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Trinity College Hartford, Connecticut
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Research experience

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UC San Diego, Salk Institute La Jolla, California
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Research Associate 2016 – 2020
Broad Institute Cambridge, Massachusetts
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Undergraduate Researcher 2014 – 2016
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Boston, Massachusetts
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Undergraduate Researcher 2013
Trinity College Hartford, Connecticut
HHMI Science Education Alliance-Phage Hunters Advancing Genomics and Evolutionary Science program. (SEA-PHAGES: seaphages.org)

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Cloud computing: Cromwell, Google Cloud Platform (GCP), Terra
Visualization: ggplot, matplotlib

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Websites: Jekyll, Bookdown, Blogdown, Jupyter Book

Software Development

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