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Education

University of Washington, Seattle, WA – *Doctor of Philosophy* *Sept. 2019 – Present*
Biostatistics

St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN – *Bachelor of Arts* *Sept. 2015 – May 2019*
Majors: Mathematics and Chemistry *Summa Cum Laude*
Concentration: Statistics

Research Experience

Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis Compliance, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Research Assistant, Advisors: Dr. Lyndia Brumback and Dr. Robyn McClelland *Sept. 2019 – Present*

- Analyze data collected from longitudinal Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis using R and STATA to understand the pathophysiology of hypertension and its relation to arterial stiffness
- Investigate how measures of arterial compliance, PTC1 and PTC2, and sidedness differences in blood pressure, can inform risk assessment for cardiovascular disease

Neurology Intensive Care Units Palliative Care, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Research Assistant, Advisor: Dr. Claire Creutzfeldt *Jul. 2020 – Oct. 2020*

- Analyzed data collected from prospective cohort study of patients and families in the Neurosciences and Medical/Cardiac Intensive Care Units using R and STATA
- Evaluated palliative care needs of patients with severe acute brain injury and their families
- Identified patients and families at risk for poor health outcomes and processes of care

Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program in Mathematics, IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN
Applied Math Researcher, Advisor: Dr. Julia Arciero *Jun. – Jul. 2018*

- Optimized parameters in existing ordinary differential equations model of murine heart transplant rejection in MATLAB using Monte Carlo methods
- Adapted model to simulate regulatory T cell (Treg) adoptive transfer and immunosuppression (IS)
- Varied Treg delivery and discovered optimal dose minimizes initial graft destruction and maximizes endogenous Treg activation
- Varied Treg delivery, IS class, and IS dose to determine optimal combinatorial treatments that prevent graft rejection and minimize IS dose

Mathematics Practicum, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN
Professional Data Analysts, Inc. Researcher, Advisors: Dr. Paul Roback and Dr. Jill Dietz *Jan. 2018*

- Collaborated with undergraduate team to evaluate smoking cessation rate accuracy given increasing nonresponse rates in Quitline follow-up surveys
- Generated simulation in R that compared accuracy of responder, intent-to-treat, and weighted quit rate confidence intervals based on varied population size, sample size, response rate, and nonresponse bias
- Visualized simulation results in Shiny application and co-authored report on findings

Nephrology and Urology Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Researcher, Advisor: Dr. Carli Sussman *May – Aug. 2017*

- Developed *phosphodiesterase 3a (pde3a)* knockout in *Danio rerio* embryos to determine relevance of Pde3a in Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD)
- Used CRISPR/Cas9 technology to target catalytic domain of Pde3a
- Amplified hydrolytic domain, conducted restriction enzyme digest, and performed gel electrophoresis to assess mutation efficiency
- Extracted, sequenced, and analyzed DNA using Mutation Surveyor to identify mutations

Collaborative Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Program, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

Molecular Biology Researcher, Advisor: Dr. Kim Kandl

Jun. – Aug. 2016

- Studied role of SUMOylation in vegetative growth, mitosis, meiosis, and DNA repair in *Tetrahymena thermophila* using *ulp1* and *ulp2* knockdown strain
- Used RT-qPCR to quantify relative gene expression of *ulp1* and *ulp2* gene knockdowns in *Tetrahymena*
- Contributed to creation of construct to fluorescently tag ULP1 and ULP2 in *Tetrahymena*

Innovative Minds Partnering to Advance Curative Therapies Program, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Undergraduate Researcher, Advisor: Dr. Kim Kandl

Nov. 2015 – Mar. 2016

- Researched scientific literature to hypothesize the pathophysiology of Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS) and propose experiment to test hypothesis using regenerative medicine
- Linked genetic and environmental factors to predict blocked gap junction channels in neonatal cardiomyocytes disrupt cardiogenesis
- Co-authored report and selected to deliver oral presentation at Mayo Clinic in Rochester
- Awarded silver medal out of twenty teams for HLHS category

Teaching Experience

St. Olaf College, Dept. of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science

Teaching Assistant and Homework Grader

Feb. 2018 – May 2019

- MATH 242: Modern Computational Mathematics
- MATH 330: Differential Equations II

Published Abstracts

Duprez, D.A., Jacobs, D.R. Jr., Denenberg, J.O., McClelland, R.L., Andrews, L.I.B., Thomas, I.C., and Allison, M.A. “Inter-Arm Systolic Blood Pressure Differences and Incident Cardiovascular Disease and Total Mortality in a Multi-Ethnic Population without Overt Cardiovascular Disease: The MESA Study.” Abstract at American College of Cardiology 2020 Together with World Congress of Cardiology, Virtual. March 2020. Abstract 1161-083.

Sussman, C., Pearson, E., Andrews, L., Johnson, K., Koleilat, A., Ekker, S., Schimmenti, L., Harris, P., and Torres, V. “Hearing Impairment, A Novel Functional Readout, in *Pkd2* Mutant Zebrafish.” Abstract at American Society of Nephrology Kidney Week, San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA. October 2018. Abstract 692.

Selected Presentations

Andrews, L., Lapp, M., Raimondi, G., and Arciero, J. “Modeling Optimal Treatment Strategies Transplant Patients.” 10th Annual Research Conference at the Interface of Biology and Mathematics, University of Tennessee Conference Center, Knoxville, TN. October 2018. {*Oral Presentation*}

Andrews, L., Lapp, M., Raimondi, G., and Arciero, J. “Modeling Optimal Treatment Strategies for Murine Heart Transplant.” Indiana Undergraduate Mathematics Research Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. July 2018. {*Oral Presentation*}

Andrews, L., Johnson, K., Neville, Q., Nguyen, Q., and Peterson R. “Professional Data Analysts, Inc. Project: Investigation of Quit Rates and Survey Paradata.” Professional Data Analysts Inc. Meeting, Professional Data Analysts Inc. Headquarters, Minneapolis, MN. January 2018. {*Oral Presentation*}

Andrews, L., Johnson K., and Sussman, C. “Developing a *pde3a* Mutant Zebrafish to Determine its Role in the PKD Pathway.” Division of Kidney, Urologic, and Hematologic Diseases Summer Undergraduate Research Conference, DoubleTree Hotel Bethesda, Bethesda, MD. August 2017. {*Poster Presentation*}

Andrews, L. and Sussman, C. “Developing a *pde3a* mutant to Determine the Role of PDE3A in the PKD Pathway.” NuSURF Program Student Extravaganza, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. August 2017. {*Oral Presentation*}

Andrews, L. and Kandl., K. “Downregulation of *ULP2* Alters Nuclear Division, DNA Repair, and Pairing During Conjugation in *Tetrahymena thermophila*.” Collaborative Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Poster Symposium, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN. August 2016. {*Poster Presentation*}

Andrews, L., Olson., P., Salij, A., Smith., P., and Rakotomahenina, L. “Blocking of Cardiac Gap Junctions: A Proposed Trigger of HLHS.” Innovative Minds Partnering to Advance Curative Therapies Symposium, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. March 2016. {*Oral and Poster Presentation*}

Publications

Brumback, L.C., Andrews, L.I.B., Jacobs, D.R. Jr., Duprez, D.A., Shah, S.J., Dougherty, C.M., Denenberg, J.O., and Allison, M.A. “The Association Between Indices of Blood Pressure Waveforms (PTC1 and PTC2) and Incident Heart Failure.” *Journal of Hypertension*. {*In Press*}

Arciero, J., Guang, L., Dorabiala, O., Arun, A., Andrews, L., Lapp, M., and Raimondi, G. “Maximizing the Potential of Treg-Based Therapies for Transplant Rejection via Mathematical Modeling: Effect of Dose, Timing, and Distribution.” {*In Progress*}

Honors and Awards

GSFEI Top Scholar Award , University of Washington	2019
School of Public Health Award of Excellence , University of Washington	2019
Phi Beta Kappa , St. Olaf College	2019
Phi Lambda Upsilon , St. Olaf College	2019
Pi Mu Epsilon Honors Society , St. Olaf College	2018-2019
Mayo Clinic IMPACT Silver Medal , Mayo Clinic	2016
Buntrock Scholarship , St. Olaf College	2015 – 2019
Cassler Scholarship , St. Olaf College	2015 – 2019

Technical Skills

- **Computer Proficiencies:** R, MATLAB, Mathematica, STATA, LaTeX, Mutation Surveyor, Benchling, Chimera, SCIGRESS, MEGA7, Endnote, and Excel
- **Laboratory Proficiencies (performing and interpreting):** CRISPR/Cas9, protein tagging, gene cloning, DNA extraction, gel electrophoresis, PCR, RT-qPCR, gene sequencing, immunofluorescence, chromatography (column, thin layer, paper, high pressure liquid, size exclusion), GC-MS, NMR, IR, UV spectroscopy, spectrophotometry, and differential scanning calorimetry

Professional Affiliations

Association for Women in Mathematics	2018 – 2019
Mathematical Association of America	2017 – 2019

Languages

English: Native

Spanish: Intermediate

Chinese: Basic

Campus Involvement

Graduate & Professional Student Senate , University of Washington, Seattle, WA	<i>Oct. 2020 – Present</i>
Biostatistics Peer Mentoring Program , University of Washington, Seattle, WA	<i>Sept. 2020 – Present</i>
Board Games at UW , University of Washington, Seattle, WA	<i>Jan. 2020 – Present</i>
Women in Biostatistics and Statistics , University of Washington, Seattle, WA	<i>Sept. 2019 – Present</i>
Chamber Music Club , University of Washington, Seattle, WA	<i>Sept. 2019 – Mar. 2020</i>
St. Olaf Orchestra , St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN	<i>Sept. 2015 – May 2019</i>
St. Olaf Public Safety Dispatch , St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN	<i>Sept. 2015 – May 2019</i>
St. Olaf Intramurals , St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN	<i>Sept. 2015 – May 2019</i>