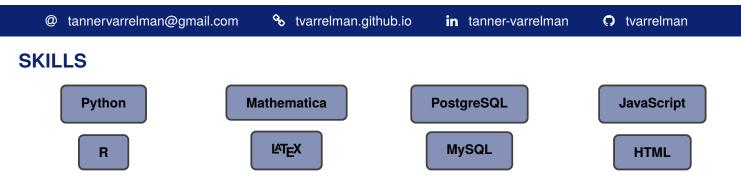
Tanner Varrelman

PhD Candidate

I am currently a graduate student at the University of Idaho, specializing in data storage, processing, visualization, and modeling. To this end, I have worked with database integration/architecture, I have created web-based data visualizations, and I have developed and fit mathematical models to biological data.



EDUCATION

Ph.D. Bioinformatics & Computational Biology B.S. Biology

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

- Develop mathematical models of transmissible vaccines.
- Development and management of an environmental database to aid in predictive modeling of Lassa virus in West Africa (https://preemptlassawestafrica.ibest.uidaho.edu/res/map.php).
- · Develop python scripts to scrape and process environmental raster data from various data sources.
- Use GIS data and machine learning techniques to forecast the risk of infectious disease.

Lab Rotation

- Northwest Knowledge Network

 Aug 2020 Dec 2020
- Develop and manage a Lassa virus database consisting of both viral infection and viral sequence data.
- Create a Lassa virus dashboard that includes interactive visualizations, filtered data download, and admin tools to insert new data into the Lassa virus database. URL coming soon!

Undergraduate Researcher

PUBLICATIONS

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PRESENTATIONS

- Contributed lightning talk. Forecasting Lassa Fever. UI Research Computing and Data Science Symposium. 2019.
- Contributed poster. Transmissible vaccines in heterogeneous populations: Implications for vaccine design. University of Idaho IBEST Science Expo. 2018. Tanner J. Varrelman, Andrew J. Basinski, Christopher H. Remien, Scott L. Nuismer.