

## A BRIEF NOTE TO THE READER

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To whomever reads my CV,

I'm a fifth year PhD student at the University of Tennessee beginning to put together a dissertation surrounding on "Novel Computing Strategies to Support the Life Sciences." It features linear algebra, computer networks, and some graph algorithms. I am hoping to graduate in August of 2026 and pursue a career in higher education.

## EDUCATION

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### University of Tennessee

GPA: 4.00/4.00

Knoxville, Tennessee

2021-present

- M.S. in Computer Science
- Ph.D. in Computer Engineering (in progress)

### Indiana University, Bloomington

GPA: 4.00/4.00

Bloomington, Indiana

2017-2021

- B.S. in Intelligent Systems Engineering
- B.S. in Physics

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Dr. Langston's Life Sciences Lab

Graduate Research Assistant

Knoxville TN

Spring 2024 - Present

- Used graph algorithms and data science on biomedical data in conjunction with life sciences labs
- Informed health scientists of new algoirhtms and optimized existing workflows to discover treatments to common medical conditions and diseases

### Peerless Technologies, LLC

Software Engineering Intern

Knoxville, TN

Summer 2024

- Note: Peerless Technologies, LLC acquired Statheros, LLC, where I formerly worked
- Wrote code to integrate reinforcement learning into training simulations for Air Force pilots
- Translated hardware signals into usable parameters for a high level model

### Sandia National Laboratories

Graduate Research Intern - Scalable Algorithms (1465)

Albuquerque, NM

Summer 2023

- Investigated the performance of device-initiated communication
- designed and presented papers and presentations for conferences that impact the lab missions
- Exposed RMA/PGAS technology through Kokkos Remote Spaces

### Innovative Computing Laboratory

Graduate Research Assistant - Distributed Computing Group

Knoxville, TN

Summer 2021-Fall 2023

- Designed software to harness full use of many-core machines.
- Investigated What motivates performance in task-based GEMM (matrix multiply)

## Neutron Spin Rotation

Undergraduate in Dr. Mike Snow's Lab

Bloomington, Indiana

Spring 2020-Summer 2021

- Created instrument drivers in LabWindows for multiple instruments present in the apparatus
- Project seeks to verify (or potentially disprove) predictions of the standard model at low temperatures

## PhysiCell

Undergraduate in Dr. Paul Macklin's "MathCancer" lab

Bloomington, Indiana

Spring 2018 - Spring 2020

- PhysiCell is an extendable Free and Open Source software specializing in cell simulation to gain insights into cancer treatments
- Frontend development for PhysiCell and implementation of user guides
- Created 'xml2Jupyter', a software that generalizes any xml framework to an easily understandable frontend (This is where my publication stems from)

## OpenBCI

Brain Computer Interface, under Martin Swany, ISE dept. chair

Bloomington, Indiana

Fall 2017

- OpenBCI: implemented ways to control a remote control car using signals from the brain.
- Made heavy use of neural networks and 3D design to implement several sensors around the brain

## INVITED TALKS

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Slides can be found at [web.eecs.utk.edu/~dmishler/presentations](http://web.eecs.utk.edu/~dmishler/presentations)

- **What is Exposed Buffer Architecture?** at Taylor University of Upland, IN 2025

## PUBLICATIONS

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- [1] **D. Mishler**, J. Ciesko, S. Olivier, and G. Bosilca, "Performance insights into device-initiated rma using kokkos remote spaces", in *2023 IEEE International Conference on Cluster Computing Workshops (CLUSTER Workshops)*, 2023, pp. 66–67.
- [2] R. Heiland, **D. Mishler**, T. Zhang, E. Bower, and P. Macklin, "xml2jupyter", in *2019 Journal of Open Source Software*, Apr. 8, 2019, p. 01 408.

## TEACHING

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- **Graduate Teaching Assistant** at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville Fall 2024  
*Physics for Engineers (EF151)*
- **Undergraduate Instructor** at Indiana University Spring 2019,2020,2021  
*Software Systems Engineering (11688)*
- **Mathematics Tutor** at Indiana University (Academic Support Center) Fall 2018 - Spring 2020  
*Finite Mathematics, Calculus I-IV, Differential Equations*
- **Undergraduate Instructor** at Indiana University Fall 2019  
*Engineering Principles (10212)*

## SKILLS

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- **Programming Advanced:** C, Python
- **Programming Intermediate:** C++, Verilog, LabWindows, ARM, x86, SQL, (Jupyter)
- **Design:** Fusion360, Adobe (Illustrator, Premiere, & Photoshop), Cura, Trotec
- **Concepts:** Schedulers, Visualization, Networks, Operating Systems, Windows, Linux, Optimization, Databases, Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning

## PROJECTS

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| PyEBA/EBA-IR  | University of Tennessee       |
| Research project with Dr. Micah Beck  | Spring 2024-present           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– An implementation of Dr. Beck’s “Exposed Buffer Architecture” in Python (PyEBA) and another in C using an EBA Intermediate Representation (EBA-IR), intended to demonstrate capabilities of an alternative form of networking capable of doing things not possible in the internet and useful for several niche applications which are inhibited by IP and TCP.</li></ul> |                               |
| DucruOS   | University of Tennessee       |
| Operating Systems under Dr. Steven Marz   | Spring 2022-present           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Recreation of UNIX-style OS complete with graphics, memory management, multithreading, and processes in RISC-V. Originated in a particularly difficult experimental section of an operating systems course. <a href="#">github link</a>.</li></ul>  |                               |
| Pocket Scientist  | Indiana University - Capstone |
| Engineering Senior Capstone Project   | Fall 2020-Spring 2021         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– User focused web application with Database parser that scans papers and databases for claims to improve the reliability of information in the field. SoulWare Website.</li></ul>  |                               |

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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| • Bodeneheimer Fellow                      | 2022      |
| • Cheng Wu Innovation Challenge - Finalist | 2018,2021 |
| • IU Founders Scholar/Dean’s List          | 2018-2021 |
| • Burnett-Masters scholar                  | 2019      |

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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| • Physics Club: Officer   | 2017–2021         |
| <i>Club meets weekly for discussion on Physics, talks from faculty, and planning. Responsible for planning majority of IU’s Physics outreach, especially to children in elementary and middle school.</i>                           |                   |
| • Dungeons and Dragons at IU: Founder   | 2018–2021         |
| <i>Largest active student organization at Indiana University. Club is an umbrella for people interested in playing Tabletop Roleplaying Games to find a community at IU.</i>  |                   |
| • Music involvement   | Fall 2008–Current |
| <i>Have dedicated approximately 10,000 hours to music. Instruments include Trumpet, Piano, electric bass, Guitar, Ukulele, and voice. Play music for nonprofits/fundraisers multiple times a year and lead local worship bands.</i> |                   |

## NON-RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT

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### **General Motors**

Austin, Texas

Software Development at IT Innovation Center

Summer 2020

- Developed frontend/backend for data science models and internal company tools.
- Pioneered a new initiative to move data science at GM from a manual quarterly report to a consistent and automatically updated application.

### **NSWC Crane**

Crane, Indiana

Electrical Engineer - Radio Frequency Countermeasures

Summer 2019

- Testing and Evaluation for Department of Defense Naval Systems.
- Heavy work with radio hardware and signal propagation.