

# Jordan Dodson

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- 2010–2015 **B.S. Mathematics**, Middle Tennessee State University.  
GPA – 3.985, Math & Science GPA – 4.0  
Minor in Chemistry
- 2008 **Governor’s School for the Sciences**, University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

### Experience

- 2013 **Harvard University**, Institute for Applied Computational Science.  
During this internship, I developed machine learning tools for use by petroleum engineers. The primary goal was to use neural networks to improve yield predictions for oil and gas wells.

### Awards

#### Nation

- 2012-2014 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship in Mathematics, Science, and Engineering
- 2013 Provost’s Award (highest academic honor bestowed by MTSU)
- 2013 Who’s Who (one of 32 students)
- 2011-2012 Bart McCash Honors Scholarship (awarded on two occasions)
- 2010-2014 Presidential Scholarship

#### Department

- 2013 Thomas Forrest Abstract Algebra Award
- 2012 Hypercube Computational Chemistry Award
- 2012 Best Student Chemistry Talk at Tennessee Academy of Science Centennial Meeting
- 2011 Ralph E. Sharp Outstanding Sophomore Biology Student
- 2010-2013 Elizabeth and Creighton Rhea Top Pre-Medicine Student
- 2010 Ellis Rucker Freshman Biology Scholarship

## Programming

Languages Scala, Python, C/C++, Java, Julia, Javascript, SML  
Paradigms Functional, Object-Oriented  
Web Dev. HTML5, CSS, Play Framework

## Undergraduate Research

- Project *A study of the generalized anomeric effect in small molecules, 2011*  
Adviser Prof. Preston MacDougall
- Description The high-performance computing resources at MTSU were used to investigate why certain conformations are favored in small molecules exhibiting the generalized anomeric effect.
- Project *Investigation of the anomeric effect in biologically significant carbohydrates, 2012*  
Adviser Prof. Preston MacDougall
- Description *Ab initio* calculations were performed for a series of carbohydrates known to exhibit the anomeric effect. A conformational search was carried out for each species in the study. Charge density analysis was used to investigate the origin of the anomeric effect.

## Papers

1. Semiclassical entanglement analyses in a non-degenerate parametric oscillator (NDPO). Conference proceedings: Rochester Conference on Coherence and Quantum Optics. doi: 10.1364/CQO.2013.M6.44

## Talks

1. "A computational investigation of the generalized anomeric effect," University of Memphis undergraduate research conference, Memphis, TN, Feb. 2012.
2. "A QTAIM investigation of the generalized anomeric effect," Tennessee Academy of Science centennial meeting, Nashville, TN, Nov. 2012.

## Posters

1. "Investigating the conformational preferences of small molecules," MTSU Scholars Day, Murfreesboro, TN, Mar. 2012.
2. "A computational study of the anomeric effect," Austin Symposium on Molecular Structure and Dynamics, Dallas, TX, Apr. 2012.
3. "Conformational insight from charge density analysis," Southwest Theoretical Chemistry Conference, College Station, TX, Oct. 2012.

4. "The anomeric effect in biologically significant carbohydrates," Conference on Current Trends in Computational Chemistry, Jackson, MS, Nov. 2012.

## Leadership Positions

- 2012 Student representative of the Honors College
- 2011 Adviser to Dean of the Honors College
- 2011 Secretary of MTSU Chemistry Society
- 2010 Secretary of Tennessee DECA

## Honor Societies

- Phi Kappa Phi
- Omicron Delta Kappa
- Pi Mu Epsilon

## Hobbies

- Write and solve programming problems on codewars.com (ranked in top 2%)
- Read 55 books (16700 pages) annually (average)