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#### Education

# Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

July 2022 – Present

Doctor of Philosophy, Systems Biology and Bioinformatics

Principle investigator: Jonathan Haines

Thesis: TBD

### The Pennsylvania State University, Erie, PA

May 2022

B.S. in Biology, Concentration in Molecular and Cell Biology and Biochemistry

Minor in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

## **Graduate Research Experience**

PhD student Dr. Johnathan Haines

May 2023-Present

• Studying the genetic similarities between Alzheimer's Disease and Age Related Macular Degeneration

### **Graduate Research Experience**

PhD rotation student Dr. William Bush	DATE?
PhD rotation student Dr. Fredrick Schumacher	DATE?
PhD rotation student Dr. Scott Williams	DATE?
PhD rotation student Dr. Ming Wang	DATE?

# **Undergraduate Research Experience**

Research assistant to Dr. Matthew Gruwell

Jan 2019- Mar 2019

- "Barcode of Behrend Project"
  - Extract DNA using gMAX Mini Genomic DNA Extraction Kit
  - Amplify DNA through PCR
  - Operate Agarose Gel Electrophoresis to visualize PCR product size

Research Assistant - Dr. Matthew Gruwell and Dr. Ivor Knight

August 2021- May 2022 Sept 2020-May 2021

Mar 2019-Mar 2022

"Early Detection of Ship-Mediated Aquatic Invasive Species through Environmental DNA"

Study subjects were *Hemimysis anomala* and *Daphnia lumholtzi*.

- Assist in experimental design, development, and execution
- Extract DNA using gMAX Mini Genomic DNA Extraction Kit and Qiagen DNeasy Kit
- Amplify DNA through PCR and qPCR
- Measure PCR product concentration using Nanodrop spectrophotometer
- Operate Agarose Gel Electrophoresis to visualize PCR product size and verify sample accuracy
- Developed PCR and qPCR probes

Note: Discovery of *Hemimysis anomala* in Pennsylvania waters of Lake Erie

Aug 2019

"Measuring miRNA Levels in Extracellular Vesicles Released from Oligodendrocytes in Response to Cortisol Exposure"

- Review literature related to area of study
- Design and plan experiments
- Culture and maintain cells
- Perform LDH and CCK8 assays

Summer Intern, Magee Women's Research Institute

May-July 2021

"Using Environmentally Realistic PCB Exposure Levels to Estimate the Risk of Breast Cancer Development in Erie County Residents"

- Followed extraction protocol to remove PCBs from tissue of fish common to Lake Erie
- Analyze compounds on Gas Chromatograph-Mass Spectrometer
- Cultured and maintained NIH 3T3 cells

### **Conference Presentations and Grants**

- 29<sup>th</sup> Virtual Penn State Behrend-Sigma Xi Undergraduate Research and Creative Accomplishments
   Conference
   April 2021
- Magee Women's Research Institute Annual College Program Presentation Day
   July 2021
- Penn State Behrend 2021-22 Undergraduate Student Academic Year Research Grant September 2021
- Regional Science Consortium 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Symposium Nov 2021
- 30<sup>th</sup> Penn State Behrend-Sigma Xi Undergraduate Research and Creative Accomplishments Conference April 2022

#### **Honors and Awards**

Behrend Honors Program, Pennsylvania State University

Aaron Meehl Biology Award- Outstanding Rising Senior, Pennsylvania State University

Dean's list, Pennsylvania State University

Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021

#### **Software and Research Skills**

- Extract DNA using gMAX Mini Genomic DNA Extraction Kit and Qiagen DNeasy Kit
- Operate Thermal cycler
- Operate qPCR instrument
- Operate Nanodrop Spectrophotometer
- Perform gel electrophoresis

- PCR and qPCR probe development
- Culture Cells
- LDH and CCK8 assays
- Microsoft Excel, Word, and PowerPoint
- R and Linux commands

### **Teacher's Assistant Experience**

Introductory Biology Lab TA, Pennsylvania State University

Aug 2021-Dec 2021

- Assisted instructor with grading papers
- Guided students through labs
- Answered student questions

## **Leadership and Memberships**

Biology Club, Pennsylvania State University

• President Aug 2021- Present

- Conduct meetings
- o Plan activities and meetings
- o Organize and facilitate elections

• Vice President Aug 2020- May 2021

- o Help president plan and execute recruitment and club meetings and events
- Assist president with conducting meetings

• Member Aug 2018- May 2020

o Participate in club events, volunteer opportunities, and attend club meetings

### Lambda Sigma National Honor Society

• Fundraising committee

Aug 2019- May 2020

 Raise funds for club activities to donate to charities and organizations and volunteer in various capacities

## **Volunteer Experience**

Junior Volunteer, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA

June 2017- July 2017

- Greeted and assisted patients in the Phlebotomy Laboratory
- Cleaned Microbiology Laboratories
- Disposed of test samples in Urology Laboratory
- Performed light administrative duties including scanning and filing papers

### **Work Experience**

Summer Help, First Quality, Nutek Disposables Inc. McElhattan, PA

May 2020-Aug 2020

• Prepared raw materials for use, loaded raw materials into machine and maintained cleanliness of equipment

Cashier, Lowe's, Mill Hall, PA

May 2018-Aug 2018

• Processed financial transactions and provided a positive experience to customers