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INTERESTS Artificial intelligence, agentic systems, machine learning, biomedical informatics, scientific computing, and drug discovery.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE **Foresite Labs** *San Francisco, California*
2018 – present

SENIOR STAFF DATA SCIENTIST

At Foresite I build data pipelines, machine learning infrastructure, and AI and agentic systems that generate and integrate large-scale genomic, biological, and scientific datasets and accelerate drug discovery and scientific research — to identify and incubate investment opportunities in scientific and biomedical companies.

Vium *San Mateo, California*
2016 – 2018

DATA SCIENTIST, RESEARCHER, DEVELOPER

Designing and developing novel metrics, algorithms, and statistical methods for a cloud-based software system. Writing production software, implementing machine learning methods, and authoring tools to analyze pre-clinical data from drug studies using large data sets generated from high-volume, continuously monitored sensors.

Tech Consultant and Developer *San Francisco, California*
2015

DATA SCIENTIST, DEVELOPER

Investigated commercial applications of biomedical research. Developed software using R, Python, and AWS to analyze biological and chemical data sets and create pipelines to enable and support drug discovery. Performed due diligence and invested in tech and biotech startups.

Stanford University *Stanford, California*
2007 – 2014

GRADUATE RESEARCHER AND INSTRUCTOR

Conceived and conducted original research ideas, developed software in R and Python on a cluster and using AWS. Analyzed and investigated hypotheses on large scale biomedical, genetic, and chemical datasets. Taught and mentored students in bioinformatics and data analysis. Coordinated and collaborated with external research groups.

University of California, San Francisco *San Francisco, California*
2004 – 2007

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

Investigated the role of genetic linkage and gene expression in multiple sclerosis and experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis through statistical methods, network analysis, and computer modeling.

Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública *Cuernavaca, México*
(National Public Health Institute)

TECHNICAL CONSULTANT

2001 – 2003
Developed direction and managed the implementation of internal and external computer resources for the health economics group. Worked in Spanish and English.

Ariba (acquired by SAP) *Sunnyvale, California*
1996 – 2001

MANAGER AND ENGINEER

Member of original technical team that developed patented purchasing system. Worked on first six versions of released software. Managed team of programmers that implemented internationalization, management tools, and web applications.

Netmarket (acquired by Trilegiant) *Cambridge, Massachusetts*
1993 – 1996

FOUNDER AND CHIEF PROGRAMMER

Co-founded software startup, hired engineers, and led software development efforts. Wrote software for first music CD store on the web, as featured in the New York Times.

- PATENTS Adams N, Brown M, Carlstrom B, Elkin B, Hegarty P, Haskin G, Putanec B. Operating resource management system. US Patent no. 7,117,165, October 3, 2006.
- Tatonetti N, Altman R, Fernald G Haskin. Signal Detection Algorithms to Identify Drug Effects and Drug Interactions. Patent pending. US Patent Application July 28, 2016
- EDUCATION **Stanford University, Stanford, CA** **2007 – 2014**
- **Ph.D. and M.S. in Biomedical Informatics.** Dissertation: *Connecting chemical features of drugs to molecular, cellular, and organismal phenotypes*. Funded by NIH LM07033 and R24GM61374. Coursework included translational medicine, genetics, pharmacogenomics, and biostatistics.
 - **M.S. in Medicine.** Howard Hughes Medical Institute training program for translational medicine. Coursework covered the first two years of a Medical Degree including anatomy, physiology, immunology, pathology, and human health and disease.
- Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA** **1990 – 1994**
- **B.A. in Mathematics and Computer Science.** Courses in AI at the University of Edinburgh.
- PUBLICATIONS Karczewski, KJ, Fernald, GH, et al. STORMSeq: an open-source, user-friendly pipeline for processing personal genomics data in the cloud. PLoS One 2014, 9(1):e84860.
- Fernald GH and Altman RB. Using molecular features of xenobiotics to predict hepatic gene expression response. J Chem Inf Model. Sep 6. 2013 Oct 28;53(10):2765-73).
- Tatonetti NP, Fernald GH, and Altman RB. A novel signal detection algorithm for identifying hidden drug-drug interactions in adverse event reports. J Am Med Inform Assoc. 2012 Jun 14.
- Fernald GH, Capriotti E, Daneshjou R, Karczewski KJ, Altman RB. Bioinformatics Challenges for Personalized Medicine. Bioinformatics (2011) 27 (13): 1741-1748.
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- Fernald GH, Pachner A, Caillier S, Narayan K, Oksenberg JR, Baranzini SE. Genome-Wide Network Analysis Reveals the Global Properties of IFN-beta Immediate Transcriptional Effects in Humans. J Immunol. 2007 Apr 15;178(8):5076-85.
- Fernald GH, Yeh RF, Hauser SL, Oksenberg JR, Baranzini SE. 2005. Mapping gene activity in complex disorders: Integration of expression and genomic scans for multiple sclerosis. J Neuroimmunol 167(1-2):157-69.
- HONORS AND AWARDS
- National Science Foundation GRFP Honorable Mention, 2009.
 - National Library of Medicine Training Grant Recipient, 2008.
 - Phi Beta Kappa, 1994.
 - Bachelor of Arts awarded with Distinction, 1994.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming Experience: scientific programming, AI and agentic system development, data science and data engineering, pipeline development, infrastructure development.
- AI and ML: large language models, agentic systems, machine learning, deep learning.
- Languages: Python, R, Scala, Spark, Terraform, SQL, C, \LaTeX , Unix shell programming.
- Platforms: AWS, GCP, Unix.

INTERESTS AND SKILLS

- Activities and skills: Spanish language, cooking (Certificate in Culinary Arts from the French Culinary Institute, New York City), classical guitar, and tennis.
- Board member: San Francisco Works (previous), Mission Learning Center (previous).