

GRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



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TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

I grew up just across the river in Portland, CT and have lived in the area my whole life. In 2016 I graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University with a B.S. in biochemistry. Shortly after, in the Fall of 2016, I started my graduate career at Wesleyan where I joined the Mukerji lab. Outside of research, playing soccer is easily my favorite hobby, but I can also be found golfing, kayaking/fishing, or enjoying a beer with friends.

WHAT IS A FUN FACT THAT NOT MANY OF US KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I am a world record holder as a contributor to the world's largest origami elephant. The feat was sponsored by the Wildlife Conservation Society to raise awareness on poaching and the illegal ivory trade.

WHAT SONG HAS BEEN STUCK IN YOUR HEAD LATELY?

Thanks A Lot - by Third Eye Blind

WHAT SUPERPOWER WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE?

The ability to control time.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR CURRENT RESEARCH

My projects generally revolve around studying proteins involved in DNA mismatch repair and meiotic recombination. As an undergrad I became interested in using spectroscopic methods for investigating protein structure and function through a research project I was doing for my biochemistry I course. That interest aligned very well with the work going on in the Mukerji lab, which has been my research home for the last 5 years!