

# Seth Peacock

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## EDUCATION

### **The Ohio State University (OSU)**

B.S. in Applied Mathematics, Minor in Philosophy (Summa Cum Laude; College Honors)

**Aug 2022–Dec 2024**

Cum GPA 3.934/4.0

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### **Analyzing self-coherence in oscillations emitted from the ear**

**Sep 2024–Present**

*Supervisors: Prof. Christopher Bergevin; Prof. Natasha Mhatre*

*Bergevin Lab, York University*

Development of a signal processing method to quantify self-coherence in oscillatory emissions from the ear

- Lead author on [bioRxiv preprint](#) (now preparing for PNAS); will be presenting at Assoc. for Research in Otolaryngology 2026 MidWinter Meeting
- Developed Python package [phaseco](#) for our self-coherence method; integrated analyses into a [unified codebase](#)
- Engineered dynamic windowing techniques to address an issue related to time-frequency uncertainty

### **Fields Undergraduate Summer Research Program**

**Jun 2024–Aug 2024**

*Supervisors: Prof. Christopher Bergevin; Prof. Natasha Mhatre*

*The Fields Institute*

Mathematical modeling of oscillatory emissions from lizard ears during funded research program

- Explored locally coupled oscillator models of these emissions, especially how amplitude-dependent frequency (nonisochronicity) affects synchronization
- Examined how Volterra-series methods can be extended to handle stochastic forcing of nonlinear oscillators
- Expanded existing models to incorporate coupling between lizard ears

### **Topological data analysis (TDA) of serotonin time-series data**

**Aug 2023–May 2024**

*Supervisor: Prof. Janet Best*

*OSU*

TDA approach to find differences in serotonin time-series data from depressed vs control mice

- Modified method based on sublevel set filtrations to design algorithm for time-series “process” extraction
- Identified trend suggesting the measurement itself may have disproportionately affected depressed mice

### **Optimizing an efficient eigenvector phase retrieval algorithm**

**Jan 2023–May 2023**

*Cycle Undergraduate Research with Daniel Packer (PhD Candidate)*

*OSU*

Designed and implemented methods for efficiently recovering eigenvectors from the absolute value of their entries

## PREPRINTS

**Peacock, S. N. S., Vencovsky, V., Whiley, R. E., Mhatre, N., & Bergevin, C. (2025). Spontaneous otocoherence of the active ear.** <https://doi.org/10.1101/2025.11.14.687084> (preparing for submission to PNAS)

## SELECTED PROJECTS

### [\*\*phaseco\*\*](#)

A Python package providing tools for phase autocoherece analysis with dynamic windowing methods

### [\*\*Peak-picking otoacoustic emissions with machine learning\*\*](#)

A neural network model to identify features in power spectra of oscillations emitted from the ear

- Designed network by integrating approaches in similar domains; generated synthetic data for supervised learning

### [\*\*Quantifying uncertainty in college basketball\*\*](#)

Devised Elo-style ranking to derive a bootstrapped C.I. for the minimum “uncertainty” in a game

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place at OSU’s Mathematical Competition in Modeling, November 15th–17th 2024

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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<b>Assoc. for Research in Otolaryngology MidWinter Meeting</b> <i>Otocoherence: Interspecies analysis of phase self-consistency in spontaneous otoacoustic emission</i>	<b>Feb 2026</b>
<b>OSU Honors Project Symposium</b> <i>Topological data analysis of depressed mouse serotonin concentrations</i>	<b>Dec 2024</b>
<b>Fields Undergraduate Summer Research Program Final Presentations</b> <i>Modeling and analyzing spontaneous emissions from lizard ears</i>	<b>Aug 2024</b>

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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Conference travel award for the 2026 Assoc. for Research in Otolaryngology MidWinter Meeting	<b>2025</b>
1st Place at OSU's Mathematical Competition in Modeling	<b>2024</b>
OSU Dean's List (all semesters)	<b>2022-2024</b>
National Merit Scholar Finalist	<b>2018</b>

## **TEACHING / MENTORING**

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<b>Private tutoring in mathematics</b> One-on-one tutoring, primarily in real analysis and proof writing with OSU undergraduates	<b>Aug 2025–Present</b>
<b>Mentoring during Fields Undergraduate Summer Research Program</b> Mentored Prof. Bergevin's group of undergraduates in later iteration of research program <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Proposed accessible entry points based on each student's interests into our research analyzing, modeling, and simulating stochastic oscillations emitted from ears</li><li>- Led regular student meetings for troubleshooting and sharing progress</li></ul>	<b>Jun 2025–Aug 2025</b>

<b>Private music lessons</b> One-on-one lessons in music theory, guitar, bass, and drums	<b>Jun 2018–Present</b>
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## **SKILLS AND COURSEWORK**

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<b>Computational Skills</b> Topological data analysis, spectral analysis, machine learning <i>Languages:</i> Python (advanced); MATLAB, Java (intermediate)	
<b>OSU Coursework</b> <i>Applied Mathematics:</i> Quantitative Neuroscience, Machine Learning, Statistics, Infectious Disease Dynamics <i>Mathematics:</i> Dynamical Systems, Linear Algebra, ODEs, PDEs, Probability, Real Analysis I & II, Complex Analysis <i>Physics:</i> Classical Mechanics I & II, Electricity and Magnetism, Relativistic Mechanics, Quantum Mechanics	
<b>Self Study</b> Digital signal processing, applied algebraic topology, circuit theory	

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

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<b>Cyclops Studio and Effects:</b> <i>Effect Pedal Technician, Studio Engineer</i> Repaired, designed, and built electronic musical effect units; engineered and mixed recordings	<b>Jul 2019–Present</b>
<b>Rat Motel:</b> <i>Band Manager, Songwriter, Performer</i> Managed tours, merchandise, and financial records, developing project management and organizational skills	<b>Jun 2016–Present</b>