Personal Introduction: Emilia Gan

Here is a picture taken of me last summer. I was on vacation with my whole family (something that had not happened since the kids were much younger and all living at home).

I am currently a 3rd year graduate student in the Paul G Allen School of Computer Science and Engineering (https://www.cs.washington.edu/). I did not follow a direct route to computer science. Before I started my current program, I was a graduate student in pathobiology (https://globalhealth.washington.edu/education-training/phd-pathobiology). While taking programming classes as a student in that program (in order to be able to RNA sequencing analysis work), I realized that I wanted to study CS more than I wanted to study biology. My pre-UW background was just as convoluted:

- graduated with a BS in Materials Science & Engineering
- worked as a process engineer for a short time
- went to medical school & did half of a family practice residency
- homeschooled the 3 kids above for > 10 years
- started teaching at local community colleges
- finally, became a graduate student at UW

Ultimate goal: Finish my current program and teach computer science full-time.

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