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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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Teaching / Mentorship

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

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

UCSD

Volunteer - High Tech High Mesa

Fall 2021

Volunteer - La Jolla High School

Fall 2021

SciChats@Salk Education Outreach

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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