

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Christopher John Reed was born in Boise, ID on July 2nd, 1991. He, and his brother Alexander Reed, were raised in Idaho by their mother, Freda Reed. He attended Mountain View High School and graduated in 2009. Then, he moved to Pocatello, ID to attend Idaho State University for undergraduate. During his time at ISU, he worked in the ‘extreme biochemistry’ laboratory of Prof. Caryn Evilia where he studied protein structure and stability of halophilic microorganisms using circular dichroism spectroscopy. In the summer of 2012, he completed a research internship at Utah State University, in the protein crystallography lab of Prof. Sean Johnson. Chris graduated from ISU in 2014 with a B.S. in Chemistry and Biochemistry; he received the ISU Outstanding Student Achievement Award from the College of Science and Engineering (Science Division). He completed his Ph. D. studies in the lab of Prof. Theodor Agapie at the California Institute of Technology in 2019. In 2017, he received a Resnick Sustainability Institute Graduate Fellowship to support the remainder of his graduate studies. He is currently planning to start his post-doctoral studies with Prof. Yi Lu at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.