Alex Ostrovsky

Programming Background

Programming Languages

• Python, R, Bash, MatLab, Arduino

Bioinformatics Tools

- Proficient in: Velvet, BLAST/BLAT, GMAP/GSNAP, FastQC, SAMtools,
- Experience in: Biopython, VANTED, Lipid Maps, RStan

Other Programming Tools

• Slurm, Tidyverse

Education

University of Oregon

- M.S. Bioinformatics and Genomics Program
- B.S. Biology with a minor in Chemistry

Expected December 2019

March 2018

Research Experience

Muscle Metabolism and the Reprogramming Effect of Offspring Diet

September 2018 - Present

Graduate Researcher at the McCurdy lab in Eugene, OR

- Analyzed 121 lipid species from 4 groups of monkeys for trans-generational effects of maternal obesity on the lipidome
- Statistically modeled interactive effects between maternal and juvenile diets
- Investigated RNA expression data for correlation to lipidome via pathway and gene-module analysis
- Employed statistical and biological analysis techniques and visualization in R

Behavioral Analysis of Mus. musculus Olfaction

June 2017 - April 2018

Undergraduate Researcher at the Smear Neuropsychology Lab in Eugene, OR

- Created and designed experiments as project leader for other undergraduate students
- Conducted and attended multiple mouse surgeries in preparation of experiments
- Performed behavioral analysis via Go-Nogo experiments employing/altering pre-existing programs
- Gained coding skills in Arduino and MatLab languages
- Enhanced existing code to include a user interface and to synchronize with other programs

Phylogenetic Analysis of miRNA in Antarctic Fish

September 2016 - June 2017

Undergraduate Researcher at the Postlethwait Lab in Eugene, OR

- Performed large-scale genetic, phylogenetic, and statistical analysis regarding gene retention, alteration and duplication from existing genome assemblies
- Studied miRNA expression and evolution by performing personally-designed heat and cold shock experiments with zebrafish and teleost species
- Manuscript in preparation for heat and cold shock data

Investigation of Chemoreceptor TlpC Structure in H. pylori

September 2015 - June 2016

Undergraduate Researcher at the Remington Lab in Eugene, OR

- Worked to find the function and structure of bacterial proteins, including chemoreceptors in *H. pylori* through x-ray crystallography
- Practiced techniques of sample preparation, bacterial culture, experimental design and x-ray crystallography methodology

Work Experience

Graduate Employee

September 2018 - Present

University of Oregon in Eugene, OR

- Taught Animal Behavior to 200 undergraduate students
- Lead three 1-hour discussion groups per week
- Graded exams and homework for 50 75 students per week
- Worked 1-on-1 with students in and outside of class to further their scientific skills and knowledge

Assistant Manager

June 2012 - June 2018

What's the Scoop? Ice Cream in Portland OR

- Aided in founding a small family ice cream business and creation of best-practice methodologies
- Created flavors and toppings
- Trained 15+ new employees
- Communicated both in-person and via social media with patrons for a superior customer experience

Treasurer

October 2015 - June 2015

University of Oregon Residence Hall Association in Eugene, OR

- Representative for over 500 students to the Housing department and higher administration of the university
- Represented the University of Oregon at a regional conference

Volunteer Activities

Housing advisory council member, University of Oregon

January 2015 - Present

Provided student perspective regarding decisions made by the housing department

Volunteer at the Columbia Humane Society, St. Helens, OR

March - June 2014

University of Oregon National Residence Hall Honorarium, Eugene, OR

June 2015 - June 2016

• Service organization working through the Residence Hall Association at the University of Oregon