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Academic appointments:

2017– Professor, Dept of Plant Pathology & Microbiology. University of California-Riverside.
2014–2017 Associate Professor (with tenure), University of California-Riverside.
2009–2014 Assistant Professor, University of California-Riverside.

Education

2006–2009 Postdoctoral training, University of California-Berkeley
2001–2006 Ph.D. Genetics and Genomics, Duke University
1995–1999 B.S. Computer Science, Duke University, Durham, NC

Honors and Awards:

2020 Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science
2020 Fellow, Mycological Society of America
2020 Fellow, American Academy of Microbiology, American Society for Microbiology
2019–2026 CIFAR Fellow in program 'Fungal Kingdom: Threats & Opportunities'
2014 C. J. Alexopoulos Prize, Mycological Society of America
2006–2009 Miller Institute for Basic Research in Science, Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley

Selected Publications

1. Castanera, R., López-Varas, L., Borgognone, A., LaButti, K., Lapidus, A., Schmutz, J., Grimwood, J., Pérez, G., Pisabarro, A. G., Grigoriev, I. V., **Stajich**, J. E., and Ramírez, L. 2016. Transposable elements versus the fungal genome: Impact on whole-genome architecture and transcriptional profiles. *PLoS Genetics* 12(6):e1006108. doi:10.1371/journal.pgen.1006108.
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5. Chang, Y., Desirò, A., Na, H., Sandor, L., Lipzen, A., Clum, A., Barry, K., Grigoriev, I., Martin, F., **Stajich**, J. E., Smith, M., Bonito, G., and Spatafora, J. W. 2018. Phylogenomics of Endogonaceae and evolution of mycorrhizae within Mucoromycota. *New Phytologist* 222:511–525. doi:10.1111/nph.15613.
6. Davis, W. J., Amses, K. R., Benny, G. L., Carter-House, D., Chang, Y., Grigoriev, I., Smith, M. E., Spatafora, J. W., **Stajich**, J. E., and James, T. Y. 2019. Genome-scale phylogenetics reveals a monophyletic Zoopagales (Zoopagomycota, Fungi). *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution* 133:152–163. doi:10.1016/j.ympev.2019.01.006.

7. Bewick, A. J., Hofmeister, B. T., Powers, R. A., Mondo, S. J., Grigoriev, I. V., James, T. Y., **Stajich, J. E.**, and Schmitz, R. J. 2019. Diversity of cytosine methylation across the fungal tree of life. *Nature Ecology & Evolution* 3:479–490. doi:10.1038/s41559-019-0810-9.
8. Wang, Y., Youssef, N., Couger, M., Hanafy, R., Elshahed, M., and **Stajich, J. E.** 2019. Molecular dating of the emergence of anaerobic rumen fungi and the impact of laterally acquired genes. *mSystems* 4(4):e00247–19. doi:10.1128/mSystems.00247-19.
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13. Albanese, D., Coleine, C., Rota-Stabelli, O., Onofri, S., Tringe, S. G., **Stajich, J. E.**, Selbmann, L., and Donati, C. 2021. Pre-cambrian roots of novel Antarctic cryptoendolithic bacterial lineages. *Microbiome* 9:63. doi:10.1186/s40168-021-01021-0.
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