Nicole Pagane

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Education

Johns Hopkins University

2015 - 2019

Biophysics B.A. & Space Science and Engineering Minor

3.82 GPA, Deans List (all semesters) & graduated with general honors

 $Relevant\ Coursework:$

Models and Algorithms in Biophysics, Biological Physics, Statistical Physics and Thermodynamics, Data Structures, Molecular and Cellular Systems Biology, Intermediate Programming, Introduction to Probability, Project in Design: Pharmacokinetics

Research

Research Assistant in the Risca Lab

2019 - present

Laboratory of Genome Architecture and Dynamics, Rockefeller University

- Building bioinformatic pipelines for data processing and analysis of genomics datasets
- Developing a worm-like chain model of DNA to simulate mesoscale chromatin structures in collaboration with the Spakowitz Lab (Chemical Engineering, Stanford University)
- Investigating the intra and inter-fiber geometries and entanglement of multiple fiber systems that form condensates

Undergraduate Research Assistant in the Roberts Lab

2017 - 2019

Department of Biophysics, Johns Hopkins University

- Used an information theoretic approach to analyze stochastic simulations of yeast cell chemotaxis decision-making processes with the RDME software Lattice Microbes
- Developed a computational chromatin modification model in yeast to study the effects of transcriptional frequency on nucleosome positioning along the linear genome

Summer Intern with the LISA Pathfinder Team

2017

Gravitational Astrophysics Laboratory, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

 Assisted in constructing a pipeline to detect micrometeorite impacts on the space-based gravitational wave instrument LISA Pathfinder under the mentorship of Ira Thorpe

Undergraduate Research Assistant in the Marchionni Lab

2016 - 2017

Department of Oncology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

 Curated publicly available omics datasets from GEO for a machine learning study on divergence analysis to create predicative models of cancer diagnosis and prognosis

Other Work

Lead Software Developer for GermCraft

2018

Department of Biophysics, Johns Hopkins University

- Developed a Meteor web application to teach biophysics and coding through Blockly visual programming to be used in the Biophysics Research for Baltimore Teens program
- Mentored two high school students on front-end development and biophysical concepts

Teaching Assistant for Protein Engineering & Biochemistry Lab

2017 - 2019

Department of Biophysics, Johns Hopkins University

- Prepared stock for lab sections throughout the week and assisted Dr. Carolyn Fitch in material development to refine this exploratory novel protein laboratory course

Publications

Micrometeoroid Events in LISA Pathfinder

J. I. Thorpe, J. Slutsky, J. Baker, T. Littenberg, S. Hourihane, **N. Pagane**, P. Pokorny, D. Janches, & the LISA Pathfinder Collaboration

The Astrophysical Journal

Sep. 2019

Digitizing omics profiles by divergence from a baseline

W. Dinalankara, Q. Ke, Y. Xu, L. Ji, **N. Pagane**, A. Lien, T. Matam, E. Fertig, N. Price, L. Younes, L. Marchionni, D. Geman

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences

Apr. 2018

Police	Reform	versus	Abolition:	A	Numbers	Perspective
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Medium Jul. 2020

Presentations

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Coarse-graining DNA mechanics to study mesoscale chromatin geometries and interdigitation

* Joint Mathematics Meeting (submitted abstract)

Jan. 2021

† Asilomar Chromatin, Chromosomes, and Epigenetics (submitted abstract) Dec. 2020

Computational biology and the Risca lab

† RockEDU Science Cafe Series for High School Students

Jul. 2020

Optimal hospital selection for EMS transport of COVID-19 patients

† Johns Hopkins CBID COVID-19 Design Challenge

Mar. 2020

Probing mesoscale chromatin structure: bridging experiment and theory with computation

* Tri-Institutional Computational Biology & Medicine Open House

Feb. 2020

The 'fragile' nucleosome and RICC-seq in mouse embryonic stem cells

* Stem Cells, Development, and Cancer Retreat at Rockefeller University

Sep. 2019

Nucleosome dynamics: modulating repair and transcriptional frequency

* JHU Biophysics Undergraduate Research Festival

May 2019

Micrometeorite science with LISA Pathfinder

* 231st American Astronomical Society Meeting, Washington D.C. Jan. 2018

* NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Summer Intern Research Symposium Aug. 2017

Technical Proficiencies

Python, Fortran, C, C++, Linux/Unix, Git, MATLAB/GNU Octave, Java, R, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Mathematica, PyMOL, LaTeX, Lattice Microbes, Meteor Web Dev, Slurm

Other Experiences

Intern with the Correctional Association of New York

2019 - present

Computational consultant under the guidance of Evan Misshula

 Optimized a web scraper application to monitor and assess the location and well-being of New York state inmates

Coordinator and Camp Counselor with Camp Kesem

2017 - 2019

Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator with Camp Kesem at Johns Hopkins University

- Summer camp counselor for children (aged 6-18) who have a parent affected by cancer
- Led volunteer recruitment, counselor selection and training, and general body meetings
- Promoted awareness of our services to the Baltimore community and acted as a main point of contact for the organization