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EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington USA

Ph.D. Candidate, Chemical Engineering, December 2018 (expected graduation date)

• Advisor: Jim Pfaendtner

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington USA

M.S., Chemical Engineering, December, 2016

University of Texas, Austin, Texas USA

B.S., Chemical Engineering, May, 2014

Honors and Awards

Data Science Accelerator Award (National Science Foundation), 2017-2018

Data Intensive Research Enabling Clean Technologies (DIRECT) graduate trainee, 2016-2018

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention, 2015

Chemical Engineering Endowment, 2014

Achievement Rewards for College Scientists Fellow, 2014-2016

Friends of Alec Scholar, 2014

Undergraduate Research Fellowship, 2013

Tracor/Frank W. McBee, Jr. Scholarship, 2013

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington USA

Graduate Student

September, 2014 - present

Includes current Ph.D. research, Ph.D. and Masters level coursework and research/consulting projects.

Visiting Researcher

June 2016

Assisted in the training of new graduate students to use molecular simulation engines in the research lab of Dr. Yi He at Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China.

Study Abroad Teaching Assistant

June - July, 2016

Co-taught unit operations labs for undergraduates from University of Wisconsin and University of Washington at Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China. Emphasis on responsibility for heat and mass transfer workshops.

Instructor

July - August, 2015

Co-taught programming course for data science incubator for social good at the UW eScience Institute. Shared responsibility for lectures, workshops, and homework assignments.

PUBLICATIONS

W. A. Beckner, Y. He, J. Pfaendtner, "Chain flexibility in self-assembled monolayers affects protein adsorption and surface hydration, a molecular dynamics study", *J. Phys. Chem. B.*, 2016, 120(40), 10423-10432. DOI: 10.1021/acs.jpcb.6b05882

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W. A. Beckner, C. Mao, J. Pfaendtner, "Statistical models are able to predict ionic liquid viscosity across a wide range of chemical functionalities and experimental conditions", *Mol. Syst. Des. Eng.*, 2018. DOI: 10.1039/C7ME00094D

Papers in Preparation

L. Schmser, M. Trefz, S. Roeters, W. A. Beckner, J. Pfaendtner, S. Woutersen, M. Bonn, D. Schneider, T. Weidner, "Refining the X-ray crystal structure of aquaporin with Sum Frequency Generation spectroscopy"

Conference Presentations & Invited Talks

Beckner, W. A., Pythonic Package Development. Electrochemical Society Hackweek, Seattle, WA, 2018

Beckner, W. A., Alamdari, S., Dawson, N., Climate Sentiment Analysis on Twitter Data. KPMG Lighthouse Group, Seattle, WA, 2018

Beckner, W. A., Navigating Solvent Design with Statistical Models. Graduate Student Symposium, Seattle, WA, 2017.

Beckner, W. A., Application of High Performance Computing and Machine Learning to Accelerate Material Discovery for Energy Capture and Storage. American Institute of Chemical Engineers Conference, San Francisco, CA, 2016.

Beckner, W. A., Green Events: Engaging Students in Sustainable Practice Through On-Campus Event Planning. Smart and Sustainable Campus Conference, Baltimore, MA, 2014.

Beckner, W. A., Entzminger, K., and Maynard, J. A. Site-Directed Incorporation of Nitrophenylalanine to Study Antibody:Nitro Group Interaction. Rice University Regional Undergraduate Symposium, Houston, TX, 2013.

Professional Experience

Campus Environmental Center, Austin, Texas USA

Assistant Director

August, 2012 - August, 2014

- Co-founded Green Events, a university-funded events consultation service for registered student organizations
- Provided network of campus resources to organization partners
- \bullet Executed and expanded campus sustainability initiatives
- Served as a student liaison between students and administrators
- \bullet Planned milestone sustainability events including a world record-breaking build-a-thon on America Recycles Day 2013
- Participated in search committee with other administrators and facilities directors to hire campus zero waste coordinator

SKILLS

- Languages: Python, Bash, JavaScript, HTML, SQL, Matlab, C#
- Technologies: LATEX, common Windows database, spreadsheet, and presentation software, Google Cloud Platform, Tensor Flow, Tableau, Flask
- Schedulers: Torque, Slurm
- Algorithms: GROMACS molecular dynamics engine
- Operating Systems: Unix/Linux, Windows, iOS.

CERTIFICATIONS

• Data Engineering on Google Cloud Platform Specialization (Coursera)

Building Resilient Streaming Systems on Google Cloud Platform

Google Cloud Platform Big Data and Machine Learning Fundamentals

Leveraging Unstructured Data with Cloud Dataproc on Google Cloud Platform

Serverless Data Analysis with Google $\operatorname{Big} \operatorname{Query}$ and Cloud Dataflow Serverless Machine Learning with Tensorflow on Google Cloud Platform • Data Science Option (University of Washington)