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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

APPOINTMENTS Research Geneticist & Adjuct Assistant Professor 2015 - Present

USDA-ARS, Plant Genetics Research Unit

Division of Plant Sciences

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** 

**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.

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.

## Preprints

Morota, G., **Beissinger, T.M.**, Peñagaricano, F. 2015. MeSH annotation of the chicken genome: MeSH-informed enrichment analysis and MeSH-guided semantic similarity among functional terms and gene products. BioRxiv.

**Beissinger, T.M.**, Want, L., Crosby, C., Durvasula, A., Hufford, M.B., Ross-Ibarra, J. 2015. Recent demography drives changes in linked selection across the maize genome. BioRxiv.

#### 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.

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

CONFERENCE, WEBINAR, AND DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS

#### Invited

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

January, 2016

Beissinger, T. Division of Plant Sciences, University of Missouri November, 2015

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

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 Universitat 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

### Co-instructor

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

#### **Guest Lectures**

Applied Quantitative and Statistical Genetics December 2015
Two lectures on Genomic Prediction
University of Missouri, Columbia, 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

## **Tutoring**

Statistics Fall 2010 - Spring 2011 Advanced Placement Statistics

Calculus Fall 2006- Spring 2007
Advanced Placement Calculus AB

## REVIEWED FOR

BMC Evolutionary Biology Genes Genomes Genetics (G3) BMC Genomics Theoretical and Applied Genetics PeerJ

| Awards and                | Monsanto fellowship recipient  | 2009-2014               |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| SCHOLARSHIPS              | Scholarship to attend Summer Institute in Statistical Genetics<br>University of Washington, Seattle  | 2012                    |
|                           | Scholarship to attend TeraGrid Conference<br>Pittspburgh, PA   | 2010                    |
|                           | Scholarship to attend Open Science Grid Summer School Madison, WI  | 2010                    |
|                           | Undergraduate deans list   | All semesters 2007-2009 |
|                           | Susan B. Hotchkiss memorial scholarship  | 2005                    |
| Academic and              | Monsanto Fellows Professional Development Program  | September 2012          |
| Professional              | 17th Summer Institute in Statistical Genetics  | July 2012               |
| Development               | Monsanto Fellows Professional Development Program  | September 2011          |
|                           | Monsanto Fellows Professional Development Program  | September 2010          |
|                           | Monsanto Fellows Professional Development Program  | September 2009          |
|                           | University of Wisconsin Plant Breeding Internship  | Summer 2008             |
| Computer                  | Software   |                         |
| Abilities                 | R, Linux/Unix, SAS, Latex, Condor, Java, Perl, Python  |                         |
|                           | Linux workstation system administrator   | 2010 - 2014             |
|                           | Participated in Open Science Grid Summer School  | July 2010               |
| STATISTICAL<br>EXPERTISE  | Bayesian analysis, estimation of functions from data, mixed models, mathematical statistics, statistical inference, linear regression and analysis of variance |                         |
| MATHEMATICAL<br>EXPERTISE | Real and complex analysis, combinatorics, topology, number theory, modern algebra, cellular automata   |                         |