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## Research interests

Retrotransposon activity in the developing, aging, and diseased human brain.

## Education

**University of California, San Diego** — La Jolla, California
PhD in Bioinformatics and Systems Biology — In Progress
Advised by Rusty Gage and Eran Mukamel

**Trinity College** — Hartford, Connecticut
BS in Molecular and Cellular Biology — May 2016
Minor in Models and Data

## Honors and Awards

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship — 2022
*National Science Foundation (NSF)*

Spot Award — 2017
*Broad Institute*

Beta Beta Beta National Biology Honors Society — 2014
*Trinity College*

NESCAC Winter All-Academic Team — 2014
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## Research experience

**PhD Student** — 2020 – Present
*UC San Diego, Salk Institute* — La Jolla, California
Mentors: Rusty Gage and Eran Mukamel

**Research Associate** — 2016 – 2020
*Broad Institute* — Cambridge, Massachusetts
Mentors: Aviv Regev, Benjamin Izar, Pratiksha Thakore, Yaara Oren

**Undergraduate Researcher** — 2014 – 2016
*Dana-Farber Cancer Institute* — Boston, Massachusetts
Mentors: Matthew Meyerson, Alison Taylor

**Undergraduate Researcher** — 2013
*Trinity College* — Hartford, Connecticut
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| | *Department of Biology, Trinity College* | Hartford, Connecticut |
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| | BIOL 224: Genetics | |
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| | *Salk Institute for Biological Studies* | |
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| | **Director of Onboarding** | 2021 – Present |
| | **Symposium Organizer** | 2022 |
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| | **Seminar Organizer** | 2021 |
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| | *Diversity and Science Lecture Series* | La Jolla, California |
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| | **Volunteer** - High Tech High Mesa | Fall 2021 |
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| | **Data Analysis** | |
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*Cloud computing*: Cromwell, Google Cloud Platform (GCP), Terra

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