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Education

2018-present **PhD Student - Bioinformatics**, *University of Michigan*,
Dept. of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics,
Program in Biomedical Sciences
Medical School | Rackham Graduate School

2014-2018 **BS Biology**, *University of Kentucky*
◦ Minor: Computer Science
◦ 4-year full tuition Presidential Scholarship
◦ Graduated Cum Laude
◦ Departmental Honors in Biology
◦ Lewis Honors College

Research Experience

- 2018-2019 **Rotation Student Researcher**, *University of Michigan*
◦ Muneesh Tewari Lab: exploring the miRNA profiles of healthy individuals.
◦ Lana Garmire lab: characterizing lncRNA variation across cancer types.
◦ Pat Schloss lab: benchmarking clustering algorithms for microbiome research.
◦ Arvind Rao lab: identifying master transcription factors in glioma progression.
- 2015-2018 **Undergraduate Lab Assistant**, *Moseley Bioinformatics Lab*,
Dept. of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry, University of Kentucky
◦ Developed a computational tool for identifying sets of orthologous and paralogous gene products in whole genomes to facilitate collinearity analysis and detection of gene duplication events.
- 2016-2018 **BIO395 Independent Research Student**, *Weisrock Lab*,
Dept. of Biology, University of Kentucky
◦ Developed scripts and a SNP calling pipeline for amplicon sequence data.
◦ Population structure analysis of the *Ambystoma tigrinum* species complex.
◦ Bayesian species delimitation of the *Desmognathus fuscus* species complex.
- 2015-2016 **Undergraduate Lab Assistant**, *Jaromczyk Lab*,
Dept. of Computer Science, University of Kentucky
◦ Maintained the *Epichloë festucae* genome project database.
◦ Analyzed RNA-seq data of *Chenopodium quinoa* and coffee ringspot virus.

Awards

- Dec 2017 **Oswald Research & Creativity Award**, *University of Kentucky*
- Awarded a \$200 prize for second place in the Biological Sciences category.
 - Manuscript title: "Developing a Global Homology and Collinearity Analysis Framework for Identifying Gene Duplication Events."
 - Advisor: Prof. Hunter NB Moseley.
- May 2017 **Summer Research Grant**, *University of Kentucky*
- Awarded a \$2,000 grant by the UK Office of Undergraduate Research to work full time on a research project during the summer.
 - Project title: "Developing a Global Homology and Collinearity Analysis Framework for Identifying Gene Duplication Events."
 - Advisor: Prof. Hunter NB Moseley.

Presentations

- Apr 2018 **Developing a Global Homology Analysis for Comparative Genomics**, *Advisor: Prof. Hunter NB Moseley*
- Poster, *Showcase of Undergraduate Scholars*, University of Kentucky
 - Oral, *Systems Biology & Omics Integration Seminar*, University of Kentucky
 - Poster, *National Conference on Undergraduate Research*, University of Central Oklahoma
- Apr 2016 **Processing RNA-seq Reads of Plants Infected with the Coffee Ringspot Virus**, *Advisor: Prof. Jerzy W Jaromczyk*
- Poster, *Showcase of Undergraduate Scholars*, University of Kentucky
 - Poster, *UT-KBRIN Bioinformatics Summit*, Cadiz, KY
- Apr 2015 **The Effect of Meditation on Performance**, *Advisor: Prof. Bruce O'Hara*
- Poster, *Showcase of Undergraduate Scholars*, University of Kentucky

Volunteering

- Mar. 2019 **Capstone activity leader**, *FEMMES capstone event*.
- Winter 2019 **Capstone project mentor**, *Girls Who Code at UM-DCMB*.
- 2018-present **Summer experience planning committee member**, *Girls Who Code at UM-DCMB*.

Teaching Experience

- Dec. 2018 **Software Carpentry helper**, *during 2-day [workshop](#) teaching the Unix Shell, Programming in R, and Version Control with Git*, University of Michigan
- 2012-2017 **Tutor**, *for high school and college students in Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Computer Science, and Bioinformatics*.