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Education

Sep 2005–present Massachusetts Institute of Technology / Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, MA

Division of Health Sciences and Technology and Department of Mathematics

PhD Candidate in Biomedical Engineering and Applied Mathematics

Sep 2001–Jan 2005 New York University, New York, NY

BA, magna cum laude, in Mathematics and Biology

Experience

Jan 2007–present Harvard Medical School, Department of Genetics, Boston, MA

Graduate Researcher, Advisor: George Church

Development of high-throughput sequencing technologies for immune receptors

Dec 2010–Jun 2011 Flagship Ventures, Cambridge, MA

Consultant

IP development and research for an in-house start-up

Dec 2007–Sep 2010 Good Start Genetics, Cambridge, MA

Founder and Director

Genetic diagnostics start-up utilizing next-generation sequencing technology

May 2006–Aug 2006 **OrbiMed Advisors**, New York, NY

Summer Associate

Venture capital/hedge fund focusing on life sciences.

Jul 2002–Aug 2005 New York University, Departments of Chemistry and Mathematics, New York, NY

Undergraduate Researcher, Advisor: Tamar Schlick

Development of methods for RNA structural bioinformatics

Prizes/Awards/Fellowships

2011	Forbes 30 Under 30 Science & Innovation
2006	NIH Bioinformatics and Integrative Genomics Fellowship
2005	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention
2004	Phi Beta Kappa
2004	Hollis Cooley Prize for Excellence and Promise in Mathematics
2004	NSF VIGRE Research Fellowship
2003	George Granger Brown Scholarship Award in Chemistry
2003	Howard Hughes Honors Summer Institute Research Fellowship
2002	Susumu Okamura Research Scholarship
2001	Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist

Publications

Larman HB, Zhao Z, **Laserson U**, Li MZ, Ciccia A, Gakidis MAM, Church GM, Kesari S, LeProust EM, Solimini NL, Elledge SF (2011) Autoantigen discovery with a synthetic human peptidome, *Nature Biotech* **29**: 535

- **Laserson U**, Gan HH, Schlick T (2006) Exploring the connection between synthetic and natural RNAs in genomes: a novel computational approach, *New Algorithms for Macromolecular Simulation*, Springer Berlin Heidelberg, 35-56
- **Laserson U**, Gan HH, Schlick T (2005) Predicting candidate genomic sequences that correspond to synthetic functional RNA motifs, *Nucleic Acids Research* **33**: 6057
- Fera D, Kim N, Shiffeldrim N, Zorn J, **Laserson U**, Gan HH, Schlick T (2004) RAG: RNA-As-Graphs web resource, *BMC Bioinformatics* **5**: 88
- **Laserson U**, Gan HH, Schlick T (2004) Searching for 2D RNA geometries in bacterial genomes, *Proceedings of the Twentieth Annual Symposium on Computational Geometry*, ACM, 373-377
- Gan HH, Fera D, Zorn J, Shiffeldrim N, Tang M, **Laserson U**, Kim N, Schlick T (2004) RAG: RNA-As-Graphs database—concepts, analysis, and features, *Bioinformatics* **20**:1285

Patents

- Church GM, Bachelet I, **Laserson U**, Vigneault F (2011) High-throughput immune sequencing, Patent application WO PCT/US2011/055801
- Porreca G, **Laserson U**, Li JB, Wassman ER (2010) Methods and compositions for evaluating genetic markers, Patent application W02010126614

Selected Talks/Posters

Invited talk	"Technologies for immune repertoire characterization", IBC Life Sciences Conference on
	Drug Discovery & Diagnostic Development, San Francisco, 1-3 Aug 2011
Invited talk	"High-throughput technologies for immune receptor characterization and manipulation",
	Gordon Research Conference on Antibody Biology & Engineering, Ventura, CA, 7-12
	Mar 2010
Poster	"The Personal VDJ-ome", Centers for Excellence in Genomic Science Grantee Meeting,
	Pasadena, CA, 15-17 Oct 2008