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Education & Training

Postdoctoral	Stanford University, Bioengineering	2021 – 2022
Ph.D.	University of Colorado Boulder, Integrative Physiology	2021
M.S.	University of Colorado Boulder, Integrative Physiology	2019
B.S.	Seattle Pacific University, Applied Human Biology	2015

Research Experience

Postdoctoral Research Fellow 2021 – 2022
Stanford University, Department of Bioengineering, Wu Tsai Human Performance Alliance
Advisor: Dr. Scott Delp

Doctoral Student Researcher 2017 – 2021
University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Integrative Physiology
Dissertation: “Improving Running Performance and Monitoring Injury Risk with Wearable Devices”
Advisor: Dr. Alena Grabowski

Masters Student Researcher 2017 – 2019
University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Integrative Physiology
Advisor: Dr. Alena Grabowski

Footwear Research Technician 2016 – 2017
Brooks Running Company, Seattle, WA

Footwear Research Intern 2015 – 2016
Brooks Running Company, Seattle, WA

Teaching & Mentorship

Courses

Instructor, Human Anatomy Laboratory 2017 – 2018
Integrative Physiology, University of Colorado Boulder
- 5.7/6.0 student evaluation of overall performance and effectiveness in encouraging interest.

Workshops

“Version Control for Researchers” 2020
- Organized for American Society of Biomechanics and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Mentorship

University of Colorado Graduate Student Peer Mentoring Program 2019 – 2021
- Provided 1:1 mentoring for first year graduate students

"L2k" STEM Internship Program 2019 – 2020

Legacy High School, Boulder, CO

- Facilitated internship that introduced STEM concepts to a local high school student

Undergraduate Research Mentor 2018 – 2020

Applied Biomechanics Lab, University of Colorado Boulder

- Trained undergraduate students how to collect and process biomechanical data
- Taught introductory data visualization and statistical analysis with R and MATLAB.

Grants & Fellowships

Latinx in Biomechanics Travel Grant, *The Biomechanics Initiative* 2021
Eyes High Postdoctoral Fellowship ($50,000 CAD, Declined), *University of Calgary* 2020
IPHY Department Travel Fellowship, *University of Colorado Boulder* 2019
Diversity Travel Grant, *American Society of Biomechanics* 2018
Graduate Student Travel Grant, *University of Colorado Boulder* 2018
Graduate Dean's Fellowship, *University of Colorado Boulder* 2017
Oregon Latino Scholarship, *Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce* 2012

Honors & Awards

World Athletics Award for Biomechanics (Finalist), *International Society of Biomechanics* 2021
Best Athletics Presentation, *International Society of Biomechanics in Sports* 2020
Best Masters Student Poster Presentation, *Rocky Mountain Regional ASB Meeting* 2018

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Alcantara RS, Edwards WB, Millet GY, Grabowski AM. 2022. Predicting continuous ground reaction forces from accelerometers during uphill and downhill running: A recurrent neural network solution. *PeerJ.* 10:e12752 https://doi.org/10.7717/peerj.12752.

Alcantara RS, Day EM, Hahn ME, Grabowski AM. 2021. Sacral acceleration can predict whole-body kinetics and stride kinematics across running speeds" *PeerJ.* 9:e11199 https://doi.org/10.7717/peerj.11199.

Day EM, **Alcantara RS**, McGeehan MA, Grabowski AM, Hahn ME. 2021. Low-pass filter cutoff frequency affects sacral-mounted inertial measurement unit estimations of peak vertical ground reaction forces and contact time during treadmill running. *Journal of Biomechanics* 119, 110323 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jbiomech.2021.110323.

Alcantara RS. 2020. Prosthetic leg design, force production, and curve sprint performance: A pilot study. *International Society of Biomechanics in Sports Proceedings Archive* 38(1) https://commons.nmu.edu/isbs/vol38/iss1/230.

Alcantara RS, Beck OB, Grabowski AM. 2020. Added lower limb mass does not affect biomechanical asymmetry but increases metabolic power in runners with a unilateral transtibial amputation. *European Journal of Applied Physiology* 120, 1449-56 https://doi.org/10.1007/s00421-020-04367-9.

Alcantara RS. 2019. Dryft: A Python and MATLAB package to correct drifting ground reaction force signals during treadmill running. *Journal of Open Source Software* 4(44), 1910 https://doi.org/10.21105/joss.01910.

Alcantara RS, Trudeau MB, Rohr ES. 2018. Calcaneus range of motion underestimated by markers on running shoe heel. *Gait & Posture* 63: 68-72 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gaitpost.2018.04.035.

Alcantara RS & Wall-Scheffler CM. 2017. Stroller running: Energetic and kinematic changes across pushing methods. *PLoS* One 12(7): e0180575 https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0180575.

Conference Presentations

International

Stewart H, **Alcantara RS**, Farina K, Grabowski A, Hahn M, Kram R, McNitt-Gray J. 2022 Loading asymmetry before and after runners sustain a lower extremity bone stress injury. *North American Congress of Biomechanics*

Gatti A, Haddock B, **Alcantara RS**, St. Pierre S, Peirlinck M, Uhlrich S, Kuhl E, Suetta C, Gold G, Chaudhari A, Hicks J, Delp S, Kogan F. 2022 Validation of [18F]NaF PET as a measure of bone remodeling using finite element analysis. *North American Congress of Biomechanics*

Diaz GB, **Alcantara RS**, Grabowski AM. 2022 Lower limb kinetics during curve sprinting in athletes with a leg amputation. *North American Congress of Biomechanics*

Alcantara RS, Edwards WB, Millet GY, Grabowski AM. 2021. Predicting continuous ground reaction forces from accelerometers during uphill and downhill running: A recurrent neural network solution. *International Society of Biomechanics.*

Alcantara RS. 2020. Prosthetic leg design, force production, and curve sprint performance: A pilot study. *International Society of Biomechanics in Sports.*

Alcantara RS, Day EM, Hahn ME, Grabowski AM. 2019. Sacral accelerations predict whole body kinetics and stride kinematics during running. *International Society of Biomechanics.*

National

Alcantara RS & Grabowski AM. 2021. Biomechanics of the inside and outside leg when sprinting along flat curves. *American Society of Biomechanics.*

Diaz G, **Alcantara RS**, Grabowski AM. 2021. Effects of curve radii on maximum curve sprinting velocity in athletes with a leg amputation. *American Society of Biomechanics.*

Alcantara RS & Grabowski AM. 2021. Increases in a runner's cumulative load precede metatarsal stress fracture: A case study. *American Society of Biomechanics.*

Alcantara RS & Grabowski AM. 2020. Loading asymmetry before and after metatarsal stress fracture: A case study. *American Society of Biomechanics.*

Alcantara RS. 2020. Curve sprinting with a split-toe running specific prosthesis: A pilot study. *American Society of Biomechanics.*

Alcantara RS, Beck OB, Grabowski AM. 2018. Mass added to a running-specific prosthesis increases metabolic power during running. *American Society of Biomechanics.*

Alcantara RS & Wall-Scheffler CM. 2016. Running with a stroller: Kinematic and energetic changes across different stroller pushing techniques. *American College of Sports Medicine.*

Regional

Allen SP, **Alcantara RS**, Grabowski AM. 2022. Estimating discrete stride kinetics and kinematics with a low sampling-rate accelerometer. *Rocky Mountain ASB Meeting.*

Diaz GB, **Alcantara RS**, Grabowski AM. 2022 Lower limb kinetics during curve sprinting in athletes with a leg amputation. *Rocky Mountain ASB Meeting.*

Alcantara RS & Grabowski AM. 2021. Biomechanics of the inside and outside leg when sprinting along flat curves. *Rocky Mountain ASB Meeting.*

Diaz G, **Alcantara RS,** Grabowski AM. 2021. Effects of curve radii on maximum curve sprinting velocity in athletes with a leg amputation. *Rocky Mountain ASB Meeting.*

Alcantara RS & Grabowski AM. 2020. Curve sprinting with a split-toe running specific prosthesis: A pilot study. *Rocky Mountain ASB Meeting (Accepted, cancelled).*

Alcantara RS, Day EM, Hahn ME, Grabowski AM. 2019. Sacral accelerations predict whole body kinetics and stride kinematics during running. *Rocky Mountain ASB Meeting.*

Alcantara RS, Beck OB, Grabowski AM. 2018. Mass added to a running-specific prosthesis increases metabolic power during running. *Rocky Mountain ASB Meeting.*

Alcantara RS, Trudeau MB, Brüggemann GP, Hamill J, Rohr ES. 2016. Running shoe forefoot bending stiffness affects calf muscle EMG. *Northwest ASB Meeting.*

Alcantara RS & Wall-Scheffler CM. 2015. Push it, push it real good: The energetic cost of running with a stroller. *Murdock College Science Research Program.*

Invited Presentations

"Using accelerometers to measure a runner's biomechanics and monitor injury risk" 2021
LIBM Seminar, Université Jean Monnet Saint-Etienne

"Improving running performance and monitoring injury risk with wearable devices" 2021
NMBL Seminar, Stanford University

"Using inertial measurement units to predict running kinetics and kinematics" 2019
LEOMO Inc., Boulder, CO

"Wearable devices estimate biomechanical risk factors for stress fractures" 2019
Integrative Physiology Colloquium, University of Colorado Boulder

Guest Lecturer, Introductory Biomechanics 2018
Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO

Academic Service

Outreach

Biomch-L Weekly Literature Updates, *International Society of Biomechanics* 2021 – Present
- Use BERT language model to classify new research papers, publish weekly updates

Colorado Advantage Program, *University of Colorado Boulder* 2019
- Met with prospective graduate students who are underrepresented in STEM programs

National Biomechanics Day, *University of Colorado Boulder* 2018 – 2019
- Organized community outreach event promoting STEM at local high schools

Committees

Bioengineering Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Council, *Stanford University* 2021 – Present
Committee for Biomechanics Advocacy, *American Society of Biomechanics* 2017 – 2018

Conference Chairmanship

Sports Performance/Injury, *American Society of Biomechanics* 2021
Locomotion, *American Society of Biomechanics* 2020

Running Performance, *Footwear Biomechanics Symposium* 2019
Ph.D. Podium Competition, *American Society of Biomechanics* 2018
Sports, *Rocky Mountain ASB Regional Meeting* 2018

Journal Reviewing

Computer Methods in Biomechanics and Biomedical Engineering
Journal of Open-Source Software
Journal of Science and Medicine in Sport
British Journal of Sports Medicine
Gait & Posture

Technical Skills

Python // R // MATLAB // Git // OpenSim // Supervised Machine Learning // Statistical Modeling // Musculoskeletal Modeling // Inertial & GPS Devices // 3D Motion Capture // Plantar Pressure // Surface EMG // Indirect Calorimetry // Material Testing //

References

Dr. Scott Delp – James H. Clark Professor of Bioengineering, Stanford University
Dr. Alena Grabowski – Associate Professor, University of Colorado Boulder
Dr. Rodger Kram – Associate Professor Emeritus, University of Colorado Boulder