
Progress of JURA Authors

As part of this year's issue, we wanted to follow up with past JURA authors to see where their research has taken them, and how publishing in JURA has helped them in their career development. We are thrilled that our past authors are still involved in research, and that publishing in JURA played a major role in inspiring them! We would like to thank Anthony, Andrew, and Sean for sharing their experiences with us. We are also happy to announce that an author that was to be published in this year's issue has gone on to submit her research to the Journal of Nanomedicine. We will be highlighting her research in next year's issue as an extended abstract.

Anthony Killick: Published in 2010 - "Metabolically Optimal Gait Transitions in Cross-Country Skiing"

"Since my JURA article I began a Master's degree as a continuation of my undergraduate work. I am currently in the second year of my Master's and I intend to defend in the next couple of months. Publishing my work in JURA forced me to analyze and communicate the data in an effective manner. This has been invaluable to me in my Master's degree and given me direction for my continued experiments. I have had the opportunity to work with several international students, undergraduates, and HYRS program students in cross-country ski related research projects. Many of these have published abstracts in JURA. I intend to publish a paper early next year summarizing the work done in my Master's degree. My undergraduate research experience taught me several valuable skills in collection, analysis, and presentation of data. It confirmed my interests and gave me the confidence I needed to begin my Master's research."

Andrew Wu: Published in 2010 - "A Review on the Alzheimer Disease Animal Models and Retinal Degeneration"

"I am currently working on a thesis based Master's at the University of Calgary with Dr. Christian Jacob on the LINDSAY Virtual Human. I am implementing an accurate 3D interactive simulation model of a prokaryotic cell. Around the same time that my article was published with JURA, I published another article with the journal AGE on neurodegeneration of the retina in mouse models of Alzheimers disease. I am currently working on 2 more papers related to the work I did for my undergraduate honors thesis. Following graduation, I spent a year in industry working in the oil and gas industry, and decided to come back to pursue a Master's degree. My experience publishing with JURA definitely had an influence on my decision to return to research in academia."

Sean Choi: Published in 2010 - "The Effect of MyD88 Deficiency During Graft-Versus-Host Disease"

"While I am not actively involved in research at the moment, I am searching for a new area of research in the faculty of nursing and public health. After publishing with JURA, I did an undergraduate research project in a pediatric oncology lab, and presented my work in the form of poster presentations. Publishing with JURA inspired me to move further into academics, and encouraged me to consider graduate school as an option following graduation. Some of the most valuable skills that I gained from research include networking with my professors, and being able to efficiently search the literature with search engines such as PubMed. The experiences that I have gained from performing research at the undergraduate level will make the transition into graduate school a much easier one."