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Education

2018-present **PhD Bioinformatics**, *University of Michigan*,

Dept. of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics

2014-2018 **BS Biology**, *University of Kentucky*,

Dept. of Biology, Minor: Computer Science

Research Experience

2019-present Graduate Student Researcher, Schloss Lab,

Dept. of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Michigan

- Developing bioinformatics tools & pipelines for microbial ecology.
- o 16S rRNA sequence and tandem mass spectrometry data analysis.

2018-2019 **Rotation Student Researcher**, *Program in Biomedical Sciences*, University of Michigan

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

Grants & Fellowships

2019-2020 NIH T32 Bioinformatics Training Program Fellow

University of Michigan

Dec 2017 Oswald Research & Creativity Award, UK Office of Undergraduate Research, 2nd place in the Biological Sciences category (\$200) University of Kentucky

May-Aug Summer Research Grant, UK Office of Undergraduate Research, (\$2,000)

2017 University of Kentucky

2014-2018 **Presidential Scholarship**, (out-of-state full tuition)

University of Kentucky

Honors

May 2018 Graduated Cum Laude with Departmental Honors in Biology

University of Kentucky

May 2018 Biology Undergraduate Research Award Nominee

University of Kentucky

2014-2018 Lewis Honors College

University of Kentucky

Service

2019-present **Graduate Student Coordinator**, Data Analysis Networking Group,

University of Michigan, um-dang.github.io

- Organize monthly meetings & a one-day symposium for researchers to sharpen their data analysis skills.
- Funded by a Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop grant.

2018-present **Executive Committee Member**, Girls Who Code at UM-DCMB,

University of Michigan, github.com/gwc-dcmb

o Plan, apply for funding, develop curriculum, & facilitate collaborative development of our resources to teach introductory programming & data science to high school women.

2009-present Live Sound Engineer, for various churches and non-profit organizations.

- o Set up, maintain, repair, and operate front of house, monitor, and recording systems during sound checks, rehearsals, services, and concerts.
- o Train new sound techs in the art and science of live sound.

Teaching Experience

2018-present **Software Carpentry instructor**, *U-M Software Carpentry*, umswc.github.io

- o 06-07 Jan 2020. Lead instructor for U-M WISE-sponsored workshop.
- o 01-02 July 2019. Workshop instructor.
- o 22-23 May 2019. Workshop helper.
- o 01 Mar 2019. Workshop helper.
- o 17-18 Dec 2018. Workshop helper.

2019-2020 Facilitator & Capstone Project Mentor, Girls Who Code at UM-DCMB, Weekly GWC Club for high school women, University of Michigan

- 15-19 July Facilitator & Capstone Project Mentor, Girls Who Code at UM-DCMB,
 - 2019 Data Science Summer Experience, Detroit, MI
- 25 Apr 2019 **DNA Day Ambassador**, *MI DNA Day*, Epigenetics & scientific journeys, Ann Arbor, MI
- 20 Mar 2019 **Workshop helper**, *Graduate Society of Black Engineers and Scientists*, Data visualization with Python workshop, University of Michigan
- 16 Mar 2019 Capstone Activity Leader, Females Excelling More in Math, Engineering, & Science, Binary numbers through Ozobots with GWC at UM-DCMB, University of Michigan
 - Jan-May Capstone Project Mentor, Girls Who Code at UM-DCMB,
 - 2019 Weekly GWC Club for high school women, University of Michigan
 - 2012-2018 **Tutor**, *freelance*, for high school and college students in Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Computer Science, and Bioinformatics.

Presentations

- Apr 2018 **Showcase for Undergraduate Scholars**, Developing a Global Homology Analysis for Comparative Genomics, Poster, University of Kentucky
- Apr 2018 **Systems Biology & Omics Integration Seminar**, Developing a Global Homology Analysis for Comparative Genomics, Talk, University of Kentucky
- Apr 2018 National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Developing a Global Homology Analysis for Comparative Genomics, Poster, University of Central Oklahoma
- Apr 2016 **Showcase for Undergraduate Scholars**, *Processing RNA-seq Reads of Plants Infected with the Coffee Ringspot Virus*, Poster, University of Kentucky
- Apr 2016 **UT-KBRIN Bioinformatics Summit**, *Processing RNA-seq Reads of Plants Infected with the Coffee Ringspot Virus*, Poster, Cadiz, KY
- Apr 2015 **Showcase for Undergraduate Scholars**, *The Effect of Meditation on Performance*, Poster, University of Kentucky

Continuing Education

- 17-19 Dec Winter School in Research Software Engineering, US Research Software
 2019 Sustainability Institute
 Seattle, WA
- 03-04 Jun **Software Carpentry Instructor Training**, *The Carpentries* 2019 University of Michigan
- 01-05 May **PyCon Education Summit & Conference**, *Python Sofware Foundation* 2019 Cleveland, OH

24-26 Apr MICROBIOL 612.2, Riffomonas minimalR workshop 2019 University of Michigan