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Education

Sep. 2022 - Dec. 2023 M.S. in Electrical Engineering at Columbia University

(GPA: 4.073/4.33)

Aug. 2018 - May 2022 B.E. in Electrical Engineering at Stony Brook University, Summa Cum Laude

(GPA: 4.0/4.0)

Employment

May 2022 - Aug 2022 Computational Pathology Intern at Pfizer: Improved image processing

workflows by creating Python scripts to transform .czi and .svs files into .tif

files.

May 2021 - Aug 2021 Design Verification Intern at Hewlett Packard Enterprise: Improved tools/flow

efficiency for designing and verifying Slingshot network ASICs using Perl (modified a command line tool). Reduced compute usage by approximately 30%. Added a feature to more efficiently search databases using Python

(Tkinter/SQLAlchemy/Swarm API).

Jan 2020 - May 2020 iCreate Fabrication Team Specialist for iCreate at Stony Brook University:

Trained 10+ people to use the laser cutters, maintained makerspaces.

Jun 2019 - Aug 2019 NYAS Mentor at New York Academy of Sciences: Educated 24 elementary

and middle school students on critical aspects of coding as a member of the

Summer 2019 Hack Your Garden program.

Teaching Assistant Experience

Aug 2020 - Dec 2020 Teaching Assistant for ESE 118 (Digital Logic Design) at Stony Brook

University: Assisted students on assembling and analyzing their circuits in the lab and explained homework concepts and solutions during weekly

office hours.

Jan 2020 - May 2020 Teaching Assistant for ESE 124 (C Language) at Stony Brook University:

Taught students the lab material for the week, tutored students in bi-weekly

sessions, mentored students during office hours.

Jan 2019 - May 2019 Teaching Assistant for AMS 261 (Calculus III) at Stony Brook University:

Graded over 200 students and taught students how to do their homework

weekly.

Research Activities

Jan 2023 - Present Research Volunteer for Translational NeuroElectronics Lab at Columbia

University: Trained to handle behavior experiments with rats. Used Matlab and Neurscope to examine and process electrophysiological sleep signals.

Dec 2021 - Aug 2022 Part-time Undergraduate Researcher on GIS and Big Data Driven Studies

for Cancer Screening at Stony Brook University: Trained to handle sensitive health data. Used SQL to acquire health data through a Linux environment (MobaXterm) on a virtual machine. Created choropleths using health data

and census data on ArcGIS. Plotted large data sets using Python.

Sep 2020 - Sep 2021 Research Volunteer for Covid-19 Wristband at Stony Brook University:

Worked with another student to prototype (program/debug/assemble) an

electronic wristband.

May 2020 - Aug 2020 Summer Research Assistant on Pollution during Covid-19 at Stony Brook

University: Found databases on pollution and analyzed the data by

programming with Google Earth Engine and Matlab.

Volunteering (Non-Research Related)

Aug 2018 - Apr 2019 Electronics Shop Volunteer/Assistant at Stony Brook University: Assisted in

OrCad drawings, coding, soldering, and component placement for various

physics department projects.

Nov 2017 - Jan 2018 Housing Works Volunteer at Housing Works in NYC: Resolved and

communicated customer issues to management, interfaced with customers,

organized inventory.

Coursework Projects

Fall 2022 Kaggle Single Cell Project (individual project): Predicted gene expression

from chromatin accessibility and protein levels from gene expression for

single cells for a Kaggle competition

(https://www.kaggle.com/competitions/open-problems-multimodal/data) and

documented the process.

Fall 2021 - Spring 2022 Senior Design Project (group project): Used machine learning techniques to

separate stressed and unstressed voices and wrote regular project reports.

Fall 2021 Machine Learning Course Projects (group projects): Used the scikit-learn

library to explore and classify various data sets from the UC Irvine Machine

Learning Repository through different machine learning methods.

Fall 2021 Computer Vision Course Projects (individual projects): Completed various

projects exploring the principles of computer vision techniques (some from

scratch and others using TensorFlow).

Fall 2020 - Spring 2021 Embedded Microcontroller Systems Design Course Projects (individual

projects): Wrote and implemented assembly and C code in AVR

Studio/Microchip Studio for understanding the fundamentals of embedded

microcontroller systems.

Spring 2020 Gaussian Random Process Project (individual project): Learned to and used

Matlab to visualize Gaussian Random Process realizations.

Spring 2019 Maze Algorithm Project (group project): Our group of two placed second in

designing a maze-solving C program in our C Programming class of 117

students.

Extracurricular Activities and Extracurricular Projects

Fall 2022 Resources Web Project (personal project): Created a website on GitHub

pages to act as both a personal portfolio and as a programming reference.

GitHub link: https://github.com/potionPI/archiveblog | Site link:

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Summer 2019	Music Box Project (personal project): Designed and assembled a

breadboard music box and keyboard toy with Atmel Studio using an Atmel

chip and C programming.

Summer 2019 Arduino Backlit Keypad (personal project): Designed a PCB using Eagle and

assembled an Arduino Nano based backlit USB keyboard. Designed the

laser cut enclosure using Fusion 360.

Summer 2019 Revisiting LED Matrix (personal project): Added push buttons and Arduino

code to move lights across the Fall 2019 LED Matrix project.

Spring 2019 Robotics Mentee Project (group project): Designed the PCB which was

selected as the final PCB design for a Simon Says game for our robotics

club using Eagle.

Spring 2019 Atmel Seven-Seg Clock (class project): Assembled and soldered a clock.

Tested clock using the digital oscilloscope and digital multimeter provided by

our professor.

Spring 2019 Creating logic gates with BJTs (personal project): Made NOT, AND, OR,

NAND, NOR, and XOR logic gates with 2N2222 transistors. Documented

the schematic used.

Fall 2018 Catapult Robot (group project): Designed and assembled the electrical

wiring for an Arduino Uno based robot that drove, sensed obstacles, and

tossed a ball. Implemented a remote control system for testing.

Fall 2018 Robotics Internal Competition Robot (group project): Rewired and designed

the mechanical structure of an RC car.

Fall 2018 LED Matrix (personal project): Soldered a board with an 8x8 matrix of LEDs

and scrolled numbers across the matrix using an Arduino Uno.

Fall 2017 Custom Tumblr Webpage (personal project): Created a custom Tumblr page

template using HTML/CSS/JavaScript. Link: https://hp-mp-pots.tumblr.com/

Fall 2017 Jekyll Site (personal project): Created a website on GitHub Pages to learn

how to use and customize Jekyll sites. GitHub link:

https://github.com/potionPI/Interclamnetted

Spring 2017 Scavenger Hunt Website (personal project): Created a website on GitHub

Pages which involved looking for clues and finding objects to click on in order to reveal a final message. Used HTML/CSS/JavaScript. Link: https://potionpi.github.io/11-kinds-of-loneliness/html/ (press 'R' to enter the

portion of the site with words).

Spring 2017 Storybook Web Project (personal project): Created an artistic website on

GitHub Pages to explore a thesis for an English project on The Great

Gatsby. Used HTML/CSS/JavaScript. GitHub link: https://github.com/potionPl/thegreatgatsby | Site link:

https://potionpi.github.io/thegreatgatsby/ | Project proposal link:

https://potionpi.github.io/thegreatgatsby/proposal.html

Academic Honors

Dean's List (Stony Brook University)
2022 Ward Melville Valedictorian Award (Stony Brook University)
2022 Armstrong Memorial Research Foundation Award (Stony Brook University)
2022 Tesla Scholar (Columbia University)
2023 MS EE Honors Student (Columbia University)

Clubs

Stony Brook Robotics Team

Honor Societies

Tau Beta Pi

Technical Skills

Programming languages SQL, Python, Perl, Matlab, C/C++, Java, Html/CSS/JavaScript, Assembly

Electrical test equipment Oscilloscopes, function generators, DMMs, power supplies

Microcontrollers Arduino (Arduino IDE), AVR (Atmel Studio 7/Microchip Studio)

Electrical CAD/Circuit Design and PCB design

Orcad Capture, Eagle, PSpice

Mechanical CAD Autodesk Inventor, Fusion 360

Prototyping Bread boarding, soldering, debugging circuits

MOOCs

SQL for Data Science

Certifications

Lean Six Sigma White Belt Certification, Lean Six Sigma Institute, May 2022