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## EDUCATION

- 2021 – Present | **Cornell Tech**, NY, USA | Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science  
Department of Computer Science | Areas: Artificial Intelligence and Scientific Computing  
GPA 4.0/4.0 — **NSF Graduate Research Fellow** — **Presidential Life Science Fellow**
- 2021 | **University of Pennsylvania**, PA, USA | Master of Computer & Information Technology  
Department of Computer & Information Science | School of Engineering & Applied Science  
GPA 3.97/4.0 — **Interdisciplinary Innovation Fellow** — **Reproducible Research Fellow**
- 2016 | **Smith College**, MA, USA | Bachelor of Arts  
Major: Anthropology (Focus: Biological, Medical Anthropology) | Minor: Environmental Science  
GPA 3.97/4.0 — **Summa Cum Laude** — **Phi Beta Kappa** — **Sigma Xi**

## PROFICIENCIES

- Interests* | Machine learning, causal inference, graphical models, biomedicine, drug development.
- Languages* | *Proficient*: Python; R;  $\text{\LaTeX}$ . *Prior experience*: Java; C; JavaScript; MATLAB.
- Tools* | PyTorch; TensorFlow; sklearn; tidyverse; Stan; git; high-performance computing.
- Courses* | Generative & Probabilistic Models; Causal ML; Bayesian Analysis; Algorithmic Theory; NLP; Computer Vision; Linear Algebra; Discrete Math; Systems Programming.

## GRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 08.2021 – Present | **PhD Student Researcher**, [Institute of AI for Digital Health](#)  
*Cornell University Dept. of Computer Science, Weill Cornell Medicine*, New York, NY, USA  
*PI: Dr. Fei Wang*. Health informatics lab investigating machine learning methods for clinical risk modeling, computational drug discovery, and causal inference for biomedicine.
- 08.2021 – Present | **PhD Student Researcher**, [Kuleshov Group](#)  
*Cornell University Dept. of Computer Science, Cornell Tech*, New York, NY, USA  
*PI: Dr. Volodymyr Kuleshov*. Machine learning research group investigating core problems in generative and probabilistic modeling with applications to genomics and biomedicine.
- 05.2022 – 08.2022 | **Clinical Data Science Research Intern**  
*Boehringer Ingelheim, Global Biostatistics and Data Sciences*, Ridgefield, CT, USA  
*PI: Dr. Yi Liu*. Pharmaceutical industry research investigating deep learning methods for survival analysis that combine imaging, clinical, and radiomics data modalities.
- 05.2020 – 07.2021 | **Master's Student Researcher**, [Machine Biology Group](#)  
*University of Pennsylvania Dept. of Bioengineering*, Philadelphia, PA, USA  
*PI: Dr. César de la Fuente*. DOD-funded laboratory integrating synthetic biology, machine learning, and molecular dynamics to engineer novel antimicrobials. Engineered ML systems to predict peptide functions and inform deep learning-based *de novo* peptide design.

## SELECT FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

**2023** Cornell Tech Service and Community Award  
**2021** National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship  
**2021** Presidential Life Science Fellowship | Cornell University  
**2020** Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Innovation | University of Pennsylvania Provost, GAPSA  
**2020** Reproducible Research Fellowship | Open Knowledge Foundation, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation  
**2016** Summa Cum Laude (highest honors – 1% of graduating class) | Smith College

## PRE-PRINTS & WORKSHOP PAPERS

**2023** Maasch J, et al. Local Discovery by Partitioning: Polynomial-Time Causal Discovery Around Exposure-Outcome Pairs. *Under review*. [arXiv: 2310.17816](#). Workshop poster: [NeurIPS Causal Representation Learning Workshop](#).  
**2023** Maasch J, et al. Regularized Data Programming with Automated Bayesian Prior Selection. *Under review*. [arXiv: 2210.08677](#). Workshop poster: [ICML Workshop on Structured Probabilistic Inference & Generative Modeling](#).  
**2023** Su C, Hou Y, Xu J, Xu J, Brendel M, Maasch J, et al. Identification of Parkinson PACE subtypes and repurposing treatments through integrative analyses of multimodal clinical progression, neuroimaging, genetic, and transcriptomic data. *Under review*. [medRxiv: 2021.07.18.21260731](#).

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**2023** Maasch J\*, Torres M\*, et al. Molecular de-extinction of ancient antimicrobial peptides enabled by machine learning. *Cell Host & Microbe* 31. (\*Equal contribution.)  
**2023** Su C, Hou Y, Rajendran S, Maasch J, et al. Biomedical discovery through the integrative biomedical knowledge hub (iBKH). *iScience* 26 (4).  
**2022** Melo M\*, Maasch J\*, de la Fuente-Nunez C. *ACS In Focus: Machine Learning for Drug Discovery*. American Chemical Society. [eISBN: 9780841299238](#). (\*Equal contribution.)  
**2021** Melo M\*, Maasch J\*, de la Fuente-Nunez C. Accelerating antibiotic discovery through artificial intelligence. *Communications Biology* 4(1). (\*Equal contribution.)  
**2021** Palmer N, Maasch J, et al. Molecular dynamics for antimicrobial peptide discovery. *Infection and Immunity* 89(4).  
**2020** Maasch J, et al. Rectal swabs as an alternative sample collection method to bulk stool for the real-time PCR detection of *Giardia duodenalis*. *Am J of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene* 103(3).  
**2020** Benjamin-Chung J, Pilotte N, Ercumen A, Grant JR, Maasch J, et al. Comparison of multi-parallel qPCR and double-slide Kato-Katz for detection of soil-transmitted helminth infection among children in rural Bangladesh. *PLOS NTDs* 14(14): e0008087.  
**2020** Hasegawa M, Pilotte N, Kikuchi M, Means AR, Papaiakevou M, Gonzalez AM, Maasch J, et al. What does soil-transmitted helminth elimination look like? Results from a targeted molecular detection survey in Japan. *Parasites and Vectors* 13(6).  
**2019** Pilotte N, Maasch J, et al. Targeting a highly repeated embryonic DNA sequence for improved real-time PCR-based detection of *Ascaris* infection in human stool. *PLOS NTDs* 13(7): e0007593.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

**Referee** [Computing] AISTATS; ACL Rolling Review; ICML Workshop on Structured Probabilistic Inference & Generative Modeling; NeurIPS WiML Workshop. [Life sciences] Communications Biology (Nature Portfolio); Bioinformatics (Oxford Academic); ACS Infectious Diseases (American Chemical Society).

**Patents Pending** (2022). Co-Inventors: de la Fuente-Nunez C, Torres M, Melo M, Maasch J. Title: *Identification of antimicrobial peptides*. Docket no: 104377.000299 / 23-10289. Application no: 63/383,761.