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EDUCATION & MEDICAL TRAINING

Gavin Herbert Eye Institute at UCI, Irvine, CA
Fellowship in Vitreoretinal Surgery, July 2024 - Present

Stein Eye Institute at UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
Residency in Ophthalmology, July 2021 to July 2024

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Carson, CA
Preliminary Year in Internal Medicine, June 2020 to July 2021

David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
Medical Doctorate May 2020

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA
Master of Human-Computer Interaction, August 2013

Yale University, New Haven, CT
Bachelor of Arts in Cognitive Science, May 2010

LICENSURE

Licensed in State of California & Active DEA License
Passed American Board of Ophthalmology Written Examination September 2024
Pending American Board of Ophthalmology Oral Examination May 2025

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Director **October 2022 - Present**
County Vitrectomy Collaborative Research Consortium **Los Angeles, CA**
Created and coordinated a group of fellows, residents, and medical students in the development of a database of vitrectomies performed within a safety-net hospital system in Los Angeles County.

- Multiple abstracts have been accepted at national conferences.
- Group is fostering the educational goals of five medical students who aim to apply into Ophthalmology, one of whom matched.

Student Researcher **June 2017 - June 2020**
UCLA Preschool Vision Project **Los Angeles, CA**

Designed and conducted research on preschool vision screening and prevention of childhood amblyopia and blindness; mentored by Anne L. Coleman, M.D., Ph.D.

- Findings will impact criteria for which children should undergo cycloplegic exam
- Manually and algorithmically cleaned a database with more than 90,000 entries, enabling current and simplifying future research
- Research has yielded two presentations and two publications, with others in process

Clinical Research Coordinator **August 2015 - July 2016**
Cornea Genetic Eye Institute **Los Angeles, CA**

Designed and conducted research related to the diagnosis and treatment of keratoconus and keratoconjunctivitis sicca with Ron Gaster, M.D. and Yaron Rabinowitz, M.D.

- Published research on the efficacy of a new method for corneal de-epithelialization which is equally effective to the current method for corneal collagen crosslinking
- Contributed to a published research review on the on the genetics of keratoconus
- Conducted a study on the efficacy of a novel therapy for keratoconjunctivitis sicca

Research Assistant **February 2013 - September 2013**
Ubicomp Lab **Pittsburgh, PA**

Master's student researcher under Anind Dey and Jin-Hyuk Hong. Conducted research on applications of machine learning algorithms on driver aggression and driver training

- Published research on a novel algorithm to detect driver aggression
- Research presented at the 2014 Conference on Computer-Human Interaction

Project Manager **January 2013 - August 2013**
Radiology Information System Redesign for GE Healthcare **Pittsburgh, PA**

Developed a radiology product for GE Healthcare to increase workflow intuitiveness.

- Delivered a functional software prototype based on findings from user research
- Led an interdisciplinary research and design team to develop a software solution
- Orchestrated contextual inquiries with radiologists and other stakeholders

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Medical Student Volunteer

UCLA Mobile Clinic Project & UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic

**September 2016 - June 2020
Los Angeles, CA**

Volunteered bi-monthly providing medical care and guidance for the large homeless population in Los Angeles.

- Conducted medical and social interviews, made accurate diagnoses, and coordinated with local organizations in cases where more complex workups were necessary.
- Coordinated volunteer efforts between both organizations to ensure proper staffing.

Co-President

Ophthalmology Interest Group

**August 2016 - August 2017
Los Angeles, CA**

Organized educational and training events for a large group of medical students

- Events included faculty-led discussions on international work, residency application, and career outlook
- Coordinated volunteer efforts with the UCLA Preschool Vision Project.

Ophthalmology Volunteer

Mission Natuvu Creek

**May 2014
Buca Bay, Fiji**

Triaged and performed eye examinations on hundreds of Fijian patients; strategized with ophthalmologists to improve local eyesight given limited resources

- Performed initial interviews and examined patients for intraocular pressure, keratometry, and with the ophthalmoscope
- Investigated and repaired donated machinery, an IOL Master and a YAG laser, the latter of which was utilized for three additional surgeries
- Witnessed the acute effects of elusive medical treatment and the degree to which rural medicine can improve lives

Ophthalmology Volunteer

La Amistad Mobile Vision Clinic

**Jan. 2014 - May 2014
Santa Ana, CA**

Shadowed and volunteered with a local ophthalmologist; aided with patient intake, examination, and English-Spanish translation

Emergency Medical Technician

May 2007 - May 2015

Provided basic and advanced life support for medical and trauma patients in Broomall, PA (Volunteer at Marple Township Ambulance Corps, Aug. 2014 - May 2015), Stratford, CT (Volunteer at Stratford EMS Association, Jan. 2008 - Jun. 2008), and Lake Forest, CA (Paid position at Pacific Ambulance May 2007 - Aug. 2007)

EMPLOYMENT

Community Product Manager

BoostCTR

**Jan. 2012 - Aug. 2012
San Francisco, CA**

Designed an engaging and intuitive user interface for a community of Creative Ad Developers. Community drove client search marketing performance by 30%

Senior Research Analyst

The Nielsen Company

**Jul. 2010 - Jan. 2012
Chicago, IL**

Developed quantitative and qualitative analytics and recommendations for CPG companies to guide new product launches

ACCOLADES

UCLA Resident Informaticist Program

Funded Informatics Research Position

Los Angeles, CA 2023

American Academy of Ophthalmology - Mid Year Forum

Advocacy Ambassador Travel Grant

Washington, DC 2023

Knights Templar Eye Foundation Travel Grant

Subsidization of Travel Costs to Present Novel Research Results

Los Angeles, CA 2017

Short Term Training Program Research Grant

Funding to Complete Ophthalmology Research with Anne L Coleman, M.D. Ph.D.

Los Angeles, CA 2017

Scholarship Award Recipient, UCLA

Recognition of Academic Performance, MCAT Score, and Potential

Los Angeles, CA 2016

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Publications

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LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

Margines, J. Ben. (2023, July). Pars Plana Vitrectomy for Intraocular Foreign Body Removal at a Safety-Net Hospital in Los Angeles, CA. American Society of Retina Specialists, Seattle, WA.

Jules Stein Eye Institute Grand Rounds, Invited Presenter: January 2023, September 2022, May 2022, March 2022, December 2021

Stickler Syndrome, Pacific Retina Conference, April 2022, Los Angeles CA

Margines, J. Ben. (2019, May). Epidemiological characteristics of astigmatism among a population of pre-school children in Los Angeles, California. Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Margines, J. Ben. (2018, May). Agreement between non-cycloplegic refraction with Retinomax and cycloplegic refraction in pre-school children informs screening criteria. Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, Honolulu, HI.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

- **Data Analysis:** Proficient in Microsoft Excel and R Studio
- **Design:** Proficient in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign
- **Spanish Speaking:** Conversationally fluent, able to conduct medical interviews
- **Overnight Through-Hiking:** Most recently on the Na-Pali Coast Trail in Kauai, a 22-mile, 3-day trek
- **Large-Format Photography:** Awarded funding to merge large-format with 35-mm content
- **Gardening:** Currently most proud of my Calathea and Norfolk Pine