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Employment

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Awards/honors

2014 – Thompson Reuters top 1% most cited researcher over past 10 years.
2015 – University of Maryland Department of Computer Science Teaching Award
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Professional society membership

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Publications

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Papers in Refereed Journals

The following marks apply:

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Papers in Refereed Conferences

1. A. Aggarwal, S. R. Kosaraju, **M. Pop**. *Drawing of two-dimensional irregular meshes*; GD '98: Sixth Symposium on Graph Drawing, August 13-15, 1998; Montreal, Canada. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, v. 1547, pp. 1-14. **note: authors in alphabetical order**
2. S. R. Kosaraju, **M. Pop**. *De-Amortization of Algorithms*; The Fourth Annual International Computing and Combinatorics Conference, COCOON '98, August 12-14, 1998; Taipei, Taiwan. **note: authors in alphabetical order**
3. G. Barequet, C. Duncan, M. T. Goodrich, S. Kumar, **M. Pop**. *Efficient Perspective-Accurate Silhouette Computation*; video presentation at ACM Symposium on Computational Geometry '99. **note: authors in alphabetical order.**
4. **M. Pop**, G. Barequet, C. Duncan, M.T. Goodrich, W. Huang, S. Kumar. *Efficient Perspective-Accurate Silhouette Computation and Applications*; Proceedings of the 17th ACM Symposium on Computational Geometry, June 3-5 2001, Tufts University, Medford, MA
5. S. Navlakha, J. White, N. Nagarajan, **M. Pop**, and Carl Kingsford. *Finding Biologically Accurate Clusterings in Hierarchical Decompositions Using the Variation of Information*. RECOMB 2009. **Note: journal version also listed above.**
6. *M. Ghodsi, **M. Pop**. *Inexact local alignment search over suffix arrays*. in Proceedings of the 2009 IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM). Washington, DC. November 1-4, pp: 83-87, 2009. **also listed as poster presentation**
7. *B. Liu, **M. Pop**. *Identifying Differentially Abundant Metabolic Pathways in Metagenomic Datasets*. in Proceedings of the 6th International Symposium on Bioinformatics Research and Applications (ISBRA). Storrs, CT. May 2010. **Note: journal version also listed above.**
8. *B. Liu, *T. Gibbons, *M. Ghodsi, and **M. Pop**. *MetaPhyler: Taxonomic profiling for metagenomic sequences*. in Proceedings of BIBM 2010. Hong Kong, December 2010. **Note: journal version also listed above.**
9. Ye, C., Z. Ma, C. Cannon, **M. Pop**, and D. Yu, *Exploiting sparseness in de novo genome assembly*. RECOMB-seq, Barcelona, Spain. April 2012.
10. C.M. Hill*, C.H. Albach*, S.G. Angel*, **M. Pop**. *K-mulus: Strategies for BLAST in the cloud*. 10th International Conference on Parallel Processing and Applied Mathematics (PPAM) Warsaw, Poland, September 2013.
11. C.M. Hill*, Irina Astrovskaya*, Howard Huang*, Sergey Koren, Todd Treangen, Atif Memon, and **Mihai Pop**. *De novo likelihood-based measures for comparing metagenomic assemblies*. IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM) Shanghai, China, December 2013.
12. Ghurye, J*. and **M. Pop**, *Better Identification of Repeats in Metagenomic Scaffolding*, in Algorithms in Bioinformatics: 16th International Workshop, WABI 2016, Aarhus, Denmark, August 22-24, 2016. Proceedings, M. Frith and N.C. Storm Pedersen, Editors. 2016, Springer

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13. Brian Brubach*, Jay Ghurye*, Aravind Srinivasan and **Mihai Pop**. *Better Greedy Sequence Clustering with Fast Banded Alignment*. in Algorithms in Bioinformatics: 17th International Workshop, WABI 2017, Boston, MA, August 21-23, 2017.
14. Nidhi Shah*, Stephen Altschul and **Mihai Pop**. *Outlier detection in BLAST hits*. in Algorithms in Bioinformatics: 17th International Workshop, WABI 2017, Boston, MA, August 21-23, 2017.
15. Albin, D., D. Nasko, et al. *SeqScreen: a biocuration platform for robust taxonomic and biological process characterization of nucleic acid sequences of interest*. in 2019 IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM). 2019.

Books

1. Pop, M., & Touzet, H. (Eds.). (2015). *Algorithms in Bioinformatics: 15th International Workshop, WABI 2015*: Springer.

Book chapters

1. E. Brill, **M. Pop**. *Unsupervised Learning of Disambiguation Rules for Part-of-Speech Tagging*; in Natural Language Processing Using Very Large Corpora; Kluwer Academic Publishers; 1999
2. **M. Pop**. *Shotgun sequence assembly*. in Advances in Computers vol. 60, pp. 194-159, M. Zelkowitz ed.; 2004.
3. J-H. Choi, H. Tang, S. Kim, **M. Pop**. *Computational Approaches for Genome Assembly Validation*. in Biological data mining, J.Y. Chen and S. Lonardi eds. Chapman & Hall/CRC Computational Science Series. pp. 163-187. 2009
4. V. Mai, **M. Pop**, M. Schell. *Metagenomic Analysis of Human Gut Microbiota*. in Metagenomics and its Applications in Agriculture. Nova Science Publishers, R. W. Li ed; 2010.
5. N. Nagarajan and **M. Pop**. *Sequencing and Genome Assembly Using Next-Generation Technologies*. Methods in Molecular Biology. 673:1-17. 2010
6. *T.J. Treangen, *D.D. Sommer, F.E. Angly, *S. Koren, **M. Pop**. *Next Generation Sequence Assembly with AMOS*. in Current Protocols in Bioinformatics. 2011
7. M. Almeida#, **M. Pop***^ . *High-Throughput Sequencing as a Tool for Exploring the Human Microbiome*. in Metagenomics for Microbiology, Elsevier, J. Izard ed; 2014.
8. Simpson, J.T. and **Pop, M**. *The theory and practice of genome sequence assembly*. in Annual Review of Genomics and Human Genetics, vol. 16: 153-172. 2015 doi: 10.1146/annurev-genom-090314-050032
9. Gene Myers, **Mihai Pop**, Knut Reinert, Tandy Warnow. *Next generation sequencing (Dagstuhl seminar 16351)*. Dagstuhl Reports 6(8). 2017.
10. Altschul, S.F. and **M. Pop**, *Sequence Alignment*, in *Handbook of Discrete and Combinatorial Mathematics*, K.H. Rosen, Editor. 2017, CRC Press: Boca Raton, FL.

Other publications

1. **M. Pop**. *We are what we eat: how the diet of infants affects their gut microbiome*. Genome Biology 13, 152. 2012. **Research highlight**

2. **M. Pop** and S. L. Salzberg. *Use and mis-use of supplemental material in science publications*. BMC Bioinformatics., 16:237. 2015. **Editorial**
3. Shah, N., M.G. Nute, T. Warnow, and **M. Pop**, *Misunderstood parameter of NCBI BLAST impacts the correctness of bioinformatics workflows*. Bioinformatics, 2018. **Letter to the editor**
4. Cagle, R., P. Ramachandran, E. Reed, S. Commichaux, M.K. Mammel, D.W. Lacher, D. Miller, S. Lindley, **M. Pop**, M.C. Bazaco, B. Wolpert, E.A. Strain, S. Aker, J. Feely, and A. Ottesen, *Microbiota of the Hickey Run Tributary of the Anacostia River*. Microbiol Resour Announc, 2019. 8(12).PMC6430318. **Data set announcement**
5. Treangen, T.J. and **M. Pop**, *You can't always sequence your way out of a tight spot: Next-generation sequencing holds great promise for pathogen detection, but the devil is in the details*. EMBO Rep, 2018. 19(12).PMC6280640. **Invited perspective**
6. **M. Pop**. *Introducing genome assembly to the general public through interactive word games*. **Short presentation at ISMB 2020**.

Contracts and Grants

Current

1. December 1, 2019 – November 30, 2023 (\$2,644,000, Pop PI). NIH R01-AI-100947. *Algorithms and software for the assembly of metagenomic data*.

Completed

2. Jan 1, 2007- Sep 31, 2010 (\$980,123, PI). Henry Jackson Foundation. *Assembly and gene finding algorithms for genome sequences generated by pyrosequencing*.
3. Sep 1, 2007- Mar 31, 2011(\$201,256, PI on subcontract to UM School of Medicine). Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. SR00000277: *New Technologies in Diagnosis of Enteric Diseases*.
4. Sep 1, 2008 – Aug 31, 2013 (\$445,358, PI). National Science Foundation. IIS-0812111 III-CXT-*Small: Graphs to Diversity: extracting genomic variation from sequence graphs*.
5. Sep 24, 2008 – Jul 31, 2012 (\$780,000, PI). NIH. R01-HG004885: *Assembly and analysis software for exploring the human microbiome*.
6. Apr 1, 2009 – Mar 31, 2013 (\$380,000, PI). National Science Foundation. IIS-0844494 *Algorithms for the analysis of data from massively-parallel genome sequencing*
7. May 1, 2009 – April 30, 2013. (\$183,175, PI on subcontract to U. Wisc.) NIH R01-HG-000225. *New physical methodologies for genomic analysis*.
8. Aug 1, 2009 – Jul 31, 2011. (\$43,570, PI on subcontract to JHU). NSF DEB-0918907. *MSB: Community Structure, Genomic Heterogeneity, and Metabolic Diversity of the Microbiome of the oldest and driest desert on Earth, the Atacama desert in Northern Chile*.
9. Aug 27, 2009 – Aug 26, 2010. (\$3,000, PI on subcontract to JHU). NASA. *Community structure of the microbiome of a Mars-like environment, the Atacama Desert, Chile*
10. Sep 23, 2009 – Jul 31, 2015. (\$380,604, PI on subcontract to U. Pittsburgh). NIH U01-HL-098962. *Pathogenesis of obstruction/emphysema and the microbiome (POEM) in HIV*.
11. Sep 24, 2009 – Jul 31, 2010 (\$110,000, PI). NIH. administrative supplement to R01-HG-004885: *Assembly and analysis software for exploring the human microbiome*.
12. Jan 1, 2011 – Oct 31, 2014. (\$653,925, PI on subcontract to UM. School of Medicine). Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. *Metagenomics-Based Discovery of New Viral Pathogens Causing*

Diarrheal Disease.

13. Aug 1, 2011 – Jul 31, 2012. (\$2,150,999, PI). Office of Naval Research N000141110905. *Personalized Medicine Initiative (Congressional earmark to establish a personalized medicine infrastructure at the University of Maryland).*
14. Sep 1, 2011 – Aug 31, 2015 (\$492,809, PI). National Science Foundation IIS-1117247 *III: Small: Genome Assembly Using Sparse Sequence Information.*
15. Sep 16, 2011 – Nov 15, 2011. (\$75,000, PI). Lockheed Martin Corporation *Genomics collaboration*
16. Sep 1, 2012 – Jun, 30, 2016. (\$183,175, PI on subcontract to U. Wisc.) NIH R01-HG-000225. *New physical methodologies for genomic analysis.*
17. Mar 21, 2013 – Feb 28, 2017. (\$1,779,715, PI). NIH R01-AI-100947 *Algorithms and Software for the Assembly of Metagenomic Data.*
18. Sept 1, 2013 – Aug 31, 2018 (\$18,700,000, Key personnel). NIH P50-CA-180523 *Rapid Response Characterization of New and Manipulated Tobacco Products*
19. Oct 23, 2015 – Aug 25, 2018 (\$210,792, PI). NRL. *High performance tools for metagenomic data assembly and analysis. (cooperative agreement: N00173162C001)*
20. 2016 (\$9,600, PI). REU Supplement to NSF IIS-1513615 to support two undergraduate summer interns.
21. Sep 1, 2015 – Aug 31, 2019 (\$373,288, co-PI). NSF III:CIF:Medium: *Collaborative Research: Scalable and Highly Accurate Methods for Metagenomics*
22. March 1, 2016 – Feb 28, 2020. (\$10,000,000, Sapkota PI, I was head of the data core with a budget of \$767,000) CONSERVE: *A Center of Excellence at the Nexus of Sustainable Water Reuse, Food, and Health.*

Invited talks (last 3 years)

1. *Challenges and opportunities in characterizing microbiomes.* Plant and Animal Genomes Conference, Exploring Phytobiomes Workshop. San Diego, CA, January 2018.
2. *Challenges and opportunities in computational microbiome-ology.* Rutgers University, Camden. March 2018.
3. *From clustering to variant discovery: algorithmic opportunities in microbiome research.* Workshop on Algorithms in Bioinformatics (WABI) and ALGO 2018, Helsinki, Finland, August 2018.
Keynote presentation.
4. *Challenges and opportunities in computational microbiome-ology.* 2018 Glycobiology SIG Workshop: On the Crossroads of Glycobiology, Immunology and the Microbiome. NIH, September 2018.
5. *Using computers to understand microbial communities.* Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD, March 2019.
6. *Uncovering heterogeneity in microbial communities.* International Conference on Research in Computational Biology (RECOMB 2019), Washington, DC. May 2019. **Keynote presentation.**
7. *Using computers to understand microbial communities.* Conference on Big Data in Public Health. College Park, MD, February 2020.
8. *Embracing ambiguity when characterizing microbes.* Bringing Artificial Intelligence to the

Bedside workshop, Purdue, IN, April 2021.

9. *Embracing ambiguity when characterizing microbes*. ISMB 2021, July 2021.
10. *Using computers to understand microbial communities*. Department of Veterinary Medicine, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, College Park, MD, September 2021.

Software packages

* - software primarily developed in my lab.

Assembly

1. *AMOS – a modular open-source assembly package
<http://amos.sourceforge.net>
2. *BAMBUS – genome scaffolding software.
<http://amos.sourceforge.net/docs/bambus>.
3. *Figaro – statistical vector trimming for shotgun sequencing projects.
<http://amos.sourceforge.net/Figaro>.
4. *SOMA – scaffolding of genome data using optical maps.
<http://www.cbcb.umd.edu/soma>.

Metagenomics

5. *metAMOS – assembly package for metagenomic data
<http://www.cbcb.umd.edu/software/metamos>
6. *MetaStats – statistical software for comparing metagenomic libraries
<http://metastats.cbcb.umd.edu>
7. *MetaPath – statistical software for comparing metagenomic data-sets at the pathway level.
<http://www.cbcb.umd.edu/software/metapath>
8. *Metaphyler – software for estimating the taxonomic composition of a community from whole-metagenomic data.
<http://cbcb.umd.edu/software/metaphyler>
9. MetagenomeSeq – software for association studies in metagenomic data.
<http://cbcb.umd.edu/software/metagenomeSeq>
10. *MetaCompass – reference guided assembly for metagenomics
<https://github.com/marbl/MetaCompass>
11. *MetaCarvel – scaffolding and structural variant discovery for metagenomics
<https://github.com/marbl/MetaCarvel>
12. *MetagenomeScope – visualization of metagenomic assembly graphs
<http://mgsc.umiacs.io>
13. SeqScreen – software for assessing the biological threat potential of short DNA sequences.
<https://gitlab.com/treangenlab/seqscreen>
14. TIPP2 – taxonomic classification and profiling tool based on phylogenetic principles. (collaboration with Warnow lab at UIUC). <https://github.com/smirarab/sepp/blob/tipp2>
15. *Binnacle – scaffold-based binning for metagenomic assemblies.
<https://github.com/marbl/binnacle>
16. *Atlas – taxonomic classification tool that enables the exploration of the ambiguity in classification. <https://github.com/marbl/ATLAS>

Alignment software

17. Bowtie – sequence aligner for short-read sequencing data
<http://bowtie-bio.sf.net>
18. Crossbow – SNP calling pipeline relying on cloud computing resources
<http://bowtie-bio.sf.net/crossbow>
19. *DNAclust – software for rapid clustering of DNA sequences.
<http://dnaclust.sf.net>
20. *SCRAPT – software for iterative clustering of large volumes of DNA sequences.
<https://github.com/hsmurali/SCRAPT>.

Databases

21. *ARDB – antibiotic resistance genes database
<http://arbd.cbcb.umd.edu>

Editorial/Review Duties

Editorial Boards

- Microbiome – associate editor (2012 – 2018, 2020 -)
- Metagenomics – Mathematical, Statistical and Computational Methods – Editorial Advisory Board member (2015 -)
- Microbiome – section editor (2018 - 2020)
- PeerJ Computer Science – associate editor (2015 – 2018)
- IEEE Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics – associate editor (2015 – 2017)
- BMC Bioinformatics – section editor (2010 – 2016) managed editorial activities for ~40 academic editors.
- Biological Procedures Online – editorial board member (2007 - 2008)

Reviewer for journals

Annals of Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence, Bioinformatics, BioMed Central journals (BMC Bioinformatics, BMC Plant Biology, BMC Genomics, Genome Biology), Biotechniques, Chemical Reviews, Computer Programs and Methods in Biomedicine, Genome Research, IEEE Transactions on Nanobioscience, Journal of Computational Biology, Molecular Ecology, Molecular Biology and Evolution, Nature Review Genetics, Nature Methods, Nucleic Acids Research, PLoS Computational Biology, PLoS One.

Conference Program Committees

I regularly serve on program committees for the ISMB, RECOMB, ACM-BCB, and WABI conferences as well as other conference in the field.

Conferences Organized

- RECOMB-Seq 2014 (co-chair)
- WABI 2015 (program co-chair)

2016 – co-organizer of Dagstuhl seminar on Next Generation Sequencing – Algorithms, and Software For Biomedical Applications: Myers, G., **M. Pop**, K. Reinert, and T. Warnow, *Next Generation Sequencing (Dagstuhl Seminar 16351)*. Dagstuhl Reports, 2017. 6(8): p. 91-130.
2018. Co-organized – *M3 meeting on Biodefense and Pathogen detection* – College Park, MD, January 2018.
2018. Area chair – Metagenomics and Microbial Genomics – ISMB 2018. Chicago, IL, July 2018.
2018. Program co-chair – ACM-BCB 2018. Washington, DC, August 2018.

Teaching

Full-semester courses (last five years)

- Fall 2017. CMSC423 – *Bioinformatics*. 78 students
- Fall 2018. CMSC423 – *Bioinformatics*. 90 students
- Spring 2019. CMSC702 – *Computational genomics*. 29 students
- Fall 2019. CMSC423 - *Bioinformatics*, 96 students
- Fall 2020. CMSC423 – *Bioinformatics*, 79 students

Seminars/Short courses

Summer 2012. Metagenomics course at the University of Chile, Santiago, Chile.
Spring 2013. Assembly course at Institut Pasteur, Paris, France
2014-2017. Metagenomic assembly as part of *Strategies and Techniques for Analyzing Microbial Population Structures* course at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA.
2018. *Bow to the microbial overlords*. Session organized at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) introducing the field of metagenomics. Indianapolis, IN, October 2018.
2017 – present, co-Director, *Strategies and Techniques for Analyzing Microbial Population Structures* course at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA. This is an intensive, hands-on, ~10 day course focusing on the analytical tools used to understand microbial community structures.

Advising

High school

Laura Tanase, summer intern, 2015
Shilpa Roy, intern, 2016-2017
Abbe Miller, intern, 2017-2018
Kassie Wang, summer intern, 2018, 2019
Tracy Nguyen, intern, 2018-2019
Wendy Wu, intern, 2019-2020
Chinaza Ezinne, intern, 2020-2021
Corey Wang, summer intern, 2021
Justin Tubilla, intern, 2021-2022

Undergraduate

Elaine Nsoesie. Summer intern, 2006

Christopher Hill. 2007 – Spring 2010 (currently engineer at Google)
Dan Sugarman. Fall 2008 – Fall 2009
Matt Thomas, Spring 2009
Carl Albach, Spring 2009 – Spring 2011
Sebastian Angel, Spring 2009 – Summer 2011 (currently faculty at U. Penn)
Joshua Wetzel, Summer 2010
Petar Stojanov, Summer 2010 (co-advised with Liliana Florea)
Joseph Paulson, Spring 2010 – Summer 2010
Howard Huang, Summer 2013 (co-advised with Chris Hill)
Andrew Consroe, Fall 2014 – Spring 2016
Amelia Bateman, Fall 2016
Matthew Myers, Spring 2015 – 2017
Samina Hussain, Spring 2017
Marcus Fedarko, Fall 2016 – 2018
Larry Feldman, Summer 2018
Hope Winovitch, Fall 2018
Amnah Mahmood, Fall 2018
Dylan Taylor, 2018 -2019
Dmitry Leontyev, Spring 2019
Marie Crane, Summer 2019
Marwan Alshehri, Spring, Summer, Fall 2021
Sho Takeshita, Summer 2021
Alex Lee, Summer 2021
Alyssa Pratt, Summer 2021
Cece Zhao, Summer 2021

Master's

Benjamin Langmead (CMSC) Spring 2008 – Summer 2009 (co-advised with Steven Salzberg.
Ben is currently an assistant professor of Computer Science at Johns Hopkins
University)
Maya Zuhl (CMSC) Fall 2008 – Summer 2009

Doctoral

Current

Seth Commichaux (BISI), 2017 -
Kiran Javkar (CS), 2017 -
Harihara Muralidharan (CS), 2019 -
Tu Luan (CS), 2019 -
Shiva Mehravaran (BISI), 2021 -
Domenick Braccia (BISI), 2020 - (co-advised with Brantley Hall)
Yuelin Liu (CS), 2021 – (co-advised with S. Cenk Sahinalp, NCI)

Alumni

James White (AMSC) 2007 – 2010 (James is now a freelance bioinformatician)

Bo Liu (CBMG/CS) 2007 – 2012 (Bo has joined Square Inc.)

Sergey Koren (CS) 2007 – 2012 (after graduation Sergey joined NBACC and is currently a scientist at NIH/NHGRI)

MohammadReza Ghodsi (CS) 2008 – 2012 (Mohammad has joined Google)

Mike Schatz (CS) 2009 – 2010 (co-advised with Steven Salzberg. Mike joined Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories as an assistant professor and then joined Johns Hopkins University as an associate professor in Computer Science)

Brianna Lindsay (Epidemiology) 2010 – 2014 (co-advised with O. Colin Stine, after graduation Brianna was a scientist at Merck and then joined the University of Pennsylvania as a senior project coordinator)

Joseph Paulson (AMSC) 2010 – 2015 (co-advised with Héctor Corrada Bravo, was postdoctoral fellow at Dana Farber Cancer Institute then joined Genentech)

Chris Hill (CS) 2010 – 2015 (was postdoctoral fellow at U. of Washington and has then joined Google)

Lee Mendelowitz (AMSC) Summer 2011 – 2015 (Lee has joined the Washington Nationals baseball team as an analyst)

Jay Ghurye (CS), 2015 – 2018 (Jay has joined Dovetail Genomics)

Victoria Cepeda Espinoza (CS), 2014 – 2020 (postdoctoral fellow at Stanford)

Brian Brubach (CS), 2016 – 2020 (co-advised with Aravind Srinivasan) (now assistant professor at Swarthmore College)

Nidhi Shah (CS), 2016 – 2021 (now at Amazon Web Services)

Graduate rotation/advisory committees

Apratim Mitra (ANSC) 2008 – Graduate Advisory Committee member

Yuan Lee (CBMG) Spring 2009. rotation student

Albert Yu (BISI) 2009-2014 – Graduate Advisory Committee member

Carly Muletz (BISI) 2013 – Graduate Advisory Committee member

Steve Smith (BISI) 2014 – Graduate Advisory Committee member

Reynold Yu (BISI) 2019 – Graduate Advisory Committee member

Dongze He (BISI) 2021 – Graduate Advisory Committee member

Post-doctoral

Current

none

Alumni

Niranjan Nagarajan (Ph.D. Cornell University) 2007–2009. (Niranjan is now a senior research scientist in computational and mathematical biology at the Genome Institute of Singapore)

Todd Treangen (Ph.D. Technical University of Catalonia) 2010-2011 (Todd is an assistant professor at Rice University)

Henry Lin (Ph.D. UC Berkeley) 2010 – 2012 (Henry is currently a senior data scientist at Ancestry)

Irina Astrovskaya (Ph.D. Georgia State University) 2011-2014 (currently a Bioinformatics Engineer at the Flatiron Institute in Baltimore)

Mathieu Almeida (Ph.D. Université Paris-Sud Orsay) 2013 – 2017 (currently a researcher at INRA, Jouy-en-Josas, France)

Jackie Meisel (Ph.D. U. Penn) 2017 – 2020 (currently a research scientist at UMD)

Service

Professional

- 2008-2013. Chair, Maize Genome Database Working Group
- 2009. Life Sciences Advisory Board for Opgen Inc (Gaithersburg, MD).
- 2009-2010. Member, DOE Systems Biology Knowledgebase Advisory Committee.
- 2011-2012. Co-lead, Data Analysis Working Group, Human Microbiome Project
- 2011-2012. Lead, Assembly subgroup, Human Microbiome Project
- 2012. Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD. External reviewer of the Bioinformatics Program
- 2013 – INRIA Team Evaluation Expert Panel (France)
- 2013. Newton Institute, Cambridge UK. Member of Scientific Advisory Committee for Metagenomics Programme
- 2015-2018. NIH/NIAID Genomic Centers for Infectious Disease Steering Committee
- 2016-2018. Scientific Advisory Board. Metacardis Project. European Union project studying the underlying causes of metabolic disease, obesity, and heart disease.
- 2015-2018. Scientific Advisory Board. Resist'Eaume Project. Suez, France.
- 2020. Scientific Advisory Board. National Center for Genome Analysis Support. University of Indiana, Bloomington, IN, USA
- 2020 - . Scientific Advisory Board. Takeda USA
- 2020 - . Scientific Advisory Board. Integrative Phenomics, Paris, France
- 2021 - . Scientific Advisory Board. DYNAMITE Project, Rice University, Houston, TX, USA

Grant review

- National Institutes of Health (2005-2008 – *ad hoc* member on GGG-J panel, ~1-2 panels/year)
- U.S. Civilian Research and Development Foundation (2006)
- Research Council of Norway (2007)
- Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems, Canada (2008)
- National Cancer Institute (2008, 2009)
- Defense Threat Reduction Agency Joint Science and Technology Office, Office for Chemical and Biological Defense. (2009)
- Wellcome Trust, UK. (2009)
- European Research Council (2009)
- U.S. Department of Energy (2004, 2010)
- North Carolina Biotech Center (2011)
- U.S. Army Research and Materiel Command (2006, 2012)

- Agence Nationale de Recherche (French Research Agency) (2011, 2013)
- BBSRC (UK) (2014)
- Austrian Science Fund (2015)
- Canada Foundation for Innovation (2015)
- National Institutes of Health (2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)
- National Science Foundation (2003, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2017)
- Standing member on BDMA study section for the National Institutes of Health (2017-2021)
- NIH NIAID study section for the HIPC network (2021)
- US Department of Energy (2021)

Meetings organized

- 2005. *Co-organizer* of the Fifth Annual RECOMB Satellite Meeting on DNA Sequencing Technologies and Computation. 2005, Stanford University, CA.
- 2008. *Co-organizer* for InformaticsMaryland 2008. Rockville, MD. January 2008.
- 2009. *Poster co-chair* for IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM), Washington, DC. November 1-4, 2009.
- 2010. *Member, organizing committee*. Human Microbiome Research Conference. St. Louis, MO. August 31-September 2, 2010.
- 2012. *Program co-chair*. ICCABS 2012. Las Vegas, NV. February 23-25, 2012
- 2012. *Track co-chair*. ACM BCB 2012. Orlando, FL. October 7-10, 2012.
- 2013-2014. *Conference chair*. RECOMB Seq 2014. Pittsburgh, PA, April 2014.
- 2015. *Program co-chair*. WABI 2015. Atlanta, GA, September 2015.
- 2016. *Co-organizer*. Mid-Atlantic Microbiome Meet-up. College Park, November 2016
- 2016. *Co-organizer*. Dagstuhl seminar on next generation sequencing - Algorithms and Software for Biomedical Applications. Dagstuhl, Germany, September 2016.
- 2017. *Co-organizer*. Mid-Atlantic Microbiome Meet-up/CAMI joint meeting. College Park, May 2017.
- 2018. *Co-organizer*. Mid-Atlantic Microbiome Meet-up on Biodefense and Pathogen detection, College Park, January 2018.
- 2018. *Program co-chair*. ACM BCB 2018. Washington, DC, August 2018

Departmental committees

2006-7 – Chair, faculty search committee for Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology

2007-8 – Member, faculty search committee for CBCB

2007-8, 2009-10 – Coordinator, Friday Faculty Lunches

2007-8, 2009-10 – Member, UMIACS APT committee

2010-2011 – Chair, committee to evaluate Masters student writing skills as part of Middle States Evaluation of Graduate Writing.

2011-2012 – Director search committee for CBCB.

2013-2015 – Member, Merit Review Committee

2006-10, 2014-2015 – Member, CS graduate admissions committee

2014-2015 – Member, Strategic Planning committee (chaired subcommittee on diversity)

2014-2015 – Member, Recruiting for Diversity committee
2014-2015 – Member, Department Council
2014-2015 – Member, UMIACS steering committee
2014-2015 – Member, UMIACS external review planning committee
2014-2017 – Member, Recruiting for Diversity committee.
2008-2019 – Member, Teaching Evaluation Committee
2017-2018 - Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Committee
2018 – present – Member, Diversity and Inclusion Committee
2021-2022 – Chair, sub-committee on Research and Scholarship for CS department unit review

College/Campus Committees

2007-8, 2008-9 – Member, AMSC graduate admissions committee
May 2009- May 2012 – Faculty Representative for CMPS on University Senate
2009-present – Member, Council for the Computational Biology, Bioinformatics and Genomics concentration area within the Biological Sciences Graduate Program
Spring 2012 – UMCP-UMB SEED grant review
Spring 2014 – Student Researcher of the Year review committee
Spring 2015 – UMCP-UMB SEED grant review
2015-2016 – Member, DC@UMD Large Data Analytics Working Group
Spring 2017 – UMCP-UMB SEED grant review
2015-2017 – Limited Submissions Review Committee
2017-2019 – co-chair, Year of Data Science organization committee
2017- 018 – member, Task Force on Centers and Institutes
2017-2018 - member, Task Force on Computing
2020 - member, Future of Research at the University of Maryland in the post-COVID 19
2020 - member, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences Council on Diversity and Inclusion
2021 - member, University of Maryland strategic planning committee (subcommittee on strategic partnerships)

Candidacy and defense committees (last 3 years)

(in Computer Science unless otherwise marked)

Spring 2018 – PhD Defense Committee for Amit Chavan
Spring 2018 – Oral exam committee for Alison Smith
Spring 2018 – PhD Defense Committee for Nathan Olson (BISI)
Summer 2018 – PhD Defense Committee for Justin Wagner
Summer 2018 – PhD Defense Committee for Kun Wang (BISI)
Summer 2018 – PhD Defense Committee for Yanzhou Liu (ECE)
Fall 2018 – Chair, PhD Defense Committee for Jay Ghurye
Spring 2019 – PhD Defense Committee for Jessica Chopyk (Public Health)
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Fall 2019 – Oral exam committee for Hirak Sarkar
Fall 2019 – Oral exam committee for Fatemeh Almodaresi
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Spring 2021 – Chair, PhD Defense Committee for Nidhi Shah
Fall 2021 – MS Defense Committee for Leandro Hermida (BISI)
Fall 2021 – PhD Defense Committee for Mohsen Zakeri

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