

JP Flores

I am interested in 3D genome organization and data visualization. I'm passionate about innovation in science and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI).



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SKILLS



HTML
CSS
Git
Photoshop
Illustrator

Made with the R package
pagedown.

Source code available:
github.com/jpfflores-13/cv.

Updated: 2023-11-25.



EDUCATION

2025
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2021

PHD CANDIDATE, BIOINFORMATICS & COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY

UNC Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, NC

- Graduate Certificate in Innovation for the Public Good

2021
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2017

BA, CELLULAR & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY (PUBLIC HEALTH MINOR)

Occidental College

Los Angeles, CA



RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2025
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2022

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Phanstiel Lab (UNC-CH School of Medicine)

Chapel Hill, NC

- Using computational and wet-lab techniques to investigate the role of 3D chromatin structure in response to environmental stress
- Developing a user interface for the R/Bioconductor data visualization package, plotgardener

2021
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2017

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHER

Schulz Lab (Occidental College Department of Biology)

Los Angeles, CA

- Utilize techniques such as DNA isolation, PCR, gel electrophoresis, and HPLC to find medical relevance of venom
- Conduct fieldwork in Kauai to study and capture venomous cone snails



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021
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2020

DATA SCIENCE INTERN

University of Utah David Eccles School of Business Sorenson Impact Center

Salt Lake City, UT

- Work alongside the data science team to provide customized data analysis for clients, write code, learn best practices around data sharing and security, as well as create data visualizations and dashboards. Familiarity with Tidyverse set of packages within the R programming language

2021
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2020

STUDENT MANAGER OF THE STUDENT COALITION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

University of Utah David Eccles School of Business Sorenson Impact Center

📍 Salt Lake City, UT

· student-centric solutions



AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2025
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2021

GRADUATE

- Occidental's 18 Young Scientists to Watch (2023)
- Keystone Symposia Chromatin Architecture in Development & Human Health Underrepresented Trainee Scholarship (\$1200)(2023)
- UNC Department of Genetics Retreat Poster Award (2022)
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow(2021)

2021
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2017

UNDERGRADUATE

- Spotify Next Wave Award Winner (2021)
- Trevor Moawad Leadership Award (2021)
- Dean's Award: Service (2021)
- Capstone Student Leader of the Year Award (2021)
- Lucille Y. Gilman Memorial Award (2021)
- rstudio::global(2021) Diversity Scholar (2021)
- John W. McMenamin Award (2020)



FEATURES & INTERVIEWS

2025
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2021

GRADUATE

- California private colleges fear affirmative action ban as Supreme Court prepares to rule (2023)
- Writing About Race in Biological Science (2023)
- 18 Young Scientists to Watch (2023)
- Three Win NSF Graduate Research Fellowships (2022)
- John Patrick Flores'21: National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRFP) (2022)

2021
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2017

UNDERGRADUATE

- New biology course explores the COVID-19 pandemic in real time (2020)
- Meet JP Flores - Occidental Baseball (2020)
- S2, Episode 1 - Off the Bench featuring Antonio Andrade and JP Flores (2020)
- OxSEA seeks to clean the ocean and educate LA's youth (2019)
- Staying for the summer: Undergraduate Research Center provides students and faculty with summer research opportunities (2019)

I am passionate about empowering the next generation of diverse scientists, because talent is equally distributed but opportunity is not.



TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2024

PROMOTING INCLUSIVITY IN THE RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT

JEDI Leadership Fellows Program

📍 Chapel Hill, NC

- The workshop allows researchers to recognize systemic barriers to inclusion and their impacts on individuals and society, take concrete steps to build supportive relationships with those from marginalized groups, and use their advantages to promote an equitable lab environment

2023

BCB 723 STATISTICAL GENETICS & GENOMICS

Curriculum in Bioinformatics & Computational Biology, Department of Genetics

📍 Chapel Hill, NC

2023

HOW TO LEARN TO CODE

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

📍 Chapel Hill, NC

- Summer miniseries about the basics of computer programming/coding for biological research

2023

WINSPIRE DANCING WITH DATA!

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

📍 Chapel Hill, NC

- Using the programming language R, high school students with marginalized gender identities, worked with data from Spotify. We explored which songs are the best to dance to, do homework to, cry to, and everything in between. Students gained experience in having fun in science, data wrangling & manipulation, data visualization, and science communication

2023

WINSPIRE DIGGING DEEPER

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

📍 Chapel Hill, NC

- Workshop covering the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in science for high school students with marginalized gender identities

2023

ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES TUTOR

Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost - UNC-CH

- Relate to students in both one-on-one and group situations and articulate material in ways that create an optimal learning environment

2021

BIO 268 BIOSTATISTICS

Occidental College Department of Biology

📍 Los Angeles, CA



TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

2022



EFFECTIVE MENTORING TRAINING

- Foundation for developing competencies and skills in effective communication, aligning expectations, assessing progress and understanding, addressing equity and inclusion, fostering independence, cultivating ethical behavior, and being able to articulate a mentoring philosophy to others



ACADEMIC ARTICLES

2022



ADVANCE U.S. INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY EFFORTS BY EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY IN THE EMBASSY SCIENCE FELLOWS PROGRAM

Journal of Science Policy and Governance

- Authored with Rami Major and Rachel Cherney



NON-ACADEMIC ARTICLES

2021



ZOOM FATIGUE: JUST ONE COVID-19 COLLEGE EXPERIENCE CHALLENGE

Inside Higher Ed

2020



LETTER TO THE EDITOR: OCCIDENTAL STUDENT-ATHLETES DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Occidental



INVITED TALKS

2023



THE ROLE OF 3D CHROMATIN STRUCTURE IN RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS

Invited talk, McDaniel College Department of Biology  Westminster, MD

2023



THE PEOPLE OF POSIT: BRINGING PERSONALITY TO R PACKAGES

posit::conf(2023)

 Chicago, IL

2021



STUDENT-EQUITY-CENTRIC: A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION (2021)

University of Utah David Eccles School of Business Sorenson Impact Center

 Salt Lake City, UT


To advance equity and inclusion in science in the future, I will utilize a multi-pronged approach for change: “bottom-up” approaches such as peer mentoring and “top-down” approaches such as using my power to advocate for and implement data-driven and equity-focused policy.




POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- 2023


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HYPEROSMOTIC STRESS INDUCES COMPLETE REWIRING OF CHROMATIN INTERACTIONS
UNC 6th Annual Chromatin & Epigenetics Symposium  Chapel Hill, NC
- 2023


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HYPEROSMOTIC STRESS INDUCES COMPLETE REWIRING OF CHROMATIN INTERACTIONS
Keystone Symposium: Chromatin Architecture in Human Disease & Development  Victoria, BC
- 2023


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HYPEROSMOTIC STRESS INDUCES COMPLETE REWIRING OF CHROMATIN INTERACTIONS
10th Annual Mid-Atlantic PREP & IMSD Research Symposium  Blacksburg, VA
- 2023


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HYPEROSMOTIC STRESS INDUCES COMPLETE REWIRING OF CHROMATIN INTERACTIONS
5th Annual Dr. Samuel M. Nabrit Conference for Early Career Scholars  Providence, RI
- 2023


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HYPEROSMOTIC STRESS INDUCES COMPLETE REWIRING OF CHROMATIN INTERACTIONS
Duke Biomolecular Condensates Symposium  Durham, NC
- 2019


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FROM SEQUENCE TO ACTIVITY: SYNTHETIC NEUROEXCITATORY PEPTIDES FROM FISH-HUNTING CONE SNAILS
Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research  San Pedro, CA
- 2019

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FROM SEQUENCE TO ACTIVITY: SYNTHETIC NEUROEXCITATORY PEPTIDES FROM FISH-HUNTING CONE SNAILS
Society for Intergrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting  Austin, TX
- 2018

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FROM SEQUENCE TO ACTIVITY: SYNTHETIC NEUROEXCITATORY PEPTIDES FROM FISH-HUNTING CONE SNAILS
Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting  San Diego, CA



SERVICE

2023
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2017

EXTERNAL SERVICE

- Biomedical Science Advisory Board Member, Chapel Hill - Carrboro City Schools Project Lead the Way
- Peer Mentor, Graduate Mentorship and Assistance Program Philippines (GradMAP)
- Peer Mentor, Association of Filipino Scientists in America (AFSA)
- Junior Varsity (JV) Baseball Coach, Chapel Hill High School
- Pen Pal, Letters to a Pre-Scientists
- Host/Creator, From where does it STEM?

2023
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2017

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

- NCAA Division III Baseball Team, Occidental College Dept. of Athletics
- Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Occidental College Dept. of Athletics
- Diversity and Equity Board, Associated Students of Occidental College
- Students for Equity & Advocacy in STEM, Occidental College
- Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (JEDI) Occidental College Dept. of Athletics
- ViSTA (Volunteers in Service of Tiger Admission), Occidental College Alumni
- Alumni Secretary, Occidental College Class of 2021
- Leadership Group, UNC Biological and Biomedical Sciences Program