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Education

2005–2009	Doctor of Philosophy , Computational Biology and Bioinformatics Duke University, Durham, NC
2001–2005	Bachelor of Science , <i>summa cum laude</i> , Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Bachelor of Science , <i>summa cum laude</i> , Computer Science Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS

Academic Appointments

2025–present	Professor with tenure , Department of Computational Medicine & Bioinformatics Professor , Department of Human Genetics
2023–present	Core Member , Rogel Cancer Center
2020–2023	Affiliate Member , Rogel Cancer Center
2021–present	Affiliate , Michigan Neuroscience Institute
2016–present	Member , Center for RNA Biomedicine
2020–2025	Associate Professor with tenure , Department of Computational Medicine & Bioinformatics Associate Professor , Department of Human Genetics
2015–2020	Assistant Professor , Department of Human Genetics
2014–2020	Assistant Professor , Department of Computational Medicine & Bioinformatics University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
2010–2014	Postdoctoral Scholar , Genetics Stanford University, Stanford, CA; Advisor: Dr. Michael Snyder
Spring 2010	Postdoctoral Associate , Computational Biology Duke University, Durham, NC; Advisor: Dr. Terrence S. Furey

Scholarships, Fellowships, and Honors

2022	Valuing our Own Award, Michigan Medicine
2019	Endowment for the Basic Sciences Teaching Award
2018	First Place in CAGI5 Regulation Saturation Challenge
2017	NSF CAREER Award
2016	Institutional nominee for W.M. Keck Foundation Medical Science Research Program
2016	Institutional nominee for Searle Scholar Award
2015–2017	Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellowship in Computational & Evolutionary Molecular Biology
2013–2014	NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00) [1K99HG007356-01]
2012	AAAS/Science Program for Excellence in Science
2005–2008	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
2005–2009	James B. Duke Fellowship
Summer 2004	Mayo Clinic Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow
2003	Barry M. Goldwater Memorial Scholarship
Summer 2003	The Institute for Genomic Research (TIGR) Summer Fellow
2001	Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship
2001	Mississippi State University Presidential Scholarship
2001	National Merit Scholarship

Grant Support

Active

2021–2026	U01 HG011952 NIH/NHGRI Predicting the impact of genomic variation on cellular states This project seeks to develop tools for interpretation of genomic variation on cellular state through modeling single cell data as part of the IGVF consortium.	(PI: Boyle)
2022–2026	R01 GM144484 NIH/NIGMS Mobile element derived chromatin looping variability in human populations This project seeks to study the impact of polymorphic LTR13 integrations on 3D chromatin conformation.	(PI: Boyle)
2023–2028	UG3/UH3 NS132084 NIH/OD Molecular and Computational Tools for Identifying Somatic Mosaicism in Human Tissues As part of the SMAHT consortium this project seeks to develop long-read methods to study somatic mosaicism in normal human tissues.	(Multi-PI: Mills, Boyle)
2021–2026	K08 HL153799 NIH/NHLBI Predisposition for Lung Injury in Sepsis Survival The goal of this project is to understand the biological mechanisms predisposing to these complications in order to prevent and treat them.	(PI: Denstaedt; Consultant)
2021–2026	R01 NS122165 NIH/NINDS Uncover the role of H3.3-G343R mutation in shaping the DNA damage response, anti-tumor immunity and mechanisms of resistance in glioma This project seeks to study pediatric high-grade gliomas with H3.3-G343R, ATRX, and TP53 inactivating mutations to understand the impact of H3.3-G343R on the tumor immune microenvironment.	(PI: Castro; Co-I with Effort)
2022–2026	R01 CA260677 NIH/NCI The Biology of Mutant STAT6 in Follicular Lymphoma This project seeks to study STAT6 gene regulation in the context of B cell lymphoma.	(PI: Malek; Co-I with Effort)
2023–2028	R01 NS099280 NIH/NINDS Hexanucleotide repeat translation in ALS and Frontotemporal Dementia This project seeks to study RAN translation in ALS and FTD at a hexonucleotide expansion in C9orf72.	(PI: Todd; Consultant)
2024–2029	R01 DE032699 NIH/NIDCR Defining the Role of HPV Integration Structures in HNSCC Molecular Heterogeneity This proposal seeks to determine how the structure of HPV integration events influences chromatin accessibility and adjacent gene expression in HPV-positive oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinoma, with the goal of identifying pivotal driver integrations that can predict treatment outcomes and guide therapy decisions to improve patient survival and reduce morbidity.	(PI: Brenner, Mills, Spector; Co-I with Effort)
2026–2027	National Ataxia Foundation FGF14 intronic GAA repeats in vestibular problems beyond SCA27B This project seeks to identify genetic properties of the SCA27B repeat that may represent subclinical expansions.	(PI: Burmeister, Boyle)

Completed

2013–2017	R00 HG007356 Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00) NIH/NHGRI Global Discovery and Validation of Functional Regulatory Elements	(PI: Boyle)
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	This project seeks to extend current assays demonstrating function of genomic regions into an equivalent genome-wide assay.	
2015–2017	FG-2015-65465 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellowship in Computational & Evolutionary Molecular Biology	(PI: Boyle)
2016–2020	R01 HL130705 NIH/NHLBI Large-scale human genetics to understand molecular mechanisms of atrial fibrillation and related traits This project seeks to provide new insights into atrial fibrillation mechanisms through whole-genome screening.	(PI: Willer; Co-I with Effort)
2017–2018	Eleanor and Larry Jackier U-M/Technion and Weizmann Collaborative Research Grant Michigan - Israel Partnership for Research & Education Identifying novel disease related mutations in the genomic environments around Transcription Factor binding sites The goal of this project is to identify variants in the proximity of TF binding sites that have an indirect effect on their binding.	(co-PI: Boyle, Mandel-Gutfreund)
2017–2024	R35 HL135824 NIH/NHLBI Using Genetics to Inform Mechanism of Cardiovascular Disease The goal of this project is to uncover novel genetic discoveries and biological mechanisms underlying association with devastating cardiovascular diseases.	(PI: Willer; Co-I with Effort)
2019	NVIDIA GPU Grant NVIDIA Corporation	(PI: Boyle)
2017–2022	DBI-1651614 NSF/BIO/DBI CAREER: Conservation of cohesin-containing cis regulatory modules in the human and mouse lineages The goal of this project is the study of the turnover of cohesin binding sites in the human and mouse genomes.	(PI: Boyle)
2022–2022	R21 HG011493 S1 NIH/NIA New technologies for accurate capture and sequencing of repeat-associated regions (Supplement) This project seeks to map mobile elements in a set of Alzheimer's samples.	(Multi-PI: Boyle, Mills)
2019–2022	Precision Health Investigators Award University of Michigan Short Tandem repeats in precision health and human disease The goal of this project is to develop any assay to measure STRs in human genomes and develop bioinformatic tools to predict STR expansions from genotypes.	(co-PI: Todd, Boyle, Mills)
2022	NVIDIA GPU Grant NVIDIA Corporation	(PI: Boyle)
2021–2022	Cancer Center Discovery University of Michigan Direct capture of complete HPV integration sites using long-read sequencing This project seeks to develop methods to capture of complete HPV integration events in the human genome.	(PI: Boyle)
2020–2023	W81XWH2010336 DoD/Army Understanding & Enhancing the Regenerative Capacity of Skeletal Muscle to Trauma by Targeting Muscle-Nerve Synergy	(PI: Aguilar; Co-I with Effort)

2020–2023	<p>This project seeks to study the single cell chromatin and RNA landscape in skeletal muscle repair.</p> <p>R21 HG011493 (Multi-PI: Boyle, Mills)</p> <p>NIH/NHGRI</p> <p>New technologies for accurate capture and sequencing of repeat-associated regions</p> <p>This project seeks to map mobile elements in a trio of cell lines and develop technologies for improving this mapping.</p>
2018–2024	<p>R01 HD093570 (PI: Bielas; Co-I with Effort)</p> <p>NIH/NICHHD</p> <p>Genetic Diagnosis of Neurodevelopmental Disorders in India</p> <p>This study will establish whole-exome sequencing to study mendelian genetic disorders at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences.</p>
2022–2024	<p>Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Center Developmental Project (PI: Zhou; Consultant)</p> <p>University of Michigan</p> <p>Explore the functional impact of transposable elements in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias</p> <p>This project seeks to explore the connection between the somatic transposable elements in the human genome and Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.</p>
2022–2025	<p>R21 CA2578964 (PI: Boyle)</p> <p>NIH/NCI</p> <p>High-throughput inverted reporter assay for characterization of silencers and enhancer blockers</p> <p>This project seeks to develop tools for the study of negative regulatory elements in cancer development.</p>
2021–2025	<p>R01 HD104680 (PI: Hammoud; Co-I with Effort)</p> <p>NIH/NICHHD</p> <p>Sperm Chromatin: Implications on organismal development and fertility</p> <p>This project seeks to explore protamine chromatin structure in mouse sperm.</p>
2017–2025	<p>U24 HG009293 (Multi-PI: Boyle, Cherry)</p> <p>NIH/NHGRI</p> <p>RegulomeDB: A Resource for the Human Regulome</p> <p>This project seeks to expand and support a RegulomeDB, a database for prioritizing and predicting functional variants in the human genome.</p>
2022–2025	<p>Taubman Institute Innovation Projects (co-PI: Todd, Boyle, Mills)</p> <p>University of Michigan</p> <p>Short Tandem repeats in precision health and human disease</p> <p>The goal of this project is to develop any assay to measure STRs in human genomes and develop bioinformatic tools to predict STR expansions from genotypes.</p>

Professional Service

Service

2014–2018, 2025–current	DCM&B Admissions Committee [Chair 2025–current]
2015, 2016, 2025	DCM&B Retreat Planning Committee Chair (including 1st annual)
2024–current	DHG Faculty Development Committee
2023–current	R01 Bootcamp Medical School Cohort Coach
2023–current	Somatic Mosaicism across Human Tissues (SMaHT) Consortium Steering Committee
2021–current	Impact of Genomic Variation on Function (IGVF) Consortium Steering Committee
2022–current	University of Michigan Biomedical Research Council (BMRC) (Standing Member)
2020–2022	DHG M.S. Admissions Committee
2018–current	Lab Safety Liaison for DCM&B
2017–2024	DCM&B Preliminary Exam Abstract Review Committee (PARC) [Chair 2018–2022]
2019–2020	DHG Ph.D. Admissions Committee
2017–2020	DHG Faculty Recruitment and Promotions Committee
2016–2020	DCM&B Seminar Series Committee [Chair]

2018–2019	Cellular and Molecular Biology Admissions Committee
2017–2019	EBS Faculty IT Committee
2016–2019	DCM&B Faculty Recruitment Committee
2015–2017	DHG Computational Support Committee
2008–2009	Duke Computational Biology & Bioinformatics student committee

Memberships

2018–current	Member, American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG)
2013–current	Member, International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB)
2012–current	Member, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
2005–current	Member, Gamma Sigma Delta Agricultural Honor Society

Manuscript Reviewing Activity

Since 2009	<i>Ad hoc</i> reviewer (>100 verified reviews) for the journals: <i>Science</i> , <i>Nature Biotechnology</i> , <i>Nature Genetics</i> , <i>Genome Research</i> , <i>Genome Biology</i> , <i>Nature Neuroscience</i> , <i>Nature Communications</i> , <i>Nature Protocols</i> , <i>Bioinformatics</i> , <i>Nucleic Acids Research</i> , <i>BMC Biology</i> , <i>BMC Bioinformatics</i> , <i>PLOS Computational Biology</i> , <i>Oncotarget</i> , <i>Scientific Reports</i> , <i>Atherosclerosis</i> , <i>BioEssays</i> , <i>Gene</i>
2026	Program Committee, Proceedings, ISMB/ECCB
2023	Program Committee, Genome Sequence Analysis, ISMB/ECCB
2023	Program Committee, Biomedical Informatics, ISMB/ECCB
2018, 2020	Program Committee, Comparative and Functional Genomics, ISMB/ECCB
2018, 2019	Program Committee, Studies of Phenotypes and Clinical Applications, ISMB/ECCB
2019	Program Committee, General Computational Biology, ISMB/ECCB
2017	Program Committee, Regulatory Genomics Special Interest Group Meeting (RegGenSIG), ISMB/ECCB
2015–2018	Program Committee, Great Lakes Bioinformatics and Canadian Computational Biology Conference (GLBIO/CCBC)
2015–2016	Program Committee, Algorithms for Computational Biology (ALCOB)
2013–2016	Program Committee, Gene Regulation and Transcriptomics, ISMB/ECCB
2012–2015	DNA Day Essay Contest Detailed Review Judge for ASHG
2012	Distinguished contributor as a leading reviewer for the journal <i>Bioinformatics</i>

Grant Reviewing Activity

2026	NIH Study Section ZRG1 IIDB Z (70) - Stage I New Innovator Award Program (Mail-in)
2026	NIH Study Section ZRG1 MGG-F (90) S - Special Topics in Genomics, Genetic Evolution, and Technology Development (Ad Hoc)
2025	NIH Study Section BDMA - Biodata Management and Analysis Study Section (Ad Hoc)
2024	NIH Study Section ZRG1 BBBT-D (50) - PAR Panel: Biodata Management and Common Fund Data Sets (Ad Hoc and co-Chair)
2024	NIH Study Section BDMA - Biodata Management and Analysis Study Section (Ad Hoc)
2023	NSF Review Panel - Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (MCB) - Genetic Mechanisms (Ad Hoc)
2023	NIH Study Section - Multi-Omics of Health and Disease – Data Analysis and Coordination Center
2023	NIH Study Section GVE - Genetic Variation and Evolution Study Section (Ad Hoc)
2022	NIH Study Section ZRG1 ISB-S (57) - Academic-Industrial Partnerships for Translation of Technologies for Diagnosis and Treatment
2022	NASA Study Section E.11 Space Biology: Animal Studies - Omics Systems [21SBAS-OmisSys] (Ad Hoc)
2020	NIH/NIMH Study Section ZMH1 ERB-C (08) - Fine-Mapping Genome-Wide Associated Loci to Identify Proximate Causal Mechanisms of Serious Mental Illness
2019	NIH/NIMH Study Section ZMH1 ERB-C (01) - PsychENCODE: Non-Coding Functional Elements in the Human Brain and Their Role in the Development of Psychiatric Disorders
2018–2019	University of Michigan internal review for Searle Scholars Program
2015	UK Medical Research Council (RCUK MRC) - Methodology Research Panel (Ad Hoc)
2015	UK Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (RCUK BBSRC) (Ad Hoc)
2015	Michigan Institute for Clinical & Health Research (MICHR) Postdoctoral Translational Scholars Program (Ad Hoc)

Teaching and Mentorship

Training Programs

2024–present	Member , Systems & Integrative Biology Training Grant (SIB)
2021–present	Member , Biomedical Informatics and Data Science Training Program (BIDS-TP)
2017–present	Member , Cellular and Molecular Biology Program
2015–present	Member , Genome Science Training Program (GSTP)
2015–present	Member , Michigan Predoctoral Training Program in Genetics (GTP)
2014–present	Member , Program in Biomedical Sciences
2014–present	Member , Bioinformatics Training Program

Teaching (F = Fall Term, W = Winter Term, S = Summer Term)

W19, W20, W21, W22, W23, W24, W25, W26	Bioinformatics Concepts and Algorithms (BIOINF 529) [Course Director]
F15, F16, F17, F18, F19, F20, F21	Gene Structure and Regulation (HUMGEN 541) [3 lectures + 2 discussions / yr.]
F19, F22	Research Responsibility and Ethics (PIBS 503) [1 discussion / yr.]
F21, W22, F24, W25	Genetics Student Seminar (HUMGEN 821/822) [Mentor]
F17, F18	Experimental Genetics Systems (HUMGEN 632) [Course Director]
F15, W16, F16, W17, F17, W18, F18	Bioinformatics Journal Club (BIOINF 602/603) [Course Director F18]
S17, S18	Introduction to Biocomputing Bootcamp (BIOSTAT/BIOINF/HUMGEN 606) [2 full days / yr.]
F15, F16, F17	Introduction to Bioinformatics & Computational Biology (BIOINF 527) [2 lectures + 3 labs / yr.]
S15, S16, S17	Basic Biology for Graduate Students with Quantitative Training (BIOINF 523) [2 lectures / yr.]
F03	Lab TA for Isotopes Tech I (MS. State, BCH 4414)

Guest Lectures / Panels

2018–2019	Lecturer, REU Site: Mathematical and Theoretical Biology Institute (MTBI), Arizona State University (NSF1757968) [2 days]
2017	Panel member, U. Michigan “New Faculty Orientation to Corporate & Foundation Relations” [70 attendees]
2016	Experimental Genetics Systems (HUMGEN 632) [1 discussion]
2014	Panel member, BIOINF 527 “Challenges in Biology, Biomedicine, Data & Analysis”
2010	Co-taught Cold Spring Harbor Systems Biology Pre-meeting Workshop
2009	Duke student panelist for “How to prepare for and get into graduate school”
2008	Taught Duke mini-course on Genome Browsers & Databases

Mentorship

Ph.D. Students (n=21)

2026–	Kobe Howcroft (Ph.D. Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2024–current	Ingrid Flaspohler (Ph.D. Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan) <i>NIH Biomedical Informatics and Data Science Training Program (T32)</i> <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (pre-candidate)</i> <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (candidate)</i>
2024–current	Steve Losh (Ph.D. Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2024–current	Sowmya Srinivasan (Ph.D. Student, Genetics and Genomics, University of Michigan)
2022–current	Katarina Pavlovic (Ph.D. Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan) <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (pre-candidate)</i> <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (candidate)</i>
2022–current	Rintsen Sherpa (Ph.D. Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan) <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (candidate)</i>
2021–2025	Kinsey Van Deynze (Ph.D. Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)

	<i>NIH Genome Science Training Program (T32)</i> <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (pre-candidate)</i> <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (candidate)</i>
2020–2025	Andrea Valenzuela (Ph.D. Student, Chemical Biology, University of Michigan) <i>NIH Cellular Biotechnology Training Program (T32)</i>
2020–current	Breanna McBean (Ph.D. Student, Genetics and Genomics, University of Michigan) <i>Joint M.S. in Bioinformatics, University of Michigan</i> <i>NIH Genome Science Training Program (T32)</i> <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (pre-candidate)</i> <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (candidate)</i>
2020–2025	Camille Mumm (Ph.D. Student, Genetics and Genomics, University of Michigan) <i>Joint M.S. in Bioinformatics, University of Michigan</i> <i>NIH Genome Science Training Program (T32)</i> <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (pre-candidate)</i> <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (candidate)</i> <i>Rackham Pre-doctoral Fellowship</i>
2018–2024	Bradley Crone (Ph.D. Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan) <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (candidate)</i>
2017–2023	Melissa Englund (Ph.D. Student, Genetics and Genomics, University of Michigan) <i>NIH Human Genetics Training Program (T32)</i> <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (candidate)</i>
2018–2023	Nanxiang (Samuel) Zhao (Ph.D. Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan) <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (pre-candidate)</i> <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (candidate)</i>
2016–2018	Haley Amemiya (Ph.D. Student, Cellular and Molecular Biology, University of Michigan) <i>Joint M.S. in Bioinformatics, University of Michigan</i> <i>NIH Cellular & Molecular Biology Training Program (T32)</i> <i>NIH Cellular Biotechnology Training Program (T32) (Declined)</i> <i>PIBS Excellence in Service Award</i> <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (pre-candidate)</i> <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (candidate)</i> <i>Maas Professional Development Award</i> <i>Rackham Graduate School Scholar-Activist Award</i>
2016–2020	Shriya Sethuraman (Ph.D. Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2016–2023	Christopher Castro (Ph.D. Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan) <i>NIH Bioinformatics Training Program (T32)</i> <i>Rackham Merit Fellow</i> <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (pre-candidate)</i> <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (candidate)</i> <i>Global Research Engagement Opportunity Fellowship</i>
2017–2022	Ningxin Ouyang (Ph.D. Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan) <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (candidate)</i>
2016–2021	Shengcheng Dong (Ph.D. Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan) <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (candidate)</i>
2015–2021	Torrin McDonald (Ph.D. Student, Genetics and Genomics, University of Michigan) <i>NIH Human Genetics Training Program (T32)</i> <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (pre-candidate)</i> <i>Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (candidate)</i>
2015–2017	Greg Farnum (Ph.D. Student, Cellular and Molecular Biology, University of Michigan)
2015–2020	Sierra Nishizaki (Ph.D. Student, Genetics and Genomics, University of Michigan)

Joint M.S. in Bioinformatics, University of Michigan
NIH Genome Science Training Program (T32)
Rackham Merit Fellow
Rackham Summer Award
Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (candidate)

M.S. Students (n=7)

2025–2025	Christine Geng (M.S. Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2023–2023	Hawra Aljawad (M.S. Student, Chemical Engineering, University of Michigan)
2023–2023	Xinyi Liu (M.S. Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2022–2023	Emily Pogson (M.S. Student, Genetics and Genomics, University of Michigan)
2019–2020	Monica Holmes (M.S. Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2017–2018	Nanxiang (Samuel) Zhao (M.S. Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2015–2017	Ningxin Ouyang (M.S. Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)

Additional Graduate Rotation Students (n=17)

2024	Karan Smith (Rotation Student, Cellular and Molecular Biology, University of Michigan)
2024	Jun Sik Yun (Rotation Student, Genetics and Genomics, University of Michigan)
2024	Jeremy Chen (Rotation Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2023	Rosina Carr (Rotation Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2023	Connor Ward (Rotation Student, Medical Science Training Program, University of Michigan)
2022	Brandt Bessell (Rotation Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2022	Xiaomeng Du (Rotation Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2022	Mahnoor Gondal (Rotation Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2022	Xin Li (Rotation Student, Biological Chemistry, University of Michigan)
2022	Bohan Chen (Rotation Student, Cell and Developmental Biology, University of Michigan)
2021	Amelia Lauth (Rotation Student, Cellular and Molecular Biology, University of Michigan)
2019	Margarita Brovkina (Rotation Student, Cellular and Molecular Biology, University of Michigan)
2018	Steve Ho (Rotation Student, Human Genetics, University of Michigan)
2018	Matthew Pun (Rotation Student, Medical Science Training Program, University of Michigan)
2017	Amanda Moccia (Rotation Student, Human Genetics, University of Michigan)
2017	Stephen Carney (Rotation Student, Human Genetics, University of Michigan)
2016	Tingyang Li (Rotation Student, Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)

Postdoctoral Fellows (n=3)

2023–2025	Melissa Englund (University of Michigan)
2022–2025	Torrin McDonald (University of Michigan)
2021–2022	Shengcheng Dong (University of Michigan)

Non-student Lab Volunteers (n=2)

2019–2021	Greg Farnum (University of Michigan)
2018–2019	Monica Holmes (Postbac, University of Michigan)

Undergraduate and High School Students (n=27)

2026–current	Pria Chandarana (Undergraduate, Neuroscience, University of Michigan)
2026–current	Cecelia Crandall (Undergraduate, Cognitive Science, University of Michigan)
2026–current	Boutheine Teyeb (Undergraduate, Computer Science, University of Michigan)
2026–current	Aanshi Agrawal (Undergraduate, Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, University of Michigan)
2025–current	Krrish Thakker (Undergraduate, Biochemistry, University of Michigan)
2023–2024	Kateri Darr (Undergraduate, Computer Science, University of Michigan)
2023–2023	Mason Miller (Undergraduate, Computer Science, University of Michigan)
2022–2024	Summer Ann (Undergraduate, Neuroscience, University of Michigan)
2022–2025	Kobe Howcroft (Undergraduate, Computer Science, University of Michigan)

2021–2024	Preston Parana (Undergraduate, UROP Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, University of Michigan) <i>UROP Blue Ribbon Award</i>
2021–2022	Julia Tweadey (Undergraduate, LSA Honors Program, Life Science Informatics, University of Michigan)
2021	Aryn Booker (Undergraduate, UROP Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, University of Michigan) <i>UROP Blue Ribbon Award</i>
2020	Marcela Alcaide Aligio (Undergraduate, SROP, Hunter College CUNY)
2019–2020	David Wang (Undergraduate, UROP Computer Science, University of Michigan)
2019–2020	Jack Lu (Undergraduate, UROP Computer Science, University of Michigan)
2019–2020	Diana Davis (Undergraduate, Neuroscience and German, University of Michigan)
2019	Sheila Rasouli (Undergraduate, Neuroscience, University of Toronto)
2019	Vibhasri Davuluri (High School, Girls Who Code Summer Intern)
2016–2019	Cody Morterud (Undergraduate, UROP Computer Science / Honors Capstone, University of Michigan)
2016–2017	Colten Williams (Undergraduate, UROP Computer Science, University of Michigan)
2016–2017	Courtney Asman (Undergraduate, Neuroscience, University of Michigan)
2014–2017	Maxwell Spadafore (Undergraduate, LS&A Honors Informatics, University of Michigan)
2013–2014	Natalie Ng (High School, Stanford Institutes of Medicine Summer Research)
2013–2014	Dana Wyman (Undergraduate, Biology, Stanford University)
2013	Justin Young (High School, Stanford Institutes of Medicine Summer Research)
2012	Melanie Connick (Undergraduate, Biology, University of New Mexico)
2012	Edward Dai (Undergraduate, Computer Science, Stanford University)

Doctoral Thesis Committees (n=51)

2025–current	Monica Holmes (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member)
2025–current	Brandt Bessell (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member)
2024–current	Weizhou Qian (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member)
2024–current	Jinhao Wang (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member)
2024–current	Brandon Klein (Medicinal Chemistry, University of Michigan, Committee Member)
2024–current	Bohan Chen (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member)
2024–current	Sowmya Srinivasan (Genetics and Genomics, University of Michigan, co-Chair)
2024–current	Ingrid Flaspohler (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Chair)
2024–current	Steve Losh (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Chair)
2024–current	Matthew Hodgman (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member)
2024–current	Lu Lu (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member)
2023–current	Linghua Jiang (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member)
2023–current	Elysia Chou (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member)
2023–current	Rebecca McAvoy (Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, University of Michigan, Committee Member)
2023–current	Chinmay Raut (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member)
2022–current	Katarina Pavlovic (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Chair)
2022–current	Rintsen Sherpa (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Chair)
2022–current	Emily Peirent (Neuroscience, University of Michigan, Committee Member)
2021–current	Mashiat Rabbani (Genetics and Genomics, University of Michigan, Committee Member)
2020–current	Breanna McBean (Genetics and Genomics, University of Michigan, co-Chair)
2024–2025	Lingrui Cai (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Advancing Medical Image and Report Analysis with Artificial Intelligence: Applications in Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Traumatic Brain Injury</i>
2021–2025	Kinsey Van Deynze (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Chair) <i>Sequence Analysis of Tandem Repeats Utilizing 3rd Generation Sequencing Technologies</i>
2020–2025	Andrea Valenzuela (Chemical Biology, University of Michigan, co-Chair) <i>AI-Driven Workflows Integrating Strain Diversity and Host Metabolic-Genetic Variation for Tuberculosis Treatment Prioritization</i>
2021–2025	Zhenhao Zhang (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Decoding Genome Regulation through Deep Learning Models</i>

2020–2025	Steve Ho (Genetics and Genomics, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Applied Machine Learning for Big Data Genomics</i>
2020–2025	Camille Mumm (Genetics and Genomics, University of Michigan, Chair) <i>Exploring Repetitive Elements in Neurodegenerative Disease Using Targeted Long-Read Sequencing</i>
2022–2025	Kaiwen Deng (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Advancing Computational Models and Algorithms for the Analysis of Single-Cell and Neural Data</i>
2022–2024	Franco Tavella (Biophysics, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Robustness and Tunability of Biological Oscillations</i>
2018–2024	Bradley Crone (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Chair) <i>Computational Methods in Functional Prioritization of Polygenic Risk Score Models</i>
2021–2024	Wenjin Gu (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Development of Viral Integration Analysis Technologies for Virus-Associated Cancer Research</i>
2018–2023	Rucheng Diao (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Local Chromatin Environments Shape Transcription and Adaptive Immunity in Bacteria</i>
2021–2023	Zijun Gao (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Advance Machine Learning and Image Analysis Methods for Clinical Decision Support in Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Diseases</i>
2018–2023	Nanxiang (Samuel) Zhao (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Chair) <i>Decoding Regulatory Variants with Computational Methods in Non-coding Regions of the Human Genome</i>
2020–2023	Ashley Melnick (Cellular and Molecular Biology, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Cdc73 Protects Notch-Induced Leukemia Cells From DNA Damage and Mitochondrial Stress</i>
2016–2023	Christopher Castro (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Chair) <i>Investigating the Role of Noncoding De Novo Single-Nucleotide Variants in Autism Spectrum Disorder</i>
2017–2023	Melissa Englund (Genetics and Genomics, University of Michigan, Chair) <i>Identification and Characterization of Cis-Regulatory Elements in the Human Genome</i>
2018–2023	Stephen Carney (Cancer Biology, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Epigenetic reprogramming in mutant IDH1 glioma influences radioresistance and neural lineage differentiation</i>
2019–2023	Benjamin Yang (Biomedical Engineering, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Towards Defining Principles of Cell Fate Plasticity</i>
2018–2022	Marcus Sherman (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Cultivation of enhanced bioinformatic-specific pedagogical manipulatives, interventions, and professional development</i>
2021–2022	Kuan-Han Hank Wu (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Integrating Electronic Health Records with Genetic Information to Advance Precision Medicine Approaches in Cardiovascular Disease</i>
2017–2022	Amanda Moccia (Genetics and Genomics, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Investigation of Developmental Disorders: Genetic Discovery and Functional Validation</i>
2017–2022	Ningxin Ouyang (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Chair) <i>Deciphering Transcriptional Regulatory Circuits: Transcription Factor Binding and Regulatory Variants Identification</i>
2015–2021	Torrin McDonald (Genetics and Genomics, University of Michigan, Chair) <i>Leveraging New Technologies to Explore Regulatory and Structural Elements of the Human Genome</i>
2018–2021	Heming Yao (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Machine Learning and Image Processing for Clinical Outcome Prediction: Applications in Medical Data from Patients with Traumatic Brain Injury, Ulcerative Colitis, and Heart Failure</i>
2016–2021	Mohd Hafiz Bin Mohd Rothi (Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Control of Chromatin by RNA-mediated Transcriptional Silencing</i>
2016–2021	Shengcheng Dong (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Chair) <i>Computational Methods to Identify Regulatory Variants in the Non-coding Regions of the Human Genome</i>

2017–2021	Steven Romanelli (Molecular & Integrative Physiology, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Viral CRISPR/Cas9 Gene Transfer for Somatic Knockout in Brown Adipose Tissue</i>
2018–2021	Negar Farzaneh (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Automated Decision Support System for Traumatic Injuries</i>
2016–2020	Shriya Sethuraman (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, co-Chair) <i>Genome-wide Identification of Non-coding Transcription by RNA Polymerase V and Its Involvement in Transcriptional Gene Silencing</i>
2015–2020	Sierra Nishizaki (Genetics and Genomics, University of Michigan, Chair) <i>Decoding the Non-coding Genome: Novel Technologies for the Characterization of Non-coding Elements and Variation</i>
2017–2020	Christopher Lee (Biostatistics, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Improvements and Developments in Gene Regulation and Single-Cell Gene Expression Data Analysis</i>
2018–2019	Christine Ziegler (Biological Chemistry, University of Michigan, Committee Member)
2015–2018	Ari Allyn-Feuer (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>The Pharmacoepigenomics Informatics Pipeline and H-GREEN Hi-C Compiler: Discovering Pharmacogenomic Variants and Pathways with the Epigenome and Spatial Genome</i>
2015–2017	Raymond Cavalcante (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Beyond the Transcriptome: Facilitating Interpretation of Epigenomics and Metabolomics Data</i>
2015–2017	Zhengting Zou (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan, Committee Member) <i>Model-based genomic studies of protein sequence evolution: convergence, epistasis, and amino acid acceptance rates</i>

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2025	Mitchell Witt (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2024	Luke Gohmann (Cellular and Molecular Biology, University of Michigan)
2024	Benjamin Li (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2024	Tiffany Wan (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2024	Zhiyuan Yu (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
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2024	Bonje Obua (Cellular and Molecular Biology, University of Michigan)
2024	Abigail Vallie (Cellular and Molecular Biology, University of Michigan)
2023	Jinhao Wang (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2023	Lishi Yin (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2023	Matthew Hodgman (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2023	Ilakkiya Venkatachalam (Genetics and Genomics, University of Michigan)
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2022	Kaiwen Deng (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2022	Yufeng Zhang (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
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2021	Charles Ryan (Cellular and Molecular Biology, University of Michigan)
2021	Kuan-Han Wu (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2021	Wenjin Gu (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2020	Jie Cao (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
2020	Zijun Gao (Bioinformatics, University of Michigan)
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2019	Benjamin Yang (Biomedical Engineering, University of Michigan)
2019	Maria Virgilio (Cellular and Molecular Biology, University of Michigan)

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Industry Experience

2013–2014	Consultant, Color Genomics Personalized medicine / genomics startup
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