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EDUCATION

Rutgers University, School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program **New Brunswick, NJ**
BA in Genetics, Certificate in Computational Genetics, *Summa Cum Laude* (3.93/4.00) **May 2021**
Courses: Java, Data Structures, Bioinformatics (Python), Comp. Genetics (R)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

HUMAN GENETICS INSTITUTE OF NEW JERSEY **Piscataway, NJ**
Curation Assistant, National Institute of Mental Health Repository & Genomics Resource (NRGR) **Jun 2021-Present**

- Use Python (Pandas) to curate, harmonize, and validate terabytes of data in a multimillion-dollar genetics repository.
- Build pipelines to scrape XML data from sister repositories and construct inter-repo. ID mapping files using Python.
- Develop Python scripts to corroborate that genetic profiles of 50K+ biosamples match IDs from clinical interviews.
- Assessing sample risk burden for manifestation of psychosis by computing polygenic risk scores using R and Python.
- Digitized and indexed dozens of documents containing confidential information using optical character recognition.

Research Assistant to Linda Brzustowicz, M.D., Distinguished Professor/NRGR Director **Sep 2018-May 2021**

- Independent Honors thesis project: identified gene associated with increased risk for manifestation of Bipolar Disorder.
- Awarded Henry Rutgers Scholar Award for “outstanding” Honors thesis and Department of Genetics Award for Excellence in a Research Presentation to recognize “extraordinary” communication of research project.
- Developed Python scripts that added additional checks to the quality control process for new NRGR data submissions.

Aresty Summer Science Fellow to Amrik Sahota, Ph.D., Research Professor **Jun 2018-Aug 2018**

- Began the pre-clinical trial for a novel therapeutic oral treatment for Cystinuria, a debilitating genetic disorder.
- Assessed drug for cardiac, renal, and hepatic toxicity on mice as a model for its metabolic activity in humans using the following methods: PCR, gel-electrophoresis, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays, spectrophotometry, and Excel.

TENAFLY PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATES **Tenafly, NJ**
Administrative Associate (Seasonal – Summers and Winter Breaks) **Jun 2017-Jun 2021**

- Used Python to construct tool that gives insights into historical billing data upon entry of parameters, e.g. billing codes.
- Decreased office spending by 8% (\$43K p.a.) and increased productivity through rote task automation using Python.
- Served as a liaison to facilities, ran payrolls, managed ledgers and QuickBooks, launched HIPAA-compliant server.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

YACHAD, THE NATIONAL JEWISH COUNCIL FOR DISABILITIES **Brooklyn, NY**
Coordinator **Sep 2021-Present**

- Develop and facilitate activities for 150 members and advisors, foster community building, and attend to any issues.

ARESTY RESEARCH CENTER **New Brunswick, NJ**
Senior Peer Instructor **Sep 2020-Aug 2021**

- Developed curriculum, hosted talks and events, and mentored 40 Peer Instructors through the facilitation of seminars.
- Moderated the 17th Annual Summer Science Symposium, in which over 200 individuals were in attendance.

THE EXAMINER **New Brunswick, NJ**
Editor-in-Chief and President **Sep 2019-May 2021**

- Managed and presided over editorial and layout staff and journalists at Rutgers’ 60-member science periodical.
- Facilitated and lead discussions on peer-reviewed publications, invited and moderated faculty and guest speakers.
- Tripled the club’s funding as treasurer (2018) by advocating for and clarifying the club’s missions and new initiatives.

SKILLS

Software: Python, R, Java, HTML, CSS, Unix scripting, Git, Excel.

Languages: Fluent in Hebrew (speak, read, write).

Societies: Phi Beta Kappa, Rutgers Honors Program Student Advisory Board.