# **Brandon Simpson**

<u>bsimpson@gmail.com</u> 222 Mynders Ave Apt 2 Memphis, TN 38111 (901) 678-3322

# **EDUCATION** Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering

University of Memphis, Memphis, TN Expected Graduation Date: May 2019

GPA: 3.0

# **SKILLS Programming Languages:** MATLAB, SigmaPlot, Microsoft Office Suite

Laboratory Tools: High Pressure Liquid Chromatography (HPLC), Medical imaging,

Luminescence assays, Statistical analysis, LabVIEW, Hydrothermal

# **RESEARCH** Undergraduate Research Assistant, Apr 2016 - Present

Department of Biomedical Engineering University of Memphis, Memphis, TN

- Perform zone of inhibition studies and turbidity studies for local companies
- Utilize aseptic technique when culturing cells for cytocompatibility
- Complete assays to measure results such as cell-titer glo, and bac-titerglo
- Verify the viability of microbeads in cancerous fibroblast

# ABSTRACTS & PUBLICATIONS

Barr, B, Awais R, and Jennings JA. *Comparative antimicrobial activity of commercially available wound care sprays* in Annual American Veterinary Medical Association Convention. 2017. Indianapolis, IN.

<u>Barr</u>, <u>B</u>, and Jennings JA. *Cytocompatibility study of magnetic nanoparticle loaded chitosan-PEG beads in cancerous fibroblasts* in National Conference for Undergraduate Research. 2017. Memphis, TN.

Harris M, Ahmed H, <u>Barr B</u>, Mohapatra A, LeVine D, Pace L, Morshed B, Bumgardner J, and Jennings JA. Magnetic Stimuli-Responsive Chitosan-based Drug Delivery Bio composite for Multiple Triggered Release. *International Journal of Biological Macromolecules* (2017).

#### **EXPERIENCE**

### **STEM Ambassador**, Aug 2017 – Present

West Tennessee Stem Hub, Memphis, TN

- Communicates with SCS teachers to distribute STEM related activities
- Impact kids by chaperoning STEM activities at various high schools

#### Associate Coordinator, Oct 2016 – Aug 2017

(CRISTAL) Center for Research in STEM Teaching and Learning Memphis, TN

- Managed the distribution of 15 financial opportunities to 13 STEM organizations
- Created academic incentives for 15 STEM organizations
- Worked with fellow coordinators to plan and host events for students in the STEM field

#### **LEADERSHIP**

#### **Undergraduate Teachers Assistant**, Aug 2017 – Present

Treasurer, Society for Women Engineers, May 2017 - Present

**Secretary and Finance Chair**, National Society of Black Engineers Jul 16 – Jul 17 **Liaison**, Ambassador Biomedical Engineering Society/Society for Biomaterials, Aug 2016 – Present

Engineering Mentor, Student Success Program, Aug 2015 - Present