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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Department of Neuroscience Candidate for PhD in Neuroscience Advisor: Dr. Ryan Dilger

Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Science in Psychology Double Minor in Business & ITM GPA: 3.711

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Aug 2019 – Present

Graduate Research Assistant – Piglet Nutrition & Cognition Laboratory

With Dr. Ryan Dilger, MS, PhD

 Research focuses on refining and developing neuroimaging techniques to assess cognitive development with nutritional interventions.

Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL

Jul 2018 – Jul 2019

Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Clinical Research Assistant – Chronic Pain Laboratory

With Dr. Thomas J. Schnitzer, MD, PhD

 Researched development and characterization of analgesic agents for the management of chronic musculoskeletal pain. Conducted pharmacological trials for chronic lower back pain, knee/hip Osteoarthritis pain, and osteoporosis in males.

Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL

Aug 2016 – Jul 2018

Undergraduate Research Assistant - Occupational Health Psychology Lab

With Dr. Mahima Saxena, MS, PhD

Researched job and academic burnout and performance across different domains.
Supervised senior capstone: Academic Burnout and Student Experiences

Undergraduate Research Assistant – Social-Health Psychology Lab

With Dr. Arlen Moller, BS, PhD

 Researched interventions designed to increase physical activity in sedentary adult population using technology (e.g., wearable activity trackers) and motivation theory (e.g., self-determination theory)

HONORS AND AWARDS

IIT Department of Psychology Undergraduate Research Award Apr 2018

Funding for Research

IIT Lewis College Undergraduate Research Day Apr 2018

1st place in poster competition

Clinton E. Stryker Distinguished Award Apr 2017

Outstanding Student Employee of the Year Award

Dean's List Sep 2015 – Dec 2017

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico

Program Counselor Jun 2017 – Aug 2017

Camp Rakas, Custer, Michigan

Lake Front Director Jul 2016

Camp Instructor Jul 2013 – Jul 2015

Sailing Instructor Jul 2014

Illinois Institute of Technology

Engineers for a Sustainable World (ESW) – IIT Chapter Vice President, Founder of Education Committee

Kappa Phi Delta Sorority

Scholarship Chair, Kitchen Manager, Women's Appreciation Chair