# Justin Paul Skycak

## **EXPERIENCE**

Current	Cognitive Neuroimaging Research Assistant @ Rose Lab (Cognitive Neuroscience Lab at University of Notre Dame)
AUG 2016	> Using machine learning methods (e.g. multi-voxel pattern analysis) to analyze neuroimaging data in cognitive neuroscience experiments.
Current JAN 2016	Data Scientist Intern @ AUNALYTICS (Data Science Startup)  > Analyzed multimillion-row banking and clickstream datasets, both of which spanned multiple levels of scale/granularity.  > Blueprinted and prototyped a searchable online image gallery to connect our data visualizations to the code that was used to generate them.  > Created data exploration/hypothesis generation webapps with R's Shiny package.
Current	Mathematics Instructor @ Mathnasium of Granger (Tutoring Franchise)
MAR 2013	Taught math to students of all grades and occasionally ran the center.
AUG 2015	Machine Learning Research Intern @ NEW MEXICO CONSORTIUM (Engineering Lab in Los Alamos, NM)
MAY 2015	<ul> <li>Attempted to generate synchronous spike-rate oscillations using the PetaVision library for brain-based deep convolutional neural network supercomputing.</li> <li>Successfully implemented spiking neurons but unable to demonstrate spike-rate oscillations</li> <li>Notre Dame Summer Research Grant: apx \$3,000</li> </ul>
JULY 2013	Physics Research Intern @ QUARKNET (Particle Detection Lab at University of Notre Dame)
MAY 2013	> Tested and analyzed efficacy of light generation/transmission materials > Results sent to decision-makers of material upgrades in the CMS particle detector at CERN. > Presented project at regional (NIRSEF) and state (HSEF) science fairs under name "Optimizing Scintillation and Light Transmission for Use in a High-Energy Particle Detector" > IAS Junior Research grant: \$300
MAY 2013	Volunteer Physics Researcher @ LEVINE LAB (Particle Detection Lab at Indiana University South Bend)
SEPT 2012	> Designed and created a material to improve acoustic sensors in the COUPP dark matter detector > Presented project at regional (NIRSEF), state (HSEF, INJSHS, IAS Talent Search), and international (ISEF) science fairs under name "Making a Matching Layer for Acoustic Sensors in a COUPP Dark Matter Detector" > IAS Junior Research Grant: apx \$50
2013	Camp Counselor @ CHILDREN'S DISPENSARY (Special-needs Nonprofit in South Bend, IN)
2011	>Taught, supervised, and assisted special-needs children. >Created promotional media CDs.

#### **EDUCATION**

### Current

#### B.S. in Honors Mathematics @ University of Notre Dame

AUG 2014

- > Took applied math grad-level courses as a sophomore
- > Glynn Honors Scholar
- > Presented comp neuro project "Network Motif-Inspired Evolution of Hodgkin-Huxley Neuronal Networks with Spike-Timing Dependent Plasticity" at ND COS-JAM 2015. Found rules describing the final states of STDP neural networks in terms of cycle lengths and stimulus locations/frequencies, provided that the cycles are sufficiently small.
- > Published math project "Numerical Investigation of the 3n+1 Problem and its Continuous Extension" in Scientia, ND's journal of undergrad research, & served 2 yrs as math section editor

## May 2014

| Valedictorian @ MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL (Mishawaka, IN)

AUG 2010

- > Eli Lilly Scholarship (4 yrs. full tuition at any Indiana college)
- > National Merit Finalist
- > National AP Scholar
- > 2x Chem Olympiad regional finalist

### COMPUTER LANGUAGES/SOFTWARE

PROFESSIONAL WORKING PROFICIENCY: R, Python, Matlab

BASIC: C, Javascript, html, CSS, php, Tableau, Git