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EDUCATION

M.S.I. Information, University of Michigan School of Information, 2020
M.S. Physical Chemistry, University of Michigan, 2017
B.A. Political Science, Michigan State University, 2011
B.S. Physics, Michigan State University, 2011

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2020– Project Manager, Thomer Lab, University of Michigan School of Information

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Research data: data curation and management, facilitating access to research data, data cleaning and processing, developing and documenting transparent data workflows for reproducible scientific analysis

Natural science informatics: using the principles and techniques of information science to improve, analyze, & interpret data relevant to pressing problems

Libraries' role in science: outreach, open & equitable access to scientific research and resources, citizen & community science projects

Semantics-based knowledge organization: linked data, taxonomies, ontologies, thesauri, classification schemes, and controlled vocabularies

WORK, RESEARCH, & PROJECT EXPERIENCE

2019– Research Assistant, Thomer Lab, University of Michigan School of Information
- Analyzed the applicability of the PROV ontology to unstructured dataset descriptions
- Cleaned natural history data and fit it to appropriate data models

2018–20 Resident & Program Assistant, Shapiro Design Lab, University of Michigan Library
- Created data processing workflows for the Lab's Zooniverse projects
- Crosswalked Ann Arbor biodiversity data to Darwin Core for upload to GBIF

2020 Summer Librarian, University of Michigan Biological Station

2019 Technical Services Project Assistant, University of Michigan Library

2015–17 Research Assistant, Geva Group, University of Michigan Dept. of Chemistry
2013–14 Research Assistant, Hoogstraten Laboratory, Michigan State University Dept. of
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

INSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE

Workshops

Library Carpentry workshop. (Co-instructor, Feb. 2022)
Data Carpentry workshop: Ecology with R. (Co-instructor, Nov. 2021)

University of Michigan

SI 666: Organization of Information Resources (Graduate Student Instructor)
SI 106: Programs, Information, and People (Graduate Student Instructor)
SI 699: Digital Curation Mastery Course (Tutor)
CHEM 125/126: General Chemistry Laboratory I & II (Graduate Student Instructor)
CHEM 453: Biophysical Chemistry I (Graduate Student Instructor)
CHEM 260/261: Chemical Principles & Introduction to Quantum Chemistry (Graduate Student Instructor)
CHEM 230: Physical Chemical Principles and Applications (Graduate Student Instructor)

Michigan State University

PHY 184: Physics for Scientists and Engineers II (Teaching Assistant)
PHY 232: Introductory Physics II (Teaching Assistant)
PHY 191: Physics Laboratory for Scientists I (Teaching Assistant)
PHY 251: Introductory Physics Laboratory I (Teaching Assistant)
PHY 102: Physics Computations I (Teaching Assistant)

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- 2022 Alofs, K. M., King, K. B. S., **Lenard, M. C.**, Schell, J., Singer, R., López-Fernández, H., Wehrly, K. E., & Thomer, A. K. (under review). A guide for coupling natural history specimens and historical survey data to understand changing ecological patterns. Submitted to *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*
- 2017 Jafari, M., Welden, A., Williams, K., Winograd, B., Hendrickson, H., **Lenard, M.**, Gottfried, A., & Geva, E. (2017). Compute-to-Learn: Authentic Learning via Development of Interactive Computer Demonstrations within a Peer-Led Studio Environment. *J. Chem. Ed.* 94(12): 1896–1903. DOI: <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.jchemed.7b00032>

- 2015 Wiley, T., Arruda, B., Miller, N., **Lenard, M.**, & Sension, R. (2015). Excited electronic states and internal conversion in cyanocobalamin. *CCL* 26(4): 439–44. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ccllet.2015.03.003>

Book Chapters

- 2022 Thomer, A. K., Wofford, M. F., **Lenard, M.**, Dominguez Vidana, S. E., & Goring, S. J. (2022). Revealing Earth Science code and data use practices using the Throughput Graph Database. In [Names] (Eds.), *Recent Advancement in Geoinformatics and Data Science*.

White Papers

- 2021 **Lenard, M.**, Thomer, A. K. Appendix for NAS report on statistical metadata standards. (Accepted, publication forthcoming)

PRESENTATIONS

Talks

- 2021 Dominguez Vidana, S., Goring, S. J., **Lenard, M.**, Wofford, M., & Thomer, A. K. (2021, October 13). Machine Learning in the Earth Sciences: A Broad Survey with Use Cases from the Throughput Database. GSA Connects, Portland, OR. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1130/abs/2021AM-370665>
- 2021 Dominguez Vidana, S., Thomer, A. K., Wofford, M., **Lenard, M.**, & Goring, S. J. (2021, December 13–17). Discovering and Describing links between notebooks and analysis in code repositories, data, and publications in the Earth Sciences. AGU Fall Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Posters

- 2022 Starks, J., **Lenard, M.**, & Thomer, A. K. (2022, March 15–17). Common themes in research on the migration and maintenance of research databases and digital collections. RDAP (Virtual).
- 2021 Wofford, M. F., Goring, S. J., **Lenard, M.**, Dominguez Vidana, S. E., & Thomer, A. K. (2021, December 9). Discovering data reuse with the Throughput Annotation Database. FORCE 2021 Online Conference. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5768578>
- 2020 **Lenard, M.** (2020, February). Zooniverse Data Workflows. UMSI QuasiCon, Ann Arbor, MI.

SKILLS

Knowledge of scientific literature, the scientific research process, and the research data lifecycle

Experience with Darwin Core, DC, MARC, BIBFRAME, XML, JSON, RDF, RDFS, SKOS, OWL, PROV, and various other data and metadata standards

Competency with Python, R, Regular expressions, SQL, SPARQL, OpenRefine, Protégé, Mathematica

Certified instructor for The Carpentries workshops

Familiarity with statistical analyses and data cleaning and wrangling techniques

Experience working with large, heterogeneous scientific databases and datasets

Ability to learn new systems and software quickly, including *inter alia* integrated library systems, stats packages, various APIs, content management systems, and database software

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2019 Rackham Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Certificate

2014–17 Rackham Science Award (Fellowship)

2011–12 Kaplan, Strangis and Kaplan Law School Scholarship

2011–12 Dean's Distinguished Scholarship

2010 Herbert T. Graham Scholarship

2006–10 Michigan Competitive Scholarship

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