

EDUCATION

University of Washington

PhD Student, Computer Science and Engineering

Seattle, WA
2017 - Present

M.S. of Computer Science and Engineering

2019

Advisor: Su-In Lee

Research interests: machine learning with applications in health and biology

Harvard University

B.A. Computer Science (Mind, Brain, and Behavior Honors Track), minor in Statistics

Cambridge, MA
2017

Honors: *cum laude* in field

EXPERIENCE

Paul Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering, University of Washington

Graduate Research Assistant

Seattle, WA
2017 - Present

- PhD student in Computer Science and Engineering, employing machine learning models and interpretability methods for biological and medical problems. Advised by Professor Su-In Lee.

Recursion Pharmaceuticals

Data Science Intern

Salt Lake City, UT
Autumn, 2021

- Developing machine learning models for analyzing high-throughput gene expression datasets and incorporating them with Recursion's imaging-based assays.

Facebook – Dangerous Content Team

Machine Learning Software Engineer Intern

Seattle, WA
Summer, 2020

- Developed a data processing and ML pipelines to identify networks of bad actors for the Dangerous Content team.

Harvard University Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology

Undergraduate Research Fellow

Cambridge, MA
2016 - 2017

- Employed deep learning pipelines to process large, next-generation sequencing data on Harvard's high-performance computing cluster. Advised by Professor Sean Eddy and Peter Koo.

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Center for Sleep and Cognition

Undergraduate Research Fellow

Boston, MA
2015 - 2016

- Led a study to collect and analyze polysomnography and EEG datasets to investigate the relationship between dysfunctional sleep architecture and abnormal neural responses to stimuli.

Mt. Sinai Medical School: Neuropsychomaging of Addiction & Related Conditions Group

Undergraduate Research Fellow

New York, NY
Summer, 2014

- Integrated genetic and fMRI datasets to identify key relationships between a proenkephalin gene polymorphism, error processing, and behavioral traits in cocaine-addicted individuals.

Neuropsychomaging Group, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Research Assistant

Upton, NY
2011 - 2013

- Investigated the relationship between single nucleotide polymorphisms in the dopamine transporter gene and neural responses to drug-related stimuli via EEG.
- Analyzed longitudinal data from cocaine addicted individuals to identify predictors of relapse.

PUBLICATIONS AND PROJECTS

- Nicasia Beebe-Wang**, Ayse B. Dincer, Su-In Lee. “An automatic integrative method for learning interpretable communities of biological pathways.” *NAR Genomics and Bioinformatics*, 2022.
- Ethan Weinberger, **Nicasia Beebe-Wang**, Su-In Lee. “Moment matching deep contrastive latent variable models.” *25th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)*, 2022.
- Nicasia Beebe-Wang**, Safiye Celik, Ethan Weinberger, Pascal Sturmfels, Philip De Jager, Sara Mostafavi S*, and Su-In Lee*. “Unified AI framework to uncover deep interrelationships between gene expression and Alzheimer’s disease neuropathologies.” *Nature Communications*, 2021.
- Nicasia Beebe-Wang***, Alex Okeson*, Tim Althoff**, and Su-In Lee**. “Efficient and Explainable Risk Assessments for Imminent Dementia in an Aging Cohort Study.” *IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics*, 2021.
- Nicasia Beebe-Wang**, Safiye Celik, Pascal Sturmfels, Sara Mostafavi S*, and Su-In Lee*. “MD-AD: Multi-task deep learning for Alzheimer’s disease neuropathology.” *ICML Workshop on Computational Biology*, 2019 (Spotlight Talk).
- Nicasia Beebe-Wang**. “Towards Learning Regulatory Elements of Promoter Sequences with Deep Learning.” Harvard University, Undergraduate honors thesis, 2017.
- Scott Moeller, **Nicasia Beebe-Wang**, Kristin Schneider, Anna Konova, Muhammad Parvaz, Nelly Alia-Klein, Yasmin Hurd, and Rita Z. Goldstein. “Effects of an opioid (proenkephalin) polymorphism on neural response to errors in health and cocaine use disorder.” *Behavioural Brain Research*, 2015.
- Scott Moeller, Muhammad Parvaz, Elena Shumay, Salina Wu, **Nicasia Beebe-Wang**, Anna Konova, Michail Misyrilis, Nelly Alia-Klein, and Rita Z. Goldstein. “Monoamine polygenic liability in health and cocaine dependence: Imaging genetics study of aversive processing and associations with depression symptomology.” *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 2014.
- Scott Moeller, **Nicasia Beebe-Wang**, Patricia Woicik, Anna Konova, Thomas Maloney, and Rita Z. Goldstein. “Choice to view cocaine images predicts concurrent and prospective drug use in cocaine addiction.” *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 2013.
- Scott Moeller, Muhammad Parvaz, Elena Shumay, **Nicasia Beebe-Wang**, Anna Konova, Nelly Alia-Klein, Nora D. Volkow, and Rita Z. Goldstein. “Gene \times abstinence effects on drug cue reactivity in addiction: multimodal evidence.” *Journal of Neuroscience*, 2013.

SELECTED AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Microsoft Research PhD Fellowship Departmental Nomination	2019
CRA-W Grad Cohort Workshop Participant	2018
Jeff Dean - Heidi Hopper Endowed Regental Fellowship in Computer Science & Engineering	2017-2018

TEACHING

<i>Computational Biology</i> (Teaching Assistant)	Winter, 2020
<i>Machine Learning for Big Data</i> (Teaching Assistant)	Spring, 2019

ACTIVITIES

Service & Leadership

<i>Grad, VGrad, & Postdoc Advisory Council (G5PAC)</i>	2019 – 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet regularly with Allen School leadership about policies & issues related to masters students, PhD students, and postdoctoral researchers in the Allen School. 	
<i>Women's Events Coordinator</i>	2019 – 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize quarterly events to promote community among women and non-binary individuals in the department 	
<i>New Graduate Student Orientation Committee</i>	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize welcome events that help incoming PhD students learn about campus resources, departmental policies, and opportunities for community involvement. 	
<i>Reviewer</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Machine Learning in Computational and Systems Biology track at ISMB, 2020 Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2021 and 2022 	

Mentorship

<i>Society for Women Engineers Mentor</i>	2017 - 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise undergraduate women at the University of Washington who aspire to pursue engineering careers. 	
<i>UW CSE Peer Mentor</i>	2018 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet monthly with new PhD students to offer advice and experiences with adjusting to graduate school. 	