# Timothy M. Beissinger

Contact 203 Curtis Hall (608) 320-1913 Information University of Missouri beissingert@missouri.edu Columbia, MO 65211 http://beissingerlab.org **EDUCATION** The University of Wisconsin at Madison, Madison, Wisconsin USA Ph.D., Statistical and Quantitative Genetics 2014 Advisors: Natalia de Leon and Daniel Gianola M.S.. Statistics 2011 2009 B.S., Mathematics and Geography Research Geneticist 2015 - Present Current APPOINTMENTS USDA-ARS, Plant Genetics Research Unit University of Missouri, Columbia Adjunct Assistant Professor University of Missouri, Columbia Division of Plant Sciences 2015 - Present Division of Biological Sciences 2016 - Present **PREVIOUS** Postdoctoral Research Associate 2014 - 2015 Mentored by Professor Jeff Ross-Ibarra APPOINTMENTS Department of Plant Sciences University of California, Davis Visiting Scientist 2014 Mentored by Professor Henner Simianer Department of Animal Breeding and Genetics Georg-August Universität, Göttingen, Germany 2009 - 2014 Research Assistant Department of Agronomy University of Wisconsin, Madison Direct advisees Advising PostDocs NSF Postdoc (NSF Plant Genome Fellowship) (1) PhD Students Division of Biological Sciences (1) MU Informatics Institute (1) Undergraduate student researchers (2) PhD Committees Division of Animal Sciences (2) Division of Biological Sciences (3) Division of Plant Sciences (1) MU Informatics Institute (1) MSc Committees Division of Animal Sciences (1)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Wang, L., **Beissinger, T.M.**, Lorant, A., Ross-Ibarra, C., Ross-Ibarra, J., Hufford, M. 2017. The interplay of demography and selection during maize domestication and expansion. *In Press* at Genome Biology. http://biorxiv.org/content/early/2017/03/07/114579

- **Beissinger, T.M.**, Morota, G. 2017. Medical subject heading (MeSH) annotations illuminate maize genetics and evolution. Plant Methods. 13(8). DOI: 10.1186/s13007-017-0159-5.
- Morota, G., **Beissinger, T.M.**, Peñagaricano, F. 2016. MeSH annotation of the chicken genome: MeSH-informed enrichment analysis and MeSH-guided semantic similarity among functional terms and gene products. Genes Genomes Genetics. DOI: 10.1534/g3.116.031096.
- Beissinger, T.M., Wang, L., Crosby, C., Durvasula, A., Hufford, M.B., Ross-Ibarra, J. 2017. Recent demography drives changes in linked selection across the maize genome. Nature Plants. 2(16084). DOI:10.1038/nplants.2016.84.
- **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/hdy.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., McMullen, M.D., Holland, J.B., Buckler, E.S., 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.
- \* Selected as a highlighted article by the editorial board.
- 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 per-

formance 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.

## PREPRINTS AND MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Beissinger, T.M., Kruppa, J., Cavero, D., Ha, N., Erbe, M., Simianer, H., A simple test identifies selection on complex traits in breeding and experimentally-evolved populations. bioRxiv. DOI: 10.1101/238295

Bird, K., **Beissinger**, **T.M.**, Angelovici, R.A., Subset-based genomic prediction provides insights into the genetic architecture of free amino acid levels in dry Arabidopsis thaliana seeds. *submitted*.

### 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 AND FUNDING

2018, USDA NIFA, Agriculture and food research initiative, foundational program. Exploiting exotic alleles for the Nutritional Enhancement of Maize. Recommended for funding in the amount of \$490,000. Declined due to pending institional change.

**2017**, **Midwest Big Data Spoke Project.** Seed grant to develop an online QTL database for maize. Initial source of funds is NSF.

**2015-Present, USDA-ARS.** Project Number 3622-21000-034-00D. Revolving funds. Budget supports a technician, student employees, supplies, equipment, and space.

**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**. Funding supported the first University of Wisconsin Pioneer Plant Sciences Symposium.

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

## Teaching

## Co-instructor

Genetics of Populations Fall 2016 University of Missouri, Division of Animal Sciences

Systems Biology Reading Group University of Missouri, Division of Biological Sciences

Intoduction to Linux and High Throughput Computing Fall 2010

University of Wisconsin, Madison Department of Animal Sciences

#### **Guest Lectures**

Advanced Plant Genetics

December 2016

Spring 2016

Lecture on Plant Population Genetics, MU Division of Biological Sciences

Applied Quantitative and Statistical Genetics December 2015 Two lectures on Genomic Prediction, MU Division of Plant 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 MU Informatics Institute Core faculty member 2016 - Present **Editorial Boards** Associate Editor, Crop Science 2018 - 2021 Faculty advisor for student-organized MU Plant Sciences Symposium Building the Bridge from Fundamental Research to Improving Tomorrows Crops Funded by Pioneer Hi-Bred 2016 - Present "Detox" Evolutionary Genetics Discussion Group Faculty organizer and host of extracurricular journal club Fall 2015 - Present Journal reviews Nature Genes Genetics (G3) **Nature Genetics** Heredity Genetics PeerJ **BMC** Evolutionary Biology The Plant Genome PLoS Computational Biology Theoretical and Applied Genetics **BMC Genomics** Crop Science Ad-hoc grant reviews USDA-NIFA, Plant Breeding for Agricultural Production University of Missouri Research Board USDA Group Platinum Hall of Fame 2016 For contributions to Feds Feed Families Campaign 2009-2014 Monsanto fellowship recipient Scholarship to attend Summer Institute in Statistical Genetics 2012 University of Washington, Seattle Scholarship to attend TeraGrid Conference 2010 Pittsburgh, PA Scholarship to attend Open Science Grid Summer School 2010 Madison, WI All semesters 2007-2009 Undergraduate deans list Susan B. Hotchkiss memorial scholarship 2005

Professional Development

ACADEMIC AND

Academic and

Professional

AWARDS AND

SCHOLARSHIPS

SERVICE

Monsanto Fellows Professional Development Program

July 2012
September 2011
September 2010
September 2009
Summer 2008

# Computing Expertise

R, Linux/Unix, SAS, Latex, Condor, Java, Perl, Python

Linux workstation system administrator 2010 - 2014 Participated in Open Science Grid Summer School July 2010

Invited Presentations (Last 4 years) Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany November, 2017

Universidade Federal de Lavras Lavras, Brazil November, 2017

Korea Rural Development Administration Daejeon, South Korea June, 2017

Seoul National University Seoul, South Korea June, 2017

Asian Crop Science Association Conference Jeju, South Korea June, 2017

Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology University of Oregon May, 2017

Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology University of Kansas March, 2017

Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics Cornell University February, 2017

Pioneer Hi-Bred Ankeny, Iowa February, 2017

Advances in Plant Breeding Workshop CiBreed, Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen, Germany January, 2017

Seminar for Evolution, Ecology, and Population Biology Program

Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri November, 2016

Department of Crop Sciences University of Illinois October, 2016

Division of Biological Sciences University of Missouri, Columbia October, 2016

Department of Crop Sciences, Chungnam National University Deajeon, South Korea.
July, 2016

KWS Seed Company Einbeck, Germany April, 2016

Advanced Seminar for Statistical Genetics Department of Animal Breeding and Genetics, Georg-August Universitat, Göttingen, Germany April 2016

Corn Breeding Research Meeting Jacksonville, FL March 2016

Maize workshop Plant and Animal Genome Conference 24, San Diego, CA January, 2016

Division of Plant Sciences, University of Missouri Columbia, Missouri November, 2015

Department of Botany and Plant Sciences University of California, Riverside April, 2015

USDA-ARS Plant Genetics Research Unit University of Missouri March, 2015

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

Genomic selection and genome-wide association studies workshop Plant and Animal Genome Conference 23, San Diego, CA January 2015