# Ethan Glenn Sherman

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**OBJECTIVE:** Seeking a position as a biomedical engineer at a medical technology company where I can utilize my research and educational skills.

#### **EDUCATION**

| August 2009 | <ul> <li>UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA</li> <li><i>Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering</i></li> <li>Dissertation Title : "Development of a Bioc<br/>Dissolvable Tympanostomy Tube"</li> <li>Advisor: Dr. Roger Tran-Son-Tay</li> </ul> | Gainesville, FL<br>compatible and         |
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| August 2005 | <ul> <li>UNIVERSTIY OF FLORIDA</li> <li>Master of Engineering in Mechanical Engineer</li> <li>Thesis Title : "An Ear Flow Chamber for Struppanostomy Tube Occlusion"</li> <li>Advisor : Dr. Roger Tran-Son-Tay</li> </ul>  | Gainesville, FL<br><i>ring</i><br>tudying |
| May 2002    | UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA<br>Bachelor of Science in Engineering Science<br>Minor in Biomechanics   | Gainesville, FL                           |
| WORK EXPER  | RIENCE   |   |
| 2005-2009   | UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA<br>Graduate Research Assistant,<br>Cellular Mechanics and Biorheology Lab  | Gainesville, FL                           |

- Design and fabrication of biocompatible and dissolvable calcium alginate tympanostomy tubes
- Responsible for daily activities in the cellular mechanics and biorheology lab
- Advisor: Dr. Roger Tran-Son-Tay, Dr. Patrick Antonelli

2004 RTI BIOLOGICS Internship, Research and Development

- Alachua, FL
- Mechanical tests of human tissue samples
- Design and fabrication of a mechanical testing apparatus

| 2002-2005 | UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  | Gainesville, FL |  |
|-----------|--|-----------------|--|
|           | Graduate Research Assistant,   |                 |  |
|           | Cellular Mechanics and Biorheology Lab   |                 |  |
|           | • Design and fabrication of an ear flow chamber for studying tympanostomy tube occlusion |                 |  |
|           | • Design of a Labview data acquisition system  |                 |  |
|           | • Advisor: Dr. Roger Tran-Son-Tay, Dr. Patrick Antonelli                                 |                 |  |
| 2001-2002 | UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  | Gainesville, FL |  |
|           | Undergraduate Research Assistant,  |                 |  |
|           | Cellular Mechanics and Biorheology Lab   |                 |  |
|           | • Characterization of synovial fluid by micro-rheometer to                               |                 |  |

- measure viscosity alteration after exercise treatment
- Advisor : Dr. Roger Tran-Son-Tay

#### **RESERCH EXPERIENCE**

#### **IN-VIVO EXPERIMENTATION**

- Use of Zebrafish as a screen for ototoxicity
- Fluorescent measurement of hair cell viability

#### MECHANICAL TESTING

- Tensile testing (Custom built testing apparatus)
- Compression testing (Custom built compression testing apparatus)
- Pressure measurement
- Data acquisition (DAQ, LabView)

#### CELLULAR MECHANICS

- Cell culture (white blood cells, epithelial cells)
- Proficient with cellular manipulation systems (micropipette, parallel plate flow chamber)
- Biomechanical studies of cells (viscosity, deformation)

#### **DESIGN/FABRICATION**

- Design, fabrication, testing of a novel biocompatible and dissolvable calcium alginate tympanostomy tube
- Design, fabrication, testing of an ear chamber for studying tympanostomy tube occlusions
- Design, fabrication, testing of a flow chamber for studying cellular adhesion on a Dacron surface
- Design, fabrication, testing of a flow chamber for studying the development of aneurysm
- Design, fabrication of a centrifugal test for study of growth and detachment of cells

- Design, fabrication of a PDMS device for studying cell deformation
- Design, fabrication of a testing chamber for simulating microgravity

## BIOMATERIALS

- Design and fabrication of biocompatible devices
- Studies with multiple biomaterials (PDMS, alginate, T2, polyvinyl alcohol)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

#### ANALYTICAL EQUIPMENT

Data acquisition (DAQ), Pressure transducers, Instron Tension/Compression testing, custom mechanical testing devices, precision machining (mill, lathe, band saw), micropipette technique, optical microscopy, fluorescent microscopy

## LABORATORY TECHNIQUES

Hydrogel manufacture and manipulation, Zebrafish fluorescent staining, IACUC (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee), Mechanical testing, Cell culture, Cell manipulation (micropipette), Microfluidics, Sterile techniques

## **COMPUTER SOFTWARE**

Solid Works, LabView, HTML, PHP, MySQL, CSS, Microsoft Office, Open Office, The GIMP, Minitab, Photoshop

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

## SPICE PROGRAM (GK-12 NSF Program) (2006-2008)

- Science Partners in Inquiry Based Collaborative Education (SPICE)
- Lecture and developed labs related to middle school science curriculum.
- NSF Fellowship: Bi-weekly instruction at Howard Bishop Middle School, Gainesville, FL

## TEACHING ASSISTANT

- EGM 1002: Introduction to Engineering (2004-2005, Spring 2009)
   Lecturing and demonstrations
- EGM 2511: Engineering Mechanics, Statics (Summer 2005)
   Private tutor for a transfer student with a learning disability.
- EGM 2511: Engineering Mechanics, Statics (2002-2004)
   Lecture, tutoring, homework, exam grading
- EGM 3311: Introduction to Engineering Analysis, (2003)
   Tutoring, homework, exam grading

# **RESEARCH MENTOR**

- Lab Manager (2007-present)
  - Cellular Mechanics and Biorheology Lab
  - Training incoming graduate and undergraduate students
- Undergraduate Research Students (2004-2009)
  - Cellular Mechanics and Biorheology Lab
  - Mentored seven undergraduate and graduate students over the course of five years
  - Mentored high-school students for summer internships and science fair

# **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Member of the Biomedical Engineering Society (2005-2009) Biomedical Engineering Society, UF chapter (Treasurer) (2001-2002)

# AWARDS

- GK-12 NSF Fellowship (SPICE) (2006-2008)
- Graduate Student Council Travel Award (2008)
- BMES Student Travel Award (2008)
- Presidents List (2005)
- Tarr and/or Schwartz Family Foundation Scholarship (2005)
- University of Florida Research Assistant (2002-2004)
- UF Undergraduate Research and Design Competition. Second place (2002)

# PUBLICATIONS

1. Ethan Glenn Sherman, Patrick J. Antonelli, Roger Tran-Son-Tay *In-vitro testing of tympanostomy tube occlusion*. Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. 2009 In-press.

# PRESENTATIONS (ORAL AND POSTER)

- 1. Jonathan Rishall, Ethan G. Sherman, Edith M. Sampson, Patrick J. Antonelli *Impact of Tympanostomy Tube Design on Rate of Occlusion*. AAO-HNS Annual Meeting, October 4–7, 2009, San Diego, CA.
- Ethan Glenn Sherman, Patrick J. Antonelli, Roger Tran-Son-Tay Development of a biocompatible and dissolvable tympanostomy tube. 2008 BMES Annual Fall Meeting, St. Louis, MO.
- 3. Ethan Glenn Sherman, What SPICE has done for me. Reitz Union, NSF Fellows Day. Fall 2007, University of Florida.

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- 4. Ethan Glenn Sherman, Biomedical Engineering: Bridging the gap. East Hall and CoE Division of Student Affairs Monthly Program Series. Spring 2006, University of Florida.
- 5. Ethan Glenn Sherman, Patrick J. Antonelli, Roger Tran-Son-Tay, An ear flow chamber for studying tympanostomy tube occlusions. 2005 BMES Annual Fall Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

#### REFERENCES

Dr. Roger Tran-Son-Tay Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering University of Florida 216 MAE-A Gainesville, FL 32611 (352) 275-2661 rtst@ufl.edu

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