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PROFILE

I am currently a third year PhD student in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at Indiana University School of Medicine. I received a Master of Science in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry from Loyola University Chicago in 2016. I have extensive knowledge and expertise in oncology and immunology research. My Master's thesis project was focused on elucidating a novel Notch signaling mechanism in Estrogen Receptor α positive breast cancer. My previous research experience at The Ohio State University involved investigating TGF-β signaling in vascular angiogenesis. In the three years since completion of my Master's degree, I have performed research at The University of Chicago in tumor immunology with a special emphasis on developing mouse models of disease. I am motivated and enthusiastic about scientific research. In the lab, I am detail-oriented and thoughtful in my experiments. I strive daily to advance our knowledge of the natural world and disease through thoughtful inquiry and a positive attitude.

EDUCATION

Indiana University — **In Progress**
Ph.D. Microbiology and Immunology

Loyola University Chicago — **2016**
M.S. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

The University of Mississippi — **2011**
B.S. Biology

The University of Mississippi — **2011**
B.A. Biochemistry

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Indiana University — **August 2020 - Present**
Graduate Research Assistant
I am currently a graduate student in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. My thesis research involves exploring mechanisms of allergic asthma pathogenesis in mouse models. Core areas of interest include hematopoiesis, immune system development, and the microbiome.

University of Chicago — **September 2017 - July 2020**
Research Specialist II
My research focused on mechanisms of immune checkpoint inhibitors in bladder cancer.

University of Chicago — **October 2016 – September 2017**
Research Specialist I
I was previously employed as a research technician in the Department of Microbiology. Our research was focused on mechanisms of retroviral infection in murine models.

Loyola University Chicago
Master's Student **August 2014 – October 2016**
Work toward my Master's thesis employed several biochemistry and molecular biology techniques used to investigate the crosstalk between Notch, Estrogen Receptor-α, and MAP Kinase signaling pathways in breast cancer.

The Ohio State University Division of Pharmacology
Research Assistant II **October 2011 – April 2014**
I was responsible for carrying out biochemistry and molecular biology experiments pertaining to TGF-β signaling in vascular endothelium. I was also responsible for lab inventory, ordering, personnel training and supervision, and general management duties.

The University of Mississippi Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry **January 2011- May 201**
Undergraduate Research Assistant
In this position, I gained experience with PCR and cloning techniques and protein purification.

AWARDS

IUPUI Graduate Student Travel Fellowship: $800 for travel to "The Human Microbiome: Ecology and Evolution" Keystone Symposium in December 2022

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

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