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CURRENT ROLES	Chief of Staff, Arcadia Science	2024-present
	Providing company-wide leadership and strategic support across scientific initiatives at Arcadia Science	
	Founder and CEO, Inara LLC	2024-present
	Leading a science policy consultancy enabling institutions to pioneer innovative models of research	
	Affiliate Neuroscientist, MIT	2021-present
	Appointment at the McGovern Institute for Brain Research and the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences at MIT	
SCIENCE POLICY	Member, Advisory Board, Community for Rigor	2023-present
	Advising on a \$25m educational resource initiative aiming to teach scientific rigor nationally with 35+ FTE staff across 10 universities	
	Chair, Trainee Advisory Committee, Society for Neuroscience	2022-present
	Leading 15-member committee advising society leadership on designing & enhancing initiatives aimed at needs of early career scientists	
	Member, Advisory Group to the NIH Director ACD	2022-2023
	Co-authored 53-page report, covered in <i>STAT</i> , <i>Science</i> , and wrote a column in Nature on my assessment of the workforce in the biomedical landscape.	
	Board of Directors, Black In Neuro (501c3)	2020-2024
	Co-founded nonprofit to diversify the neurosciences, built community with 1000+ members from 30 countries. Covered in <i>Forbes</i> , <i>Nature</i> , <i>USAToday</i> , etc.	
RESEARCH & EDUCATION	Neuroscientist, McGovern Institute at MIT	2021-2024
	◦ Mentored and managed a team including people at the level of high school student, undergraduate, technician, and postdoc collaborator.	
	◦ Successfully obtained \$450k in independent funding, presented keynotes, served on panels, and gave invited 10 seminars on engineering innovative viral and genetic tools advancing neuro research.	
	PhD Candidate, Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at Virginia Tech	2016-2021
	◦ Secured independent federal funding for two years and authored 9 papers on the discoveries into how vision is wired up in the brain, 3 as lead.	
	◦ Placed 8 op-eds on intersection of science and policy in national outlets such as the <i>Washington Post</i> and <i>Scientific American</i> .	
	BS in Biology, University of Missouri–Kansas City, Missouri	2013-2015
SELECT HONORS & AWARDS	15 Innovators Under 35, MIT Technology Review MENA	2023
	Young Arab Pioneer, Arab Youth Center	2023
	30 Under 30 in Science, Forbes Magazine	2021
	Young Investigator Award, American Society for Neurochemistry	2020
	Early Career Policy Fellow, Society for Neuroscience	2020
	NIH Blueprint F99/K00 Award, National Institutes of Health	2019