Studio, RDKit, spaCy, Arduino, GenSim
- Lab Techniques: NMR, MS, and IR spectra analysis, gas and thin-layer chromatography, titration, recrystallization, distillation, gel electrophoresis, melting-point analysis
- Languages: Japanese (Adv Beginner)

## Projects

- Interpretability of Multi-Label Classifiers for Movie Genre Classification (PyTorch, 2020)
  - Constructed and compared a Naive-Bayes model, a multi-layer perceptron model, and an LSTM model for performance and interpretability on a multi-label classification task for movie genres based on the Cornell Movie-Dialog corpus
- HB141 App (Swift, 2017)
  - Developed iOS app to aid volunteers at the International Human Trafficking Institute in enforcing House Bill 141, which mandates signage for providing emergency assistance to victims of human trafficking

## SCHOLARSHIPS

• Zell Miller Scholarship 2016–2020

• Hope Scholarship 2016–2020

# Extracurricular Activities

• Atlanta Humane Society

January 2021–May 2021

Volunteer

- Assisted with dog care and adoption visits by cleaning dog kennels and providing attention to skittish dogs
- Georgia Tech Model United Nations

August 2016–May 2020

TechMUN Secretary-General

2020

 Led Secretariat team to plan TechMUN, collegiate-level Model United Nations conference, for delegates from other schools and within GTMUN to compete in four committees

- Advertised conference and communicated logistics to other university Model United Nations programs
- Trained GTMUN members as staff and delegates for participation in conference by teaching parliamentary procedure and policy writing

TechMUN Under-Secretary-General General Assembly

2018-2019

- Planned collegiate-level General Assembly committees for 40 delegates from both within GTMUN and other schools
- Developed public speaking and diplomacy skills while competing against other delegates in simulations of United Nations committees

### · Georgia Tech Marching Band

August 2016-May 2020

Tenor Saxophone

 Promote school spirit at football, basketball, and volleyball games by performing on tenor saxophone at halftime and throughout games

#### • IEEE Robotics Team

August 2018-March 2020

Vision and Playing Field Team Lead

2019-2020

- Implemented computer vision and classification libraries to enable team robot to complete task for IEEE Southeast Con competition
- Led team of mechanical engineers and computer scientists to construct robot playing field to IEEE specifications for robot testing

· The Makery

January 2017–December 2019

Vice President

- Taught hardware basics to computer science majors to instill an excitement for working with firmware and hardware components
- Planned and advertised workshops based on beginner Arduino and Raspberry Pi projects

### Jumpstart

January 2017–August 2017

Volunteer

- Visited under-resourced Atlanta preschool to work with young children on literacy and behavioral skills
- Worked with volunteer team to plan and implement early-education lesson plans for twice weekly visits to class of twenty five-year-old children

### • Georgia Tech Oxford Study Abroad Program

May 2017-August 2017

Participant

- Traveled throughout continental Europe and the United Kingdom studying European art and music