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Education

2027	McGovern Medical School, Houston, TX Medical Scientist Training Program	MD
2025	University of Texas at Houston, Houston, TX Neuroscience, Advisor: Valentin Dragoi	PhD
2017	Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Program	
2014	Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA High Honors in Philosophy and Linguistics	BA
2013	University of Oxford, Oxford, UK Study Abroad: Philosophy of Mind	

Awards

2023	National Research Service Award (F30) National Institutes of Health: National Eye Institute
2022	Clinical and Translational Science Predoctoral Fellowship (TL1) Center for Clinical & Translational Sciences, McGovern Medical School
2022	Osborne Endowed Scholarship in the Neurosciences Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy, McGovern Medical School
2014	High Honors in Philosophy and Linguistics Swarthmore College Honors Program

Publications

- M. Joyce, P. Nadkarni, S. Kronemer, [...], **M. Slapik**, et. al. (2022). "Quality of Life Changes Following the Onset of Cerebellar Ataxia: Symptoms and Concerns Self-Reported by Ataxia Patients and Informants." *Cerebellum*.
- O. Morgan., **M. Slapik**, K. Iannuzzelli, et. al. (2020). "The Cerebellum and Sequencing in Motor and Cognitive Domains: Evidence from Cerebellar Ataxia." *Cerebellum*.
- S. Kronemer, **M. Slapik**, J. Pietrowski, et. al. (2020). "Neuropsychiatric Symptoms as a Reliable Phenomenology of Cerebellar Ataxia." *Cerebellum*.
- M. Slapik**, S. I. Kronemer, O. Morgan, et. al. (2018). "Visuospatial Organization and Recall in Cerebellar Ataxia." *Cerebellum*.

Work

- 2021 – Now **Graduate Research Assistant, Dragoi Lab**
McGovern Medical School, *Houston, TX*
Investigate how the brain processes visual information
- Use an image generator and optimizer to develop optimal stimuli for neurons in visual cortex
 - Analyze communication between brain areas and how it transforms based on brain state
- 2016 - 2019 **Research Assistant, Marvel Lab**
Johns Hopkins Medical School, *Baltimore, MD*
Examined the cognitive and emotional symptoms of cerebellar ataxia
- Designed cognitive tasks assessing visuospatial skills, gestalt processing, implicit sequence learning and verbal encoding
 - Administered cognitive tasks, emotional questionnaires and motor tests to ataxia patients and controls

Volunteering

- 2021 – Now **Volunteer Counselor**
Crisis Text Line, *Houston, TX*
- Provide counseling to clients experiencing thoughts of suicide, self-harm, and other emotional crises
 - Undergo extensive training on therapy techniques like active listening and lack of judgement
- 2021 – Now **Shadowing, Department of Psychiatry**
UTHealth, *Houston, TX*
- Shadow psychiatrists and residents treating a variety of psychiatric disorders in an inpatient psychiatry ward

Certificates

- 2023 **Machine Learning Specialization**
Stanford University (Coursera)
- 2023 **Deep Learning Specialization**
deeplearning.ai (Coursera)
- 2023 **AI for Medicine Specialization**
deeplearning.ai (Coursera)

Organizations

- 2017 - Now **Society for Neuroscience**
- 2017 - 2019 **National Ataxia Foundation**