Gary K. Vestal

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science and Informatics

Atlanta, GA

Emory University

August 2018- Present

o Relevant Skills: Python, Network Science, AI, Machine Learning, Epidemiology, Quantum Physics

o Cumulative GPA: 3.67

Bachelor of Science in Physics; Minor in Computer Science

Clemson, SC

Clemson University

August 2013- December 2017

o Calhoun Honors College

o Relevant Skills: LaTeX, Java, C, C++, Lua, Netlogo, GML, Arduino, MATLAB, Adobe Premiere, German

o Cumulative GPA: 3.94

WORK & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Network Epidemiology

Atlanta, GA

Emory Simbiosys Lab

June 2019 – Present

o Recreating full contagion network from partial data

o Analyzing individual's behaviors to reveal changes in social networks during outbreaks

Computational Physics Intern

Oak Ridge, TN

Oak Ridge National Lab

January 2015 – August 2016

- o Researched molecular self-assembly in two on-site internships for 40 hours per week
- o Created an agent-based model for simulating molecular self-assembly
- o Modeled sequence-controlled polymer synthesis on a substrate
- o Modeled the formation of bacterial microcompartment proteins
- o Programmed model that outperformed previous approach by two orders of magnitude in speed
- o Collaborated with Clemson professor to continue research in off-site internship
- o Continued research 4-8 hours per week while attending classes in Clemson
- o Presented findings in three poster presentations in 2015 and 2016

Product Management Intern

Charlotte, NC

TIAA

June 2018 –August 2018

- o Innovated TIAA's digital experience for its customers and employees for 40 hours per week
- o Tested software updates for TIAA's PlanFocus mobile app
- Designed SMS-based system for opening new IRA's

Independent Game Developer

Self-employed

August 2013-Present

o Created "V1CTR" for the iPad and published on iTunes.

Baritone Player

Kingsport, TN; Clemson, SC

Dobyns-Bennett High School, Clemson University

August 2006-Present

- o Performed in Timothy Hurlburt's Clemson University Concert Band 3 hours per week
- o Performed in Lafe Cooks' Dobbyn's-Bennett High School Wind Symphony 6 hours per week

AWARDS

Oak Ridge Student Poster Session Best Poster Award

August 2016

o Presented research on modeling bacterial microcompartments

Astronaut Scholarship Finalist	March 2016
 One of two finalists chosen at college level 	
Clemson Outstanding Junior Award in the Sciences	April 2016
 Chosen at college level based on academic and research achievements 	
Clemson L.D. Huff Junior Award	Spring 2016
 Chosen at department level based on academics and faculty recommendation 	