# Timothy M. Beissinger

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EDUCATION The University of Wisconsin at Madison, Madison, Wisconsin USA

Ph.D., Statistical and Quantitative Genetics May 2014

Departments: Agronomy and Animal Science

Advisors: Professors Natalia de Leon and Daniel Gianola

M.S., Statistics May 2011

B.S., Mathematics and Geography May 2009

EMPLOYMENT Research Geneticist 2015 - Present

USDA-ARS, Plant Genetics Research Unit University of Missouri, Columbia

Postdoctoral Research Associate 2014 - 2015

Mentored by Professor Jeff Ross-Ibarra Department of Plant Sciences University of California, Davis

Visiting Scientist Jan - Apr 2014

Mentored by Professor Henner Simianer

Department of Animal Breeding and Genetics Georg-August Universität, Göttingen, Germany

## Publications In peer reviewed journals

**Beissinger, T.M.**, Gholami, M., Erbe, M., Weigend, S., Weigend, A., de Leon, N., Gianola, D., Simianer, H. 2015. Using the variability of linkage disequilibrium between subpopulations to scan for selection in a diverse panel of chickens. Heredity. DOI: 10.1038/hdv.2015.81.

Haase, N.J., **Beissinger, T.M.**, Hirsch, C.N., Vaillancourt, B., Deshpande, S., Barry, K., Buell, C.R., Kaeppler, S., de Leon, N. 2015. Genetic Dissection of quantitative traits using a bulked segregant analysis (BSA)-sequencing method on a large segregating population of maize. Genes Genomes Genetics. DOI: 10.1534/g3.115.017665.

**Beissinger, T.M.**, Rosa, J.G.M., Kaeppler, S.M., de Leon, N., Gianola, D. 2015. Defining window-boundaries for genomic analyses using smoothing spline techniques. Genetics Selection Evolution. 47(30). DOI: 10.1186/s12711-015-0105-9.

Lorenz, A. J., **Beissinger, T.M.**, Rodrigues, R., de Leon, N. 2015. Selection for silage yield and composition did not affect genomic diversity within the Wisconsin Quality Synthetic maize population. Genes Genomes Genetics. DOI: 10.1534/g3.114.015263.

Foerster, J.M., **Beissinger**, **T.M.**, de Leon, N., Kaeppler, S.M. 2015. Large effect QTL explain natural phenotypic variation for the developmental timing of vegetative

phase change in maize ( $Zea\ mays\ L$ .). Theoretical and Applied Genetics. DOI: 10.1007/s00122-014-2451-3.

Hirsch, C.N., Flint-Garcia, S.A., **Beissinger, T.M.**, Eichten, S.R., Deshpande, S., Barry, K., Springer, N.M., Buell, C.R., de Leon, N., Kappler, S.M. 2014. Insights into the effects of long-term artificial selection on seed size in maize. Genetics. 198(1): 409-421.

**Beissinger, T.M.**, Hirsch, C.N., Vaillancourt, B., Deshpande, S., Barry, K., Buell, C. R., Kaeppler, S. M., Gianola, D., de Leon, N. 2014. A genome-wide scan for evidence of selection in a maize population under long-term artificial selection for ear number. Genetics. 196(3): 829-840.

\*Beissinger, T.M., Hirsch, C.N., Sekhon, R.S., Foerster, J.M., Johnson, J.M., Muttoni, G., Vaillancourt, B., Buell, C.R., Kaeppler, S.M., de Leon, N. 2013. Marker density and read-depth for genotyping populations using genotyping-by-sequencing. Genetics. 193: 1073-1081.

Wu, X., Chuanyu, S., **Beissinger, T.M.**, Rosa, G., Weigel, K., de Leon, N., Gianola, D. 2012. Parallel Markov chain Monte Carlo - bridging the gap to high performance Bayesian computation in animal breeding and genetics. Genet Sel Evol. 44:29.

Wu, X., **Beissinger, T.M.**, Bauck, S., Woodward, B., Rosa, G., Weigel, K., de Leon, N., Gianola, D. 2011. A primer on high-throughput computing for genomic selection. Frontiers in Genetics. 2, 4.

### Software

# GenWin: Spline Based Window Boundaries for Genomic Analyses An R package for analyzing genetic data across distinct bins. http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/GenWin/index.html

# GRANTS

**2012**, University of Wisconsin Graduate School. Awarded one year of funding and supplies to support dissertation research.

**2012, DuPont-Pioneer and UW Associated Students of Madison.** Coauthored grant to support the first University of Wisconsin Plant Sciences Symposium.

**2011, DuPont-Pioneer.** Awarded funding to genotyping 240 samples with the Pioneer Public SNP array.

CONFERENCE, WEBINAR, AND DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS

## Invited

Beissinger, T. Plant and Animal Genome Conference 24 Maize workshop

January, 2016

Beissinger, T. Department of Botany and Plant Sciences, University fo California, Riverside, April, 2015

<sup>\*</sup> Selected as a highlighted article by the editorial board.

Beissinger, T. USDA-ARS Plant Genetics Research Unit, University of Missouri, Columbia

March, 2015

Beissinger, T., Wang, L., Durvasula, A., Crosby, K., Hufford, M., and Ross-Ibarra, J. 57th annual Maize Genetics Conference March, 2015

Beissinger, T. Plant and Animal Genome Conference 23 Genomic selection and genome-wide association studies workshop January 2015

Beissinger, T. Department of Animal Science, University of California, Davis August, 2014

Beissinger, T. Department of Animal Breeding and Genetics, Georg-August Universitat

February 2014

Beissinger, T. Center of Life and Food Sciences, Technische Universität Munchen April 2014

Beissinger, T. Animal Science Department, University of Nebraska, Lincoln December, 2013

Beissinger, T., Hirsch, C., Buell, R.C., Kaeppler, S., Gianola, D., de Leon, N. Gordon Research Seminar in Quantitative Genetics and Genomics. Galveston, TX, February, 2013.

#### Contributed

Beissinger, T. Bay Area Population Genomics Meeting XI. Davis, CA, December, 2014.

Beissinger, T. Corn Breeding Webinar Series, hosted by Dr. Rex Bernardo at the University of Minnesota. December, 2012.

Beissinger, T., Hansey, C., Sekhon, R., Vaillancourt, B., Buell, C.R., Kaeppler, S., de Leon, N. North Central Regional Corn Breeding Research Meeting. Portland, OR, March, 2012.

Poster Abstracts Beissinger, T. and Ross Ibarra, J. Plant and Animal Genome Conference 23. San Diego, CA, January 10-14, 2015.

Beissinger, T., Gianola, D., de Leon, N. Impact of Large-Scale Genomic Data on Statistical and Quantitative Genetics Conference. Seattle, WA, November 23-26, 2013.

Beissinger, T., Hirsch, C., Vaillancourt, B., Buell, R.C., Kaeppler, S., Gianola, D., de Leon, N. Maize Genetics Conference. St. Charles, Il, March 14-17, 2013.

Beissinger, T., Hirsch, C., Buell, R.C., Kaeppler, S., Gianola, D., de Leon, N. Gordon Research Seminar in Quantitative Genetics and Genomics. Galveston, TX, February

16-17, 2013.

Beissinger, T., Hansey, C., Foerster, J., Sekhon, R., Johnson, J., Muttoni, G., Vaillancourt, B., Buell, C.R., Kaeppler, S., de Leon, N. Maize Genetics Conference. Portland, OR, March 15-18, 2012.

Beissinger, T., de Leon, N., Kaeppler, S. Maize Genetics Conference. St Charles, IL, March 17-20, 2011.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### Co-instructor

Intoduction to Linux and High Throughput Computing Fall 2010 University of Wisconsin, Madison Department of Animal Sciences

Teaching assistant

Biometrical Procedures in Plant Breeding Fall 2011, 2013 University of Wisconsin, Madison Department of Agronomy

Experimental Design Spring 2013
University of Wisconsin, Madison Department of Agronomy

Advanced Plant Breeding Spring 2012 University of Wisconsin, Madison Department of Agronomy

**Tutoring** 

Statistics Fall 2010 - Spring 2011

Advanced Placement Statistics

Calculus Fall 2006- Spring 2007

Advanced Placement Calculus AB

REVIEWED FOR PeerJ

BMC Evolutionary Biology Genes Genomes Genetics (G3)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS Monsanto fellowship recipient 2009-2014

Scholarship to attend Summer Institute in Statistical Genetics University of Washington, Seattle

Scholarship to attend TeraGrid Conference 2010

2012

2005

Pittspburgh, PA

Scholarship to attend Open Science Grid Summer School 2010

Madison, WI

Undergraduate deans list All semesters 2007-2009

Susan B. Hotchkiss memorial scholarship

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  Computer Software ABILITIES R, Linux/Unix, SAS, Latex, Condor, Java, Perl Linux workstation system administrator 2010 - 2014 Participated in Open Science Grid Summer School July 2010 STATISTICAL Bayesian analysis, estimation of functions from data, mixed models, mathematical EXPERTISE statistics, statistical inference, linear regression and analysis of variance Real and complex analysis, combinatorics, topology, number theory, modern algebra, MathematicalEXPERTISE cellular automata