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	Google Scholar. 1569 citations. H-index: 16.
APPOINTMENTS	
2022–	Assistant Professor
2022	Department of Computer Science (50%)
	Department of Mechanical Engineering (25%)
	Department of Chemical & Biological Engineering (25%) McCormick School of Engineering, Northwestern University
2022–	Core Faculty, Center for Robotics and Biosystems, Northwestern University
2022-	Core Faculty, Center for Synthetic Biology, Northwestern University
2022– 2022–	Faculty, Applied Physics Graduate Program, Northwestern University Director, Xenobot Lab
2022	
2021–2022	Postdoctoral Fellow , joint w/ Dept. of Biology, Tufts University; Wyss Institute, Harvard University. Advisor: Michael Levin.
2020–2021	Postdoctoral Associate, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Vermont. Advisor: Josh Bongard.
2011–2014	Actuary, Chubb Insurance
EDUCATION	
2016–2020	Ph.D., Computer Science, University of Vermont, USA
	Design for an Increasingly Protean Machine.
	Advisor: Josh Bongard
2014–2016	M.S., Statistics, University of Vermont, USA
2006–2010	B.S. , Applied Mathematics, Ohio University, USA
Funding	
2024–	Schmidt Sciences AI2050 ECF Collaboration Grant, \$30,000.
	S Kriegman and D Hadfield-Menell
2024–	Berggruen Institute, \$33,000.
2023–	CESR Seed Grant, \$120,000. Kriegman portion: \$60,000.
	S Kriegman and R Truby Sustainable Design and Fabrication of Intelligent Robots
2023–	Schmidt Futures AI2050 Early Career Fellowship, \$300,000
2023–	TWCF award, \$1,749,983. Kriegman portion: \$286,600.
	PI: J Foster; co-PIs: C Bergstrom, D Krakauer, S Kriegman, M Mitchell, R Rao.
	Building Diverse Intelligences through Compositionality and Mechanism Design

- 2024 Kavli Fellow, National Academy of Sciences
- 2023 Distinguished Early-Career Investigator Award, International Society for Artificial Life
- 2022 Outstanding Paper of 2021 Award, International Society for Artificial Life
- 2021 The Cozzarelli Prize, National Academy of Sciences Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, University of Vermont Outstanding Paper of 2020 Award, International Society for Artificial Life Altmetric Top 100, Altmetric
- Beazley Designs of the Year, The Design Museum
 Top 10 Most Influential BioTech Projects, Project Management Institute
 Computer Science Graduate Award, University of Vermont

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 Soft Robotics, 10.1089/soro.2022.0142.
- 9. D Kudithipudi, M Aguilar-Simon, J Babb, M Bazhenov, D Blackiston, J Bongard, AP Brna, S Chakravarthi Raja, N Cheney, J Clune, A Daram, S Fusi, P Helfer, L Kay, N Ketz, Z Kira, S Kolouri, JL Krichmar, S Kriegman, M Levin, S Madireddy, S Manicka, A Marjaninejad, B McNaughton, R Miikkulainen, Z Navratilova, T Pandit, A Parker, PK Pilly, S Risi, TJ Sejnowski, A Soltoggio, N Soures, AS Tolias, D Urbina-Melendez, FJ Valero-Cueva, GM van de Ven, JT Vogelstein, F Wang, R Weiss, A Yanguas-Gil, X Zou, H Siegelmann (2022). Biological underpinnings of lifelong learning machines. Nature Machine Intelligence, 4(3): 196-210.
- S Kriegman, D Blackiston, M Levin, J Bongard (2021).
 Kinematic self-replication in reconfigurable organisms.
 Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 118(49): e2112672118.
- 7. D Blackiston, E Lederer, S Kriegman, S Garnier, J Bongard, M Levin (2021). A cellular platform for the development of synthetic living machines. *Science Robotics*, 6(52): eabf1571.
- D Shah, J Powers, L Tilton, S Kriegman, J Bongard, R Kramer-Bottiglio (2021).
 A soft robot that adapts to environments through shape change.
 Nature Machine Intelligence, 3(10): 51-59.
- 5. D Shah, B Yang, S Kriegman, M Levin, J Bongard, R Kramer-Bottiglio (2020). Shape Changing Robots: Bioinspiration, Simulation, and Physical Realization.

Advanced Materials, 33(19): 2002882.

4. S Kriegman, D Blackiston, M Levin, J Bongard (2020).

A scalable pipeline for designing reconfigurable organisms.

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 117(4): 1853-1859.

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Intl. Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)

12. M Li, D Matthews, S Kriegman (2024).

Reinforcement learning for freeform robot design.

Intl. Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)

11. S Kriegman, A-M Nasab, D Blackiston, H Steele, M Levin, R Kramer-Bottiglio, J Bongard (2021).

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10. J Powers, R Grindle, S Kriegman, L Frati, N Cheney, J Bongard (2020).

Morphology dictates learnability in neural controllers.

Artificial Life Conference (ALife), 52-59.

 S Kriegman, A-M Nasab, D Shah, H Steele, G Branin, M Levin, J Bongard, R Kramer-Bottiglio (2020). Scalable sim-to-real transfer of soft robot designs.

Intl. Conference on Soft Robotics (RoboSoft), 359-366, 10.1109/RoboSoft48309.2020.9116004.

8. D Matthews, S Kriegman, C Cappelle, J Bongard (2019).

Word2vec to behavior: morphology facilitates the grounding of language in machines.

Intl. Conf. on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 4153-4160, 10.1109/IROS40897.2019.8967639.

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Automated shapeshifting for function recovery in damaged robots.

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S Beaulieu, S Kriegman, J Bongard (2018).
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The effects of morphology and fitness on catastrophic interference.

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 Simulating the evolution of soft and rigid-body robots.
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S Kriegman, N Cheney, F Corucci, J Bongard (2017).
 A minimal developmental model can increase evolvability in soft robots.
 Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference (GECCO), 131-138, 10.1145/3071178.3071296.

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The International Journal of Robotics Research, Frontiers in Robotics and AI, and others...

INTERNAL
2022- PhD Admissions Committee, Dept of Computer Science
2022- Graduate Studies Committee, Dept of Mechanical Engineering

TEACHING

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Design Thinking & Communication (Dsgn 106); enrollment: 16.
  Spring 2024
  Winter 2024
                 Artificial Life (Comp Sci 3/496, Chem Eng 395, Mech Eng 495); enrollment: 32. Median CTEC rating: 5/6
                 Artificial Life (Comp Sci 396, Chem Eng 395, Mech Eng 495); enrollment: 128. Median CTEC rating: 4/6
  Winter 2023
   ADVISING
        STAFF
   2022-2024
                David Matthews: Differentiable robots.
       PHD's
        2024-
                David Matthews: tbd (Comp Sci).
        2023-
                Luke Strgar: Differentiable (Comp Sci).
        2023-
                Chen Yu: Modular biological robots (Comp Sci).
        2023-
                Muhan Li: Complex robots (Comp Sci).
        2022 -
                 Tyler Hummer: Multicellular robots (Mech Eng).
    MASTERS
   2023-2024
                Lingji Kong: Musculoskeletal robots (Comp Sci).
   2023-2024
                Isabel Zhong: Evolving robots (Biomedical Eng & Comp Sci).
         2023
                Elaine Liu: Modular robots (Mech Eng).
UNDERGRADS
        2023-
                Emily Chi
        2023-
                Daniel Shamsoddini: Evolving robots (Comp Sci).
        2023-
                 Talia Ben-Naim: Neuromorphic robots (Comp Sci).
   2023-2024
                Elli Beres: Growing robots (Math & Comp Sci).
       OTHER
        2023-
                Eliot Dunn: Evolving robots (High School intern).
INVITED TALKS
     Mar 2024
                 "From Artificial Intelligence to Artificial Life". NAS Kavli Frontiers of Science Symposium, Irvine, CA.
     Mar 2024
                 "From Artificial Intelligence to Artificial Life". NASEM Distinctive Voices Lecture, Irvine, CA.
     Feb 2024
                 "Differentiable robot design". Purdue University.
    July, 2023
                 "From artificial intelligence to artificial life". The American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
                 "AI-generated organisms". Illinois Institute of Technology.
    Apr., 2023
    Mar, 2023
                Animal Robot Screening and Discussion. AAAS Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
    Dec, 2022
                 Berggruen Institute x Lucy McRae Salon. Honor Fraser Gallery, Los Angeles.
    Oct, 2022
                 "Selection, the impersonal engineer". AI-Driven Labs Workshop, Argonne National Laboratory.
    Sept, 2022
                 "AI-generated organisms". New Faculty Invited Lecture, Northwestern ChBE Retreat.
    May, 2022
                 "Everything I wish I'd known about the academic job market.". University of Vermont.
    Apr, 2022
                 "Simulating xenobots and xenohybrid machines.". Workshop on software for soft robotics research.
    Apr, 2022
                 "Sim2real for biological robots". Workshop on soft robot design optimization, IEEE RoboSoft Conf.
                 "From Biology to Bots and Back". Luddy School, Indiana University.
    Mar, 2022
    Mar, 2022
                 "From Biology to Bots and Back". CS Colloquium, Northwestern University.
    Feb, 2022
                 "Computer-designed organisms". Leonardo Art Science Evening Rendezvouz, Stanford University.
                 "From Biology to Bots and Back". MIT.
    Feb, 2022
    Feb, 2022
                 "Fractal robots". Evolutionary and Learning Machines Group, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.
                 "From Biology to Bots and Back". New York University.
    Feb, 2022
     Jan, 2022
                 "From Biology to Bots and Back". Vanderbilt University.
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Sept, 2021
                 "AutoCAD for XenoBOT". Autodesk.
     July, 2021
                 "Evolutionary robotics in a nutshell". ISAL Summer School.
     July, 2021
                 "Sim2Life: AI-generated biological constructs". Cross Roads.
     Mar, 2021
                 "Protean machines". The Creative AI Lab, IT University of Copenhagen.
    Mar, 2021
                 "Living robots". The Int'l Workshop on Embodied Intelligence.
                 "How to evolve your robot". Guest lecture, Introduction to Soft Robotics, Yale University.
     Mar, 2021
     Oct, 2020
                 "Living deepfakes". Guest lecture for the MIT Media Lab's Deepfakes course (MAS.S60).
     Apr, 2020
                 "Computer designed organisms". Artificial Life Virtual Seminar Series.
     Feb, 2020
                 "Living robots for biomedicine". Biomedical Engineering Society, University of Vermont.
MISC. LECTURES
                 "Fractal robots in 5 minutes". Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS).
    July, 2021
    May, 2020
                 "Sim2real for soft robot designs". IEEE International Conference on Soft Robotics (RoboSoft).
    June, 2019
                 "Shapeshifting robots". Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS) in Freiburg, Germany.
SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE _
    Nov, 2023
                 "For first time, researchers use artificial intelligence to build a robot". CBS Evening News
                 "AI design for a 'walking' robot is a squishy purple glob". Popular Science
     Oct, 2023
     Oct, 2023
                 "AI Designs Little Robots in 30 Seconds and They Keep Sprouting Legs". Scientific American
     Oct, 2023
                 "AI designs new robot from scratch in seconds". New Scientist
                 "'Instant evolution' in 26 seconds". USTV Taiwan
     Oct, 2023
                 "AI was told to design a robot that could walk...". Business Insider
     Oct, 2023
     Oct, 2023
                 "Generation AI: If you want something done". Reuters
     Oct, 2023
                 "AI designs new robot from scratch in seconds". Reuters
     Oct, 2023
                 "AI creates a robot from scratch in seconds at Northwestern University". CBS Morning News Chicago
     Apr, 2023
                 "Meet xenobots, tiny machines made out of living parts". Popular Science
     Mar, 2023
                 "Animal Robot" documentary. Scientific American and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute
     Feb. 2023
                 "Scientists Are Growing Mini Brains in the Lab. Are They... Conscious?". Popular Mechanics
                 "Here come the xenobots". BBC Science Focus
     Feb, 2023
     Oct, 2022
                 "These Robots Are Self-Replicating. Or Are They?". Pioneer Works magazine
    Sept, 2022
                 "Xenobot". Dictionary.com
                 "What on earth is a xenobot?". Aeon magazine
    Aug, 2022
     July, 2022
                 "Virtual critters evolve bodies that help them learn". Science News for Students
     Feb, 2022
                 "The Uncanny Valley of Xenobots". Nautilus Magazine
     Jan, 2022
                 "Scientists create 'robots' that are capable of reproduction (with Jericka Duncan)". CBS Evening News
     Dec, 2021
                 "Here are our favorite cool, funny and bizarre science stories of 2021". Science News
     Dec, 2021
                 "Living robots that are capable of self-replicating created in US lab". BBC Science Focus
                 "Scientists Create 'Living Machines' With Algorithms, Frog Cells". Bloomberg Businessweek
     Dec, 2021
     Dec, 2021
                 "It's not science fiction. Scientists have really made robots that reproduce". NPR Weekend Edition
     Dec, 2021
                 "Living robots made in a lab have found a new way to self-replicate, researchers say". NPR
     Dec, 2021
                 "Self replicating xenobots". BBC World Service
     Dec, 2021
                 "The creation of self-replicating biobots". BBC Science in Action
     Dec. 2021
                 "Diving Into The Strange World Of Xenobots". Science Friday
     Dec, 2021
                 "Living robots' made of frog cells found a way to reproduce". CNBC: The News with Shepard Smith
                 "Scientists unveil 'Pac-Man' living robots". ABC News
    Dec, 2021
     Dec, 2021
                 "Xenobots – US Scientists Create Tiny Living Robots That Can Reproduce". Voice of America
     Dec, 2021
                 "100 years of robots: How technology – and our lives – have changed". Chicago Tribune
     Dec, 2021
                 "UVM researchers make strides in 'living robot' reproduction". WCAX (CBS 3)
     Dec, 2021
                 "Tiny living machines called xenobots can create copies of themselves". Science News
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- Dec, 2021 "Stephen Colbert's Cyborgasm". The Late Show with Steven Colbert
- Dec, 2021 "World's First Living Robots Can Now Reproduce, Say Scientists". The Onion
- Dec, 2021 "'Xenobot' Living Robots Can Reproduce". The Scientist
- Dec, 2021 "Scientists Unveiled the World's First Living Robots... Now, They Can Reproduce". Smithsonian Magazine
- Dec, 2021 "Tiny living Pac-Man robots have learned how to reproduce". CNN
- Nov, 2021 "These living robots made of frog cells can now reproduce, study says". Washington Post
- Nov, 2021 "World's first living robots can now reproduce, scientists say". New York Post
- Nov, 2021 "'Amazing science': researchers find xenobots can give rise to offspring". The Guardian
- Nov, 2021 "World's first living robots can now reproduce, scientists say". CNN
- Nov, 2021 "Daily briefing: Multicellular living robots build their own offspring". Nature
- Nov, 2021 "Scientists made tiny xenobots out of frog cells. Now they say those robots can reproduce.". USA Today
- Nov, 2021 "Xenobots that self-replicate created by scientists". The Times
- Nov, 2021 "World's first 'living robots' start to reproduce". The Telegraph
- Nov, 2021 "AI Just Designed The World's First Living Robot That Can Make Babies". Forbes
- Nov, 2021 "Researchers behind the world's first living robot have found a way to make it reproduce". Business Insider
- Nov, 2021 "Xenobots, the World's First Living Robots, Are Now Capable of Reproducing". People Magazine
- Nov, 2021 "Mesmerizing Video Shows How Tiny 'Living Robot' Xenobot Cells Reproduce". Newsweek
- Nov, 2021 "'Living robots' can self-replicate, furthering hope for regenerative medicine". Fast Company
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- Feb, 2020 "Living Robots". TalkSport Radio
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- Feb, 2020 "Living robots built from frog cells". BBC Science Focus
- Feb, 2020 "Tiny machines made from the stem cells of frogs". The Intelligence (Economist Radio)
- Jan, 2020 "A research team builds robots from living cells". The Economist
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- Jan, 2020 "Scientists Assemble Frog Stem Cells Into First 'Living Machines'". Smithsonian Magazine
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