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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  
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**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  
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**Undergraduate Researcher**    2013  
*Trinity College*    Hartford, Connecticut  
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## Teaching / Mentorship

<b>Undergraduate mentor</b>	2021 – Present
<i>UCSD Biology Undergraduate and Master’s</i>	La Jolla, California
<b>Bootcamp instructor</b>	Fall 2021, Fall 2022
<i>Bioinformatics and Systems Biology, UCSD</i>	La Jolla, California
<b>Teaching assistant</b>	Spring 2015
<i>Department of Biology, Trinity College</i>	Hartford, Connecticut
BIOL 224: Genetics	
<b>Tutor</b>	2014 – 2016
<i>Department of Biology, Trinity College</i>	Hartford, Connecticut
BIOL 182: Evolution of Life	
BIOL 183: Cellular Basis of Life	
BIOL 224: Genetics	

## Service / Outreach

<b>Committee Member</b>	2021 – Present
<i>Advisory Committee on Diversity</i>	La Jolla, California
<i>Salk Institute for Biological Studies</i>	
<b>Director of Onboarding</b>	2021 – Present
<b>Symposium Organizer</b>	2022
<i>Graduate Bioinformatics Council</i>	La Jolla, California
<i>UCSD Bioinformatics and Systems Biology</i>	
<b>Committee Member</b>	2020 – Present
<i>Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee</i>	La Jolla, California
<i>UCSD Bioinformatics and Systems Biology</i>	
<b>Seminar Organizer</b>	2021
<b>Symposium Organizer</b>	Fall 2021
<i>Diversity and Science Lecture Series</i>	La Jolla, California

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**Volunteer** - High Tech High Mesa

Fall 2021

**Volunteer** - La Jolla High School

Fall 2021

*SciChats@Salk Education Outreach*

La Jolla, California

*Salk Institute for Biological Studies*

## Profficiencies / Skills

### **Programming Languages**

R, Python, Bash

### **Data Analysis**

*Single-cell genomics:* Seurat, scanpy, pegasus

*Pipeline development:* Workflow development language (WDL), Snake-make

*Job managers:* Cromwell, Sun Grid Engine (SGE), Slurm, PBS-Torque

*Cloud computing:* Google Cloud Platform (GCP), Terra

*Visualization:* ggplot, matplotlib

### **Programmatic Reporting**

*Notebooks / Slides:* Quarto, Rmarkdown, Jupyter Notebooks

*Websites:* Jekyll, Bookdown, Blogdown, Jupyter Book

### **Software Development**

Git, GitHub, GitHub Actions CI/CD