

# NICOLAS BERTAGNOLLI

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## OBJECTIVE

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My goal is to learn as much as I can and do meaningful work.

## EDUCATION

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**University of Utah** May 2016

Masters in Computer Science; GPA 3.77/4.0

- ◆ Coursework: Advanced Algorithms, Scientific Visualization, Structured Prediction, Clustering, Data Mining, Convex Optimization

**University of Utah** May 2014

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics with a minor in Biomedical Engineering; GPA: 3.7/4.0

- ◆ Coursework: Machine Learning, Probabilistic Graphical Models, Digital Circuits, Genomic Signal Processing, Modern Algebra, Real Analysis, Numerical Analysis, Probability Theory

## SKILLS

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### Programming

- ◆ Scala, Java, Processing, C

### Additional Software/Hardware

- ◆ Python, R, Matlab, Mathematica, Maple, Tableau, Arduino, Verilog, SQL, LaTeX, UNIX, Version Control (git, mercurial)

### Lean Startup

- ◆ Started a small tech company focused on addressing known issues in swim coaching
- ◆ Designed, built, and iterated potential technology with customers using hypothesis driven product development

### Miscellaneous

- ◆ Strong communication and technical writing
- ◆ Avid skier, mountain biker, climber, martial artist, and flautist

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**University of Utah – Salt Lake City, Utah** Aug 2014-Present

Graduate Research Assistant

- ◆ Design algorithms for learning distributed representations of general structures
- ◆ Rigorously prove relationships between known algorithms and leverage these results to create new methods in natural language processing and machine learning

**University of Utah – Salt Lake City, Utah** Aug 2011-May 2014

Research Assistant Genomic Signal Processing Lab

- ◆ Studied mathematical and computational techniques for the analysis of high throughput genetic assays
- ◆ Developed algorithms for the discovery of novel biological phenomena from data using matrix factorizations
- ◆ Created software to simultaneously extract meaningful patterns from metabolic and transcriptomic data using SVD

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Rowland Hall High School**, Substitute Teacher

- ◆ Taught math and science classes to high school students when needed

**University of Utah School of Computing**, Teaching Assistant

- ◆ Provided supplemental instruction and wrote homework for the graduate and undergraduate machine learning course

## PROJECTS

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### Facial Recognition & Classification

- ◆ Implemented a facial recognition system in Matlab using singular value decomposition

### Swim Tracker

- ◆ Designed arduino based swim tracker capable of measuring stroke count and lap time to millisecond accuracy, submitting this data to a coach in real time over RF, and handling disrupted communication due to water

### Transfer Function Visualization Tool

- ◆ Designed a user friendly tool to create meaningful transfer function visualizations of complex physical data in Processing

### X-Ray Leach Depth Analysis Tool

- ◆ Designed an image analysis system to find the cobalt leach depth in synthetic diamond based on X-Ray images

## PUBLICATIONS

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- ◆ J. M. Tennessen, **N. M. Bertagnolli**, L. Evans, M.H. Sieber, J. Cox and C. S. Thummel (2014) “*Drosophila Embryogenesis and the onset of aerobic glycolysis*,” *G3: Genes, Genomes, Genetics* 4(5): 839-850.
- ◆ **N. M. Bertagnolli**, J. A. Drake, J. M. Tennessen and O. Alter (2013) “*SVD Identifies Transcript Length Distribution Functions from DNA Microarray Data and Reveals Evolutionary Forces Globally Affecting GBM Metabolism*,” *PLoS ONE* 8(11): e78913