

## **Jamiree Harrison**

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**CITIZENSHIP:** U.S. Citizen

**EDUCATION:** **University of California, Santa Barbara** **2019 - 2025**

*Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering*

*Advisor: Enoch Yeung*

- Mechanical Engineering Excellence Fellowship

- GPA: 4.0

- Coursework:

- ME 203 : Operator Theory
- ME 210 A/B : Numerical Analysis: Matrix Analysis, ODEs, PDEs
- ME 215 A : Applied Dynamical Systems
- ME 225EY : Biological Computing
- ME 225 MM : Mathematical Methods
- ME 236 : Nonlinear Control Systems
- ME 243 A/B : Linear Control Systems
- ME 269 : Network Systems
- ECE 283 : Machine Learning (Supervised, Unsupervised)

- Teaching Assistantship and Tutoring:

- ME 14 : Statics
- ME 155a : Control System Design
- ME 163 : Vibrations
- ECE 179 : Robot Dynamics and Control

**University of California, San Diego**

**2015 - 2019**

*B.S. Math – Applied Science*

- Chancellor's Associates Scholarship

- Selected Coursework:

- MAE 101 A : Intro to Fluid Mechanics
- MAE 108 : Probability and Statistics for Engineers
- Math 103 A : Intro to Abstract Algebra
- Math 120 A : Complex Analysis
- Math 142 A/B : Real Analysis
- Math 154 : Intro to Graph Theory
- Math 171 A : Linear Optimization

**GRADUATE RESEARCH:** **Biological Control Laboratory** **University of California, Santa Barbara** **Jan 2020 – Present**

- Designed and built genetic toggle switches with time-varying parameters for the purpose of optimizing plastic degradation done by bacteria.
- Mathematically modeled parameter varying genetic circuits.
- Provided stability analysis of time varying toggle switch models through the framework of Koopman Operator theory.
- Developed modular framework for the estimation varying parameters in nonlinear dynamical system models.
- Built a library of promoters which give distinct gene expression profiles during different bacterial growth phases.

**UNDERGRAD RESEARCH:** **Delplanque Research Group** **University of California, Davis** **June 2018 – Aug 2018**

(Funded by UC LEADs)

- Carried out numerical simulations of respiratory drug intake in the human trachea using OpenFOAM.

- Found correlations between parameters of the simulated particle injections and the evenness of the particle distributions.

**Coimbra Research Group**

**June 2017 – Aug 2017**

**University of California, San Diego** (Funded by UC LEADs)

- Conducted research on numerical methods to solve variable order differential equations (VODEs) using MATLAB.
- Devised an efficient numerical method that could solve VODEs 50% faster than conventional methods, so VODE model predictions could be made more quickly, improving the energy efficiency of the system.

**Center for Advanced Surgical and Interventional Technology**

**June 2014 - Aug 2014**

**University of California, Los Angeles** (Volunteer)

**June 2016 - Aug 2016**

- Assisted in the testing of an innovative way to treat prostate cancer known as focal laser therapy.
- Used Meshmixer to design a model of a human head to test remote trans-oral surgery.
- Developed molds using Solid Works to test the effects of a catheter-fed laser on phantom tissue.
- Compiled lists of potential treatment candidates within the UCLA health database using SQL.
- Tested haptic feedback on the da vinci remote surgical robot.

**EMPLOYMENT / EXPERIENCE: NASA Jet Propulsion Lab Intern**

**May 2024 – Aug 2024**

**Attitude Control Systems Engineer**

- Developed a hypothesis-driven orbital space mission to gather atmospheric and geological data pertaining to Saturn’s moon, Titan.
- Designed fully redundant attitude control system with contingency plans in the case of partial system failure.
- Aggregated sensing and control components driven by pointing requirements, propellant margins, life cycle considerations, costs, scheduling, and trade-offs.

**Supplemental Instructor**

**Sep 2016 - June 2019**

**University of California, San Diego**

- Facilitated math workshops for college students consisting of tutoring and support to ensure their academic success.
- Worked with professors to develop lesson plans which would supplement material from courses.
- Classes Supported: Linear Algebra, Calculus (1,2,3), Pre-Calculus

**PUBLICATIONS:**

- **Harrison, J.;** Yeung, E. Stability analysis of parameter varying genetic toggle switches using Koopman Operators. *Mathematics* 2021, 9, 3133. <https://doi.org/10.3390/math9233133>
- **Harrison, J.;** Yeung, E. Estimating Varying Parameters in Dynamical Systems: A Modular Framework Using Switch Detection, Optimization, and Sparse Regression <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2412.16198>
- **Harrison, J.;** et al. Data-driven engineering, optimization, and phenotypic clustering of a novel hybrid promoter library for mixed-phase expression in prokaryotes (*Manuscript in review*)
- **Harrison** et al. Prediction of Chronic Kidney Disease Degeneration with Machine Learning. *Mathematics in Industry Reports* 2024 <https://doi.org/10.33774/miir-2024-lj5gd>
- Hess, B.; Stromberg, Z.; Phillips, S.; Reichart, N.; **Harrison, J.;** et al. Permafrost is a source of potential bacterial pathogens identified by a phenotyping platform (*Manuscript in review*)

**PROJECT:** **Data driven assessment of wildfire risk** (SIAM Grad Student Math Modeling Camp)  
 - Used clustering, statistical analysis, dynamic mode decomposition, ODE and PDE modeling to predict and interpret wildfire risk across the United States. ([PDF](#))

**CONFERENCES / TALKS:** **Harrison, J., et al.:** Uncertainty Quantification for a Bacterial Hybrid Promoter Library  
 - Society of Industrial and Applied Math [\[SIAM\] Uncertainty Quantification 2024](#)

**Harrison, J., et al.:** Design of a Phase Dependent Hybrid Promoter Library in *E. Coli*  
 - Quantitative Biology [Q-BIO] 2024

**Harrison, J., Yeung, E.:** Analysis and validation of parameter varying genetic toggle switches using Koopman Operators  
 - Society of Industrial and Applied Math [\[SIAM\] Computational Science and Engineering 2023](#)

**Harrison, J., Ruvalcaba, C., Delplanque, J.-P.:** Computational simulations for the improvement of respiratory drug intake in the human trachea  
 - [SACNAS \(2018\) Presentation Award](#)  
 - [UC LEADs Symposium \(2019\) Honorable Mention](#)

**Harrison, J., Orosco, J., Coimbra, C.F.M.:** Efficient Numerical Methods for Solving Variable Order Differential Equations  
 - SACNAS (2017) | SCCUR (2017)

**AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS:** **Mechanical Engineering Excellence Fellowship** **2019**  
 -Funding given to a select subset of incoming Ph.D. students

**Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship (UCSD)** **2015 - 2019**  
 - 4-year full-ride scholarship

**University of California's Leadership Excellence through Advanced Degrees Fellowship (UC LEADs)** **2017 - 2019**  
 - Funding for 2 Summers of research and travel for conferences

**Fulfillment Fund Scholarship** **2015 - 2019**  
 - 4-year scholarship

**2018 SACNAS National Diversity in STEM Conference Presentation Award** **2018**

**MENTORSHIP:** **Bardia Khosravi** | **Biological Control Lab**  
 - Undergraduate research assistant at UCSB, 2023  
 - Continuing bachelor’s degree at UCSD in fall 2023

**Kevin Chang** | **Biological Control Lab**  
 - Undergraduate research assistant at UCSB, 2023-Present

**Annie Nguyen** | **Biological Control Lab**  
 - Undergraduate research assistant at UCSB, 2023-2024  
 - Graduate researcher at UCSB, 2024-Present

**Jai Mehra** | **Biological Control Lab**  
 - Undergraduate research assistant at UCSB, 2023-Present

**Isabella Escamilla** | **Biological Control Lab**  
 - Undergraduate research assistant at UCSB, 2023

**TECHNICAL  
SKILLSETS:**

**Programming:**

- Syntax:
  - Python
  - MATLAB
  - Java
  - SQL
  - HTML & CSS
  - Julia

**Data Science and Machine Learning:**

- PyTorch
- TensorFlow
- Sci-Kit Learn
- SciPy Optimize
- Principal Component Analysis
- Neural networks for classification and prediction
- Logistic Regression
- k means Clustering
- c means Probabilistic Soft Clustering

**Biological Lab Skills:**

- Bacterial Cell Cultures
- Mammalian Cell Cultures
- DNA Design
- Golden Gate Assembly
- Genetic Editing
- DNA Sequence Analysis
- Genetic Circuit Design
- Gen5 Plate Reader Experiments

**Design and Simulation:**

- Geneious Prime
- Solid Works
- Meshmixer
- OpenFOAM
- 3D printing
- Simulink

**Mathematics:**

- Modelling and control of biological and physical processes
- Verification and falsification of claims through logic and reasoning
- Probabilistic and statistical methods
- Numerical analysis
- Model parameter fitting

**Circuits and Electronics:**

- $\mu$ C: Arduino

**Graphic Design:**

- Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator