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EDUCATION

M.S. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Nuclear, Plasma and Radiological Engineering

B.A.Sc. Queen's University at Kingston

2017 - Present
2013 - 2017

Engineering Physics with a specialization in Materials Engineering

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2017 - Present

Research Assistant, Advanced Reactors and Fuel Cycles

Urbana, IL

- Conducting research in fuel cycle analysis: specifically using Python and C++ to develop Cyclus, a fuel cycle simulation software
- Processing large data outputted by Cyclus using SQL to analyze various aspects of the fuel cycle
- Development of prediction models for fuel cycle transition scenarios in Cyclus based on material and energy demand

Queen's University at Kingston

2016 - 2017

Research Assistant, Nuclear Materials Research Group

Kingston, ON

- Designed a Sieverts Apparatus to gaseously charge hydrogen gas into zirconium alloys
- The design is being implemented at Reactor Materials Testing Laboratory to test how hydrogen embrittled zirconium alloys respond in nuclear reactor conditions

National University of Singapore

Summer 2016

Research Assistant, Centre for Advanced 2D Materials

Singapore

- Developed two MATLAB programs. One that studies the effect of Berry Curvature on electrons in graphene and another that investigates the effects of changing the geometry of graphene devices on their electric fields
- Both programs are used to assist graduate students in their design of nano-graphene devices

ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE

4th Year Engineering Physics Capstone Project

2016

Self Sorting Recycling Bin

Kingston, ON

- Developed a neural network to sort between recycling and garbage through image recognition and sound profiling
- Led the mechanical team to prototype the physical design which used feedback from the neural network to physically separate the items

Wirecard AG Summer 2014

Summer Technology Intern

Singapore

- Redesigned Wirecard's payment processing webpage using HTML and CSS
- The webpage is still used for redirecting online payments to Wirecard's payment processing service

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Queen's University at Kingston

2015 - 2017

Teaching Assistant, Physics Department

Kingston, ON

• Conducted drop in help sessions once a week for students who required extra guidance in the first year physics courses (PHYS 104/106)

SERVICE

U.S. Women in Nuclear

2018 - Present

Committee Member, UIUC Chapter

Urbana, IL

• Promoting awareness of the benefits of nuclear applications to the UIUC and Champaign-Urbana communities

UC Books to Prisoners

2017 - Present

Volunteer

Urbana, IL

- UC Books to Prisoners is a non-profit that provides books to Illinois inmates at no cost via mail
- As a volunteer, we read letters from inmates and select books that most closely meets their requests to send to them

Queen's Chinese Student Association

2013 - 2017

Co-President

Kingston, ON

• Led a team of 20 to promote cultural awareness and organize social events within the Queen's community

Conference on Industry and Resources Queen's University (CIRQUE)

2015 - 2016

Executive Team Member - Events Coordinator

Kingston, ON

• Worked in a team of 14 to plan, organize and execute a 2-day conference that gives engineering students a broader outlook to the versatility of their degree

Greenovations 2014 - 2015

Committee Member

Kingston, ON

 Promoted sustainability on campus by retrofitting student homes and organizing environmental awareness campaigns

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Languages Python, MATLAB, C++, LabVIEW, Solid Edge, HTML

COMSOL Multiphysics

Protocols & APIs XML

Tools IATEX, Mathematica, shell, vim, bash, atom, Jupyter

Databases MvSQL

Nuclear Software Cyclus, PyNE