

PROFILE

Combined MD/PhD student studying infectious disease and microbiology with diverse research skills in data science, wet-lab techniques, and animal handling. Former professional artist who simultaneously performed at an international level of ballet, pursued diverse interests, and maintained a high-level of academic achievement. Interested in emerging infectious diseases, data science, and equity in the arts.

EDUCATION

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| University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine | May 2028 |
| MD/PhD in Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology, GS1 | |
| University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public Health | May 2020 |
| MS in Infectious Disease and Microbiology | |
| Texas A&M University, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Science | May 2018 |
| BS in Biomedical Studies | |

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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| Peiyong Shi Lab University of Texas Medical Branch <i>Graduate Member (Thesis Lab)</i> | 2021 - 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Applied molecular cloning and virologic techniques at Biosafety Level 3 to characterize emerging variants and mutants resistant to various antiviral compounds at different approval stages (pre-IND to phase 1 trials). | |
| Andrew Routh Lab University of Texas Medical Branch <i>Collaborator</i> | 2021 - 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed web application, NoSQL database, documentation and Nanopore-compatible software for ViReMa, a viral recombination mapper software that detects non-homologous recombination in sequencing data. | |
| Nikos Vasilakis Lab University of Texas Medical Branch <i>Collaborator</i> | 2021 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Identified gene expression changes in a human skin model bitten by Dengue virus-infected mosquitoes. | |
| St. Vincent's Student Clinic University of Texas Medical Branch <i>Steering Committee Member (Logistics and Smoking Cessation Programming)</i> | 2020 - 2021 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assisted in development of a student-run comprehensive care clinic for congestive heart failure patients and performed motivational interviewing for tobacco use. | |
| Ernesto Marques, Jr. Lab University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health <i>Graduate Member (MS Thesis Work)</i> | 2018 - 2020 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Worked on projects related to pathogenesis and host response of Dengue and Zika viral infection, developed and optimized immunoassays, and analyzed large datasets of immune-related patient features. | |
| Vishwajit Nimgaonkar Lab University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Western Psychiatric Hospital <i>Graduate Member</i> | 2019 - 2020 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Applied virologic techniques and cultured brain organoids for modeling of herpes simplex infections. | |
| Koichi Kobayashi Lab Texas A&M College of Medicine <i>Undergraduate Member</i> | 2016 - 2018 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Contributed to several projects related to the role of the gene NLRC5 in various cancers, worked with transgenic mice models, analyzed large public datasets (TCGA), and mentored students. | |
| MD Anderson Cancer Center T. Boone Pickens Academic Tower <i>Integrative Medicine Trainee and Internal Medicine Observer</i> | 2016 - 2017 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Used R to prepare large clinical datasets for multivariate survival analysis, collected clinical data from EPIC software, presented at weekly meetings, attended lectures, and shadowed physicians. | |
| Aggie Research Scholar Texas A&M Vet-Med GI Lab <i>Team Member</i> | 2016 - 2017 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Contributed to research projects utilizing cytokine levels to diagnose canine chronic enteropathies. | |

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

1. Spike determines the tropism and fitness of Omicron BA.1 in human airway cultures. (In preparation)
2. Sotcheff S, Zhou Y, **Yeung J**, Sun Y, Johnson JE, et al. ViReMa: A Virus Recombination Mapper of Next-Generation Sequencing data characterizes diverse recombinant viral nucleic acids. (Under Review at *GigaScience*)
3. Marques ETA, Demers M, D'Aiuto L, Castanha PMS, **Yeung J**, et al. 2022. Herpesvirus Infections in the Human Brain: A Neural Cell Model of the Complement System Derived from Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells. *Current Topics in Behavioral Neurosciences*. Springer; :1-22. doi:10.1007/7854_2022_383
4. **Yeung J**, Routh AL. 2022. ViReMaShiny: An Interactive Application for Analysis of Viral Recombination Data. *Bioinformatics*. btac522, <https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btac522>
5. Yoshihama S, Cho S, **Yeung J**, Pan X, Lizee G, et al. 2021. NLRC5/CITA expression correlates with efficient response to anti-CTLA-4 checkpoint blockade. *Scientific Reports*.
6. Zheng W, Klammer AM, Naciri JN, **Yeung J**, Demers M, et al. 2020. Patterns of HSV-1 infection in neural progenitor cells. *Journal of Virology*. doi:10.1128/JVI.00994-20:JVI.00994-20
7. Liu W, Qdaisat A, **Yeung J**, Lopez G, Weinberg JS, Cohen L, et al. 2018. The association between common clinical characteristics and postoperative morbidity and overall survival in patients with glioblastoma. *The Oncologist*. theoncologist.2018-0056. 10.1634/theoncologist.2018-0056.
8. Liu W, Qdaisat A, Lee E, **Yeung J**, Vu K, Lin J, et al. 2019. The association between weight stability and parenteral nutrition characteristics and survival in patients with colorectal cancer. *Gastroenterology Report*.

SKILLS AND ACTIVITIES

Proficient with R / Shiny, D3.js

Experience with Python, Java, Linux Command line, MongoDB, Docker, Observable

ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE

Final Bow for Yellowface / Gold Standard Arts Foundation | Houston, TX

2021 - 2022

Research Advisor

- Involved in IRB-approved, survey-based research for Final Bow for Yellowface and their non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the visibility of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in dance.

Dance Data Project ® | Chicago, IL

2020 - 2022

Board Member

- Serve on the board of directors for Dance Data Project, a non-profit organization featured in [The New York Times](#) that “promotes equity in all aspects of classical ballet by providing metrics-based analysis”.

Data Pointes | Pittsburgh, PA

2019 - 2022

Founder / Writer

- Created a [data-driven ballet organization](#) analyzing patterns in diversity and hiring; launched [app](#) visualizing common trajectories for ballet dancers.

Colombian Folkloric Ballet | Houston, TX

2016

Soloist Performer

- Performed in *Mi Colombia*, a project funded in part by a grant from the City of Houston through the Houston Arts Alliance and dedicated to the promotion of Colombian culture in the United States.

Houston Ballet | Houston, TX

2016

Audiovisual Intern

- Coordinated with other production team members to fulfill video production-related requests, created checkout system for the video archive in Visual Basic, catalogued, and edited promotional footage.

City Ballet of Houston | Houston, TX

2014 - 2017

Artist in Residence

- Performed as the lead artist in outreach shows at Jones Hall (Greater Houston Youth Nutcracker) for Houston public school systems; outreach shows integrate inner city youths into the performance and award dance scholarships to promising children.

Tulsa Ballet | Tulsa, OK

2012 - 2014

Full-Time Second Company Performer

- Performed in shows with the critically acclaimed company including outreach shows and teaching events for children from the Tulsa public school system.

Awards

UTMB WE Summit Top Student Researcher Awardee – 2022

Carl J. Herzog Endowment for the MD/PhD Program Awardee – 2022

Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health – based on “outstanding scholarship in students” – 2020

Dean’s list – 2016, 2017

Valentina Kozlova International Ballet Competition Semi-Final New Orleans – Bronze medal – 2015

Valentina Kozlova International Ballet Competition Finals New York – Awarded New Jersey Ballet Contract (one of four recipients of a corps company job contract) – 2015

World Ballet Competition – an international competition with competitors from 32 countries – 3rd Place Pas De Deux Division – 2015

Committee Responsibilities

UTMB Pathology Association for Students – Vice President – 2022

UTMB SOM Student Ambassador – Member – 2022

St. Vincent’s Student Clinic - Steering Committee Member (Logistics and Smoking Cessation Programming) - 2020

Public Health Premedical Organization – President – 2020