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EDUCATION:

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

Expected: June 2019

Doctor of Philosophy: Biomedical Engineering

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

March 2015

Bachelor of Science: Bioengineering

Major GPA: 3.75/4.0

Bachelor of Science: Mathematics-Applied Science

Major GPA: 3.74/4.0

YALE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

2014

Global Pre-MBA Leadership Program: Selective Leadership Program

Placed 3rd in Audubon Business Concept Pitch Plan, and 2nd in Audience Choice Award

HONORS AND AWARDS:

NSF-GFRP (Honorable Mention) – Honorable mention out of 17,000 applicants	2016
Intel Cornell Cup (Finalists) – Created a prototype using Intel hardware placing in top 10 in nation	2016
NIH NETI – NeuroEngineering training initiative for 11 students out of ~500 that apply to program	2015
Frontiers of Innovation Scholars Program – Interdisciplinary fellowship out of 350 applicants	2015
California Space Grant / IDEA Center Scholarship – Recipient of competitive scholarship	2014
NCHIA E-Team Program – National selective program (~15% acceptance rate) for funding	2014
UCSD Sixth College Leadership Award – Finalist For Outstanding Leadership	2014
ASAIO – Student Design Competition Top 27 In Nation	2014
Tau Beta Pi – Engineering honor society	2014
Gordon Fellow – Engineering leadership excellence award	2014
Health and Life Sciences Grant – Interdisciplinary grant for pilot studies in translational medicine	2013
Von Liebig NSF I-Corps Fellow – Competitive startup program for NSF seed funding	2013
Chapter of the Year Award – National award from ISPE for best student chapter in the country	2012, 2013
National EWH Design 2nd Place – Placed 2 nd for global healthcare engineering design	2013
Gordon Leadership Scholar – Competitive leadership program	2013
Amgen Scholar UCSD – Competitive summer research program (awarded but had to decline)	2013
California Institute for Telecommunications and IT – Competitive Summer Research Grant	2012

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES:

1. “Analysis of Gait Applied to Parkinson’s Disease”, A. Li, N. Gandhi, I. Litvan and T. Coleman, Thiel Summit Conference for Entrepreneurship, Las Vegas NV, November 11th, 2014.
2. “GreenHaven 501© Non-Profit Business Pitch”, A. Li, A. Ruby, N. Rivat, R. Saha, A. Foster and A. Terra, Yale School of Management Audubon Pitch, New Haven NH, June 29th, 2014.
3. “The Gait Analysis of Parkinson’s Disease”, A. Li, N. Gandhi, L. Li, J. Chu, C. Yang, I. Litvan and T. Coleman, UCSD Bioengineering Day Poster Conference, San Diego CA, April 10th, 2014.

4. *"BioMetrics Analytics"*, A.Li, N. Gandhi, L. Li, J. Chu, C. Yang, Von Liebig NSF I-Corps Phase 1 Pitch, La Jolla CA, March 10th, 2014
5. *"Feasibility of 3D Deformation and Strain Analyses by Micro-Computed Tomography"*, A. Li, E. Cory, J. Caffrey, V. Wong, Q. Nguyen and R. Sah, ISPE Poster Competition, La Jolla CA, May 29th, 2013.
6. *"Feasibility of 3D Deformation and Strain Analyses by Micro-Computed Tomography"*, A. Li, E. Cory, J. Caffrey, V. Wong, Q. Nguyen and R. Sah, Calit2 Summer Scholars Presentation, La Jolla CA, September 21st, 2012.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

COMPUTATIONAL BIOPHOTONICS LABORATORY

Nov 2015 – Present

Graduate Student Researcher under Dr. Nicholas Durr

Baltimore, MD

- Using photometric stereo, Phong reflection model, reconstruct colonoscopy videos into topographical surface maps to allow GIs to better diagnose lesions

NEUROMEDICAL CONTROL SYSTEMS LABORATORY

Aug 2015 – Present

Graduate Student Researcher under Dr. Sri Sarma

Baltimore, MD

- Utilizing machine learning algorithms, statistical modeling, network theory, high performance computing and spectral analysis to analyze EEG signals during epilepsy (Python, MATLAB on Linux Systems)

NEURAL INTERACTION LABORATORY

Sept 2013 – Sept 2015

Senior Design Engineer and Undergraduate Researcher under Dr. Coleman and Dr. Litvan

La Jolla, CA

- Researched and developed novel ways to evaluate Parkinson's disease using gait and 3D spatiotemporal data from the Microsoft Kinect in collaboration with Computer Vision Lab and School of Medicine.
- Started a project from scratch to develop a Parkinson's disease tracking software product using C++ and Matlab to create a data acquisition platform and signal analysis algorithms
- Mentored a senior Bioengineering design group within the design course sequence to engineer a cost-effective mobile eye tracking system in collaboration with a movement disorders specialist
- Carried out validation and clinical experiments on 21 PD and 21 control subjects, while coordinating scheduling with clinicians and patients
- Secured startup company funding from the National Science Foundation and the VentureWell E-Team Program and also applied to present at the Clinton Global Initiative University
- Wrote successful Health and Life Sciences grant and IRB to carry out pilot clinical studies in collaboration with 3 professors; awarded the Gordon Fellowship Award for outstanding engineering leadership

ENGINEERING WORLD HEALTH

Sept 2012 – Sept 2014

Project Team Leader for PCR under Dr. David M Smith

La Jolla, CA

- Collaborated with UCSD School of Medicine and a clinic in Mozambique to develop a rapid, cost-effective medical device for diagnosing HIV, which culminated in 2nd place for the EWH National Design Competition
- Led team of 10 in product development, while managing a budget of over \$10,000. Developed firmware on microcontroller using C++ and C (utilized PID algorithm, SolidWorks and circuit design)
- Mentored and helped carry out "build days" with K-12 students to get them excited about science

QUALCOMM INSTITUTE

Jun 2012 – Sept 2012

Summer Research Scholar under Calit2

La Jolla, CA

- Awarded \$3000 to be a part of a 30 person cohort in order to conduct ~40+ hrs/week of independent research for the purpose of improving quality of life using emerging technologies and analytics

- Conducted initial feasibility experiments using a LabView programmed mechanical actuator to compress agarose hydrogels with embedded radiopaque particles, while imaging with 3D microCT
- Developed a computational method with 90% accuracy to measure strain and strain variance using quantitative statistical analysis

CARTILAGE TISSUE ENGINEERING LABORATORY

Sept 2011 – Jun 2013

Undergraduate Researcher under Dr. Robert L Sah

La Jolla, CA

- Created standard operating procedures for inventory processing, laboratory operations, tissue preparation, hydrogel polymerization, data collection methods and data analysis of CT images
- Scanned and analyzed bone and tissue images using microCT, Excel, Matlab and CT image analysis software and then documented experimental results through scientific reports
- Contributed to a large human cartilage research project by scanning ~20 samples over the course of an entire weekend for ~72 hrs straight; in collaboration with orthopedic surgeons and post-docs of lab

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE:

BIOMETRICS ANALYTICS

Sept 2013 – Sept 2015

Chief Executive Officer & Co-Founder

San Diego, CA

- Researched & developed novel ways to evaluate Parkinson's Disease using biometric sensors and robust data analysis; led team in data acquisition of human data, data analysis and statistical analysis using MATLAB and Python
- Developed Parkinson's disease tracking software using Microsoft Kinect with C++, C#, MATLAB and Python to create data acquisition and machine learning algorithms and movement analytics
- Raised over \$20,000 and filed an IRB for carrying out pilot clinical human study; received the Gordon Fellowship Award for outstanding engineering leadership (awarded to 3 students/year at UCSD)
- Accepted into the Von Liebig National Science Foundation I-Corps Program as well as the NCIIA Entrepreneurship Program (~15% acceptance rate)

UCSD COMPUTER SCIENCE

Sept 2014 – Mar 2015

Computer Science Tutor under Gary Gillespie

San Diego, CA

- Sole bioengineer in cohort, assisted 100+ students in learning basic data structures in Java, C and C++
- Graded exams and assisted professor in communicating fundamental concepts in computer science

WEST HEALTH INSTITUTE 501©

Jun 2014 – Jun 2015

Data Processing Intern under Asim Mittal

San Diego, CA

- Researched and recommended technological improvements to data collection that could be incorporated into the analytics group at the institute for the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Wrote pymongo queries running on an event scheduler (python, MongoDB) that provide metrics and analytics for the clinical team to analyze behavior during gameplay on the Microsoft Kinect
- Developed clinical web forms using HTML, CSS, Highcharts.JS, JavaScript (with JQuery), which are then linked to a DB with Node.js; tested on an AWS instance using git and bitbucket VCS
- Built an Android application that created a custom launch screen for the clinical team with Java and XML

GENENTECH INC.

Jul 2013 – Jun 2014

Process Engineering Intern and College Ambassador under Domenic Schmizzi

San Francisco, CA

- Collaborated with Genentech College Programs to improve online engagement by ~60%, while coordinating events with directors and human resources that drew in over 200 attendees

- Implemented a new batch control process using Rockwell Automation and PLCs to automate chromatography purification process (used Structured Text, Sequential Flow Charting, SQL and Python)

LEADERSHIP AND OTHER EXPERIENCE:

THREAD Nov 2015 – Present

Volunteer – engage underperforming high school students

GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE ORGANIZATION Sept 2015 – Present

BME Department Representative

ALPHA KAPPA PSI @ UCSD Apr 2012 – Jun 2014

Class President and Director of Consulting

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PHARMACEUTICAL ENGINEERING @ UCSD Sept 2011 – June 2014

Vice President External

COMPETITIONS:

HOPHACKS (1st place in Biomedical Data Challenge) Feb 2016

- Created web app for web scraping, data visualization and search functionality of clinical trials in the USA

HACKPRINCETON (Microsoft Data Challenge) Nov 2015

- Developed Python/MongoDB backend, and preprocessed data into JSON for analytics and big data analysis

MEDHACKS @ JHU 2015 (1st place) Oct 2015

- Developed apparatus using ultrasound transducers, raspberry PI and web server to detect blood clots

MICROMOUSE @ UCSD 2015 May 2015

- Developed micromouse with Teensy microcontroller, custom PCB, flood-fill alg, PID alg using C++/C

SKILLS/PROGRAMMING:

Computational:

1. **MATLAB** (5 years, advanced) – all around use for computational analysis
2. **Python** (3 years, intermediate/advanced) – used Pymongo, scikit, numpy, IPython
3. **C and C++** (3 years, intermediate) – familiar with data structures, std library, OO programming

Web/Mobile Technologies:

1. **HTML/CSS/ Javascript** (2 years, intermediate) – familiar with web site building, UI and dynamic web function
2. **Django/Flask** (1 year, intermediate) – built many websites with secure UI in mind
3. **Android/iOS** (1 year, intermediate) – familiar with Java/Swift, XML Layouts, backend of mobile
4. **Unix** (3 years, beginner) – basic understanding of navigating terminal and Linux systems

Databases/Hosting:

1. **PostgreSQL** (2 years, intermediate) – familiar with web site building
2. **SQLite** (2 years, intermediate) – created blog sites and comment models
3. **AWS/Heroku/PythonAnywhere** (1 year, beginner) – using free hosting to deploy websites

Prototyping:

1. **Arduino/Raspberry Pi** (4 years, intermediate) – sound understanding of how to prototype
2. **Electronics/SolidWorks** (4 years, intermediate) – diverse experience with sensors and hardware