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EDUCATION **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Cambridge, MA
 M.S., Mechanical Engineering, 2015

University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA
 M.S., Biomedical Engineering, 2012
 B.S., Biomedical Engineering, 2010

EXPERIENCE **Eigen Therapeutics**, Redwood City, CA **September 2021 – Present**
 CEO, Co-Founder
Eigen Therapeutics is a drug discovery company focused on developing “priming therapies” that make cancer easier to find and eliminate. Eigen develops therapies that modulate target expression levels on cancer cells, improving the efficacy of targeted therapies when paired with them.

Notable Labs, San Francisco, CA **June 2015 – September 2021**
 VP of Engineering *May 2021 – September 2021*
 Head of Laboratory Automation *November 2017 – May 2021*
 Founding Engineer & Lead Engineer *June 2015 – November 2017*
Furthering software, hardware, and biology for the advancement of personalized cancer therapy.

Charles Stark Draper Laboratory, Cambridge, MA **August 2012 – August 2013**
 Biomedical Engineer (Contractor via Digital Prospectors Corp.)
Conducted research under BIO-MIMETICS program, a joint DARPA and NIH-funded program between MIT, Draper, and CN BIO Innovations for the development of a “human body on a chip.”

ACADEMIC **Griffith Lab**, MIT **September 2013 – June 2015**
EXPERIENCE *Principal Investigator: Prof. Linda Griffith*
Focused on an extension of aforementioned DARPA research. Designed a device for culturing an *in vitro* small intestine model. Created finite element models of fluid flow and oxygen transport/consumption through the device.

Biological Microtechnology Laboratory, UC Irvine **November 2008 – July 2012**
 Principal Investigator: Prof. Elliot Hui
Developed microfluidic digital logic for automated fluid handling on a chip. Heavily involved in all stages of device development, namely iterative cycles of design, fabrication, and testing.

TECHNICAL **Laboratory Skills**
SKILLS Mammalian Cell Culture, Flow Cytometry, Microfabrication, Soft Lithography, Photolithography
Engineering Skills
Laboratory Automation, Design for Manufacturing for CNC, Design for Additive Manufacturing, Finite Element Analysis, DevOps (AWS), CI/CD (CircleCI, Github Actions)
Engineering Software
SolidWorks, OnShape, AutoCAD, COMSOL, Unix
Design Software
Adobe Photoshop/Illustrator/InDesign/Lightroom/Premiere
Languages/Frameworks
Python (Flask, Django), Ruby (Rails), C#, R, JavaScript (React, AngularJS, TypeScript, MUI), L^AT_EX

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- TALKS “Microfluidic Finite State Machine for Autonomous Control of Integrated Fluid Networks,” *The 15th International Conference on Miniaturized Systems for Chemistry and Life Sciences (μ TAS)*, Seattle, WA. October 4, 2011.
- “Reducing Off-Chip Complexity of Microfluidic Devices with Integrated Pneumatic Digital Logic,” *12th Annual UC Systemwide Bioengineering Symposium*, Santa Barbara, CA. June 15, 2011.
- T.V. Nguyen and J.D. De Jesus, “Design and Fabrication of a Fully Encapsulated Microfluidic Diagnostic Device,” *The 17th Annual UCI Undergraduate Research Symposium*, Irvine, CA. May 15, 2010.

HONORS AND AWARDS PM360 ELITE 100, 2017
Charles Stark Draper Laboratory Fellow, 2013–2015
Honorable Mention – NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, 2012
Chemical and Biological Microsystems Society Student/Young Researcher Travel Grant, 2011
UCI Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Fellowship (Academic Year), 2009–10
UCI Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Fellowship (Summer), 2009
UCI Summer Undergraduate Research Program Fellowship, 2009

OTHER AFFILIATIONS **Rocket Science Tutors (RST)**, Orange County, CA **September 2009 - May 2012**
www.rocketsciencetutors.com
Volunteer organization comprised of professional engineers and engineering students. Organization is dedicated to fostering students' interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and inspiring them to pursue a career in those fields. Volunteered at RST after-school sessions at middle schools in nearby economically disadvantaged areas.

Tutor.com **February 2007 - October 2009**
Calculus Tutor
Comprised of 1-on-1 tutoring in algebra, trigonometry, statistics, calculus, and real analysis to hundreds of drop-in students through an online environment.