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EDUCATION

Rice University Doctor of Philosophy, Systems, Synthetic, and Physical Biology	2016–2022
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur Bachelor of Technology, Biological Sciences and Bioengineering	2012–2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Associate Department of Immunobiology, Yale University	October 2022–Present
Intern - Research & Early Development - Clinical Pharmacology Genentech	May 2021–January 2022
Graduate Research Assistant Systems, Synthetic, and Physical Biology, Rice University	August 2016–August 2022
Research Intern Department of Biosystems Science and Engineering, ETH Zürich	May 2015–July 2015
Research Intern Department of Bioengineering, Rice University	May 2014–July 2014

FELLOWSHIPS & FUNDING

- Yale-Boehringer Ingelheim Biomedical Data Science Fellowship** 2022–2025
Role: Postdoctoral Associate
\$59,041/year for 3 years (Salary)
- Dr. Har Gobind Khorana Fellowship** 2014
Awarded by the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India and the Indo-US Science and Technology Forum to carry out research work at an American University
Role: Undergraduate Summer Research Intern at Rice University

AWARDS & HONORS

- SSPB Research Award**, by the Systems, Synthetic, and Physical Biology PhD Program at Rice University, recognizing graduate students for outstanding doctoral research during the academic year (2021)
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award**, by the Department of Bioengineering, Rice University, for the class Introduction to Computational Biology (Spring 2018)
- General Proficiency Medal**, awarded by IIT Kanpur to the graduating student ranked 1st in the department (2016) and the **Certificate of Merit for Academic Excellence** for the academic years 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15
- Summer Innovation Award**, by the Department of Biological Sciences and Bioengineering, IIT Kanpur and the Joy Gill Endowment Fund, awarded twice (2014 and 2015) for the summer research work carried out at Rice University and at ETH Zürich

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

1. Al-Radhawi, M. A., **Tripathi, S.**, Zhang, Y., Sontag, E. D., & Levine, H. (2022). Epigenetic factor competition reshapes the EMT landscape. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 119(42), e2210844119
2. **Tripathi, S.**, Brahmachari, S., Onuchic, J. N., & Levine, H. (2022) DNA supercoiling-mediated collective behavior of co-transcribing RNA polymerases. *Nucleic Acids Research*, 50(3), 1269-1279
3. **Tripathi, S.**, Park, J. H., Pudukalakatti, S., Bhattacharya, P. K., Kaiparettu, B. A., & Levine, H. (2022) A mechanistic modeling framework reveals the key principles underlying tumor metabolism. *PLOS Computational Biology*, 18(2), e1009841
4. Deshmukh, A. P., Vasaikar, S., Tomczak, K., **Tripathi, S.**, den Hollander, P., Arslan, E., Chakraborty, P., Soundararajan, R., Jolly, M. K., Rai, K., Levine, H., & Mani, S. A. (2021) Identification of EMT signaling crosstalk and gene regulatory networks by single-cell RNA sequencing. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 118(19)
5. **Tripathi, S.**, Kessler, D. A., & Levine, H. (2020). Biological networks regulating cell fate choice are minimally frustrated. *Physical Review Letters*, 125(8), 088101
6. Jia W., **Tripathi S.**, Chakraborty P., Chedere A., Rangarajan A., Levine H., & Jolly M. K. (2020) Epigenetic feedback and stochastic partitioning during cell division can drive resistance to EMT. *Oncotarget*, 11, 2611-2624
7. Chakraborty, P., George, J. T., **Tripathi, S.**, Levine, H., & Jolly, M. K. (2020). Comparative study of transcriptomics-based scoring metrics for the epithelial-hybrid-mesenchymal spectrum. *Frontiers in Bioengineering and Biotechnology*, 8, 220
8. **Tripathi, S.**, Chakraborty, P., Levine, H., & Jolly, M. K. (2020). A mechanism for epithelial-mesenchymal heterogeneity in a population of cancer cells. *PLOS Computational Biology*, 16(2), e1007619
9. **Tripathi, S.**, & Deem, M. W. (2018). The standard genetic code facilitates exploration of the space of functional nucleotide sequences. *Journal of Molecular Evolution*, 86(6), 325-339
10. **Tripathi, S.**, Jolly, M. K., Woodward, W. A., Levine, H., & Deem, M. W. (2018). Analysis of hierarchical organization in gene expression networks reveals underlying principles of collective tumor cell dissemination and metastatic aggressiveness of inflammatory breast cancer. *Frontiers in Oncology*, 8, 244
11. **Tripathi, S.**, & Deem, M. W. (2015). Hierarchy in gene expression is predictive of risk, progression, and outcome in adult acute myeloid leukemia. *Physical Biology*, 12(1), 016016

REVIEW ARTICLES

1. Jia, D., Park, J. H., Kaur, H., Jung, K. H., Yang, S., **Tripathi, S.**, Galbraith, M., *et al.* (2021). Towards decoding the coupled decision-making of metabolism and epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition in cancer. *British Journal of Cancer*, 124(12), 1902-1911
2. **Tripathi, S.**, Levine, H., & Jolly, M. K. (2020). The physics of cellular decision making during epithelial-mesenchymal transition. *Annual Review of Biophysics*, 49, 1-18
3. Jia, D., Li, X., Bocci, F., **Tripathi, S.**, Deng, Y., Jolly, M. K., Onuchic J. N. & Levine, H. (2019). Quantifying cancer epithelial-mesenchymal plasticity and its association with stemness and immune response. *Journal of Clinical Medicine*, 8(5), 725

BOOK CHAPTER

1. **Tripathi, S.**, Xing, J., Levine, H., & Jolly, M. K. (2020). Mathematical modeling of plasticity and heterogeneity in EMT. In Campbell K., Theveneau E. (eds) *The Epithelial-to Mesenchymal Transition. Methods in Molecular Biology*, vol 2179. Humana, New York, NY

1. **Tripathi, S.**, Kessler, D. A., & Levine, H. (2022). Minimal frustration underlies the usefulness of incomplete and inexact regulatory network models in biology. *bioRxiv preprint*, 10.1101/2022.06.07.495167

INVITED TALKS

1. Mechanical control of transcription by DNA supercoiling. *Physics of Life - Students and Postdocs Edition*, organized by the *The Center for the Physics of Biological Function*, New York, NY. March 25, 2022
2. A mechanistic modeling framework reveals the key principles underlying tumor metabolism. *Systems Approaches to Cancer Biology Conference*, Woods Hole, MA. November 11, 2020
3. How does epithelial-mesenchymal heterogeneity arise in a population of cancer cells? *Annual Meeting of the Society for Mathematical Biology*, Montreal, Canada. July 22, 2019
4. Analysis of hierarchical organization in gene expression networks reveals underlying principles of collective tumor cell dissemination and metastatic aggressiveness of inflammatory breast cancer. *The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center*, Houston, TX. June 15, 2018

ORAL & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. Features of gene regulatory dynamics on minimally frustrated topologies. *March Meeting of the American Physical Society*, Chicago, IL. March 15, 2022 *Talk*
2. Mechanical control of transcriptional elongation by DNA supercoiling. *March Meeting of the American Physical Society*. March 18, 2021 *Virtual talk*
3. Networks regulating cell fate choice are minimally frustrated. *International Physics of Living Systems Network Annual Meeting*. June 12, 2020 *Virtual talk*
4. Biological regulatory networks are minimally frustrated. *March Meeting of the American Physical Society*. March 5, 2020 *Virtual talk*
5. Minimal frustration in biological networks facilitates establishment of cell types. *Northeastern Physics of Living Systems Pizza Lunch*, Boston, MA. November 20, 2019 *Chalk talk*
6. Hierarchy near a critical point: from the Ising model to gene networks. *March Meeting of the American Physical Society*, Boston, MA. March 7, 2019 *Talk*
7. Modularity promotes adaptation in a model of exploratory evolution. *March Meeting of the American Physical Society*, Boston, MA. March 4–8, 2019 *Poster*
8. The standard genetic code facilitates exploration of the space of functional nucleotide sequences. *Joint Congress on Evolutionary Biology*, Montpellier, France. August 19–22, 2018 *Poster*
9. Analysis of hierarchy in gene expression reveals principles underlying metastatic aggressiveness of inflammatory breast cancer. *12th Annual q-bio Conference*, Houston, TX. June 26–29, 2018 *Poster*
10. Analysis of hierarchical organization in gene expression networks reveals underlying principles of collective tumor cell dissemination and metastatic aggressiveness of inflammatory breast cancer. *March Meeting of the American Physical Society*, Los Angeles, CA. March 8, 2018 *Talk*
11. The standard genetic code facilitates exploration of the space of functional nucleotide sequences. *March Meeting of the American Physical Society*, Los Angeles, CA. March 5–9, 2018 *Poster*

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

1. **Co-organizer**, focus session on DNA Mechanics and Gene Expression, *March Meeting of the American Physical Society*, Las Vegas, NV. March 6–10, 2023
2. **Chair**, focus session on Novel Instrumentation, *March Meeting of the American Physical Society*, Chicago, IL. March 14–18, 2022
3. **Co-organizer**, mini-symposium on Systems Biology of Tumor Metabolism, *Annual Meeting of the Society for Mathematical Biology*. June 13–17, 2021
4. **Reviewer**, *Physical Review Letters*, *Physical Review E*, *npj Systems Biology and Applications*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- *Grow PoLS Virtual Workshop: Growing Equity, Inclusion and Diversity for the Physics of Living Systems*, hosted by the Physics of Living Systems Student Research Network. October 25–26, 2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Computational Biology Spring 2018
Department of Bioengineering, Rice University

- Received Department of Bioengineering **Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award**

NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Tripathi, S.**, Gu, L., Arora, A., Brown, J. L., & Schwarber, A. Bridging divides through science diplomacy. *Issues in Science and Technology*. December 22, 2021
2. Brink, K., **Tripathi, S.**, Arora, A., Jackson, C., Schwarber, A., & Tan, M. Rethinking immigration policy for the future of the American STEM workforce. *SciTech Forefront*. August 17, 2021
3. **Tripathi, S.** & Brink, K. Banning Chinese students will hurt U.S. economy, Secure Campus Act will threaten U.S. STEM research. *The Houston Chronicle*. July 11, 2020

SCIENCE & PUBLIC POLICY

National Science Policy Network Member, 2020–Present
A framework for international scientific collaboration in a post-COVID world

- Led a group of five early career scientists from across the United States to propose a framework for continued international scientific collaboration amidst geo-political tensions that are likely to dominate a post-COVID world, emphasizing the role early career researchers can play in this context
- Co-authored an article on the subject published in *Issues in Science and Technology*, a magazine published by the National Academy of Sciences

The need for a modern US foreign service with science at the forefront

- Collaborated with a group of early career scientists on the need for the US State Department to develop career pathways for professionals with expertise in environment, science, technology, and health (ESTH)-related issues
- Proposed multi-level policies to increase hiring and retention of ESTH experts at the State Department
- Co-authored an issue brief on the topic which was shared with the Biden-Harris Transition Team

Immigration issues concerning international STEM students in the US

- Co-founded a policy group involving seven early career researchers from across the US to consider higher immigration issues faced by international students in the US
- During the summer of 2020, the group published op-eds in newspapers in Houston, Denver, and Berkeley, highlighting the immigration-related problems faced by international graduate students in STEM fields
- Co-authored an op-ed in the *Houston Chronicle* protesting the proposed immigration restrictions targeted at Chinese graduate students in the US
- Co-authored a policy analysis in the online publication *Forefront*, comparing the different proposed reforms to the current visa regulations as they relate to international STEM graduate students