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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	University of Wisconsin-Madison, Integrative Biology, Sharma Lab	2022 – Present
B.S.	John Jay College of Criminal Justice, The City University of New York (CUNY), Cell and Molecular Biology, Honors Program Scholar Senior Thesis: “Geographic Isolation of Pulmonate Gastropods in the Urban Landscapes of New York City”	2018 –2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2023 – Present	Graduate Researcher, UW-Madison Zoological Museum.
2022 – Present	Graduate Research Assistant, Sharma Lab.
2020 – 2022	Research Assistant, Lents Lab.
2021	WISCIENCE Biological Interactions Summer Research mentee, Solis-Lemus Lab.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

TEACHING ASSISTANT

2023	ZOO301: Invertebrate Biology and Evolution Lab (UW-Madison)
2022	BIO152: Introduction to Biology (UW-Madison)

MENTORSHIP

2023	Badger Buddy, Biological Interactions Summer Research Program (WISCIENCE)
2021 – 2022	Science Peer Mentor (John Jay College)

AFFILIATIONS

2022 – Present	American Malacological Society Student Member
2020 – 2022	Program for Research Initiatives in Science and Math (PRISM)
2018 – 2022	Honors Program, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY)
2019 – 2022	Phi Eta Sigma Society, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY)

PRESENTATIONS

POSTER PRESENTATION

August 2 nd , 2023	“Establishing Modern Tools for Developmental Study of the Brown Garden Snail, <i>Cornu aspersum</i> (Müller, 1774) (Mollusca: Gastropoda: Stylommatophora),” 89 th Annual American Malacological Society Meeting
May 4 th , 2022	“Geographic Isolation of Pulmonate Gastropods in the Urban Landscapes of New York City,”

Updated August 6th, 2023

August 6th, 2021 PRISM Undergraduate Research Symposium
“A Phylogeny of Members of the Order Stylommatophora Based on the Mitochondrial *cox1* and *atp6* Genes,” 2021 WISCIENCE Biological Interactions Symposium

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

GRANTS

2023 The Dee Saunders Dundee Memorial Research Grant – Malacology Research Award (\$1,300)
2023 John Jefferson Davis Travel Award (UW-Madison) (\$800)

HONORS AND AWARDS

August 4th, 2023 Constance Boone Award for Best Student Poster Presentation (89th AMS Meeting)
May 26th, 2022 Honors Outstanding Prize in the Natural Sciences (Honors Program, JJC)
May 4th, 2022 Outstanding Poster Presentation Award (PRISM)