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### **CURRENT POSITIONS**

Since 2022 Postdoctoral Scholar, Laboratory of Dr. Nicole King

Dept. of Molecular & Cell Biology, University of California, Berkeley

Since 2022 Berkeley Science Fellow

Berkeley Postdoctoral Entrepreneurship Program, University of California, Berkeley

### **EDUCATION**

2022	Ph.D., Biological Sciences Advisor: Dr. Antonis Rokas GPA: 3.97	Vanderbilt University
2016	M.S., Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Advisor: Dr. John G. Gibbons GPA: 3.98	Clark University
2015	B.A., Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Advisor: Dr. Denis Larochelle Cumulative GPA: 3.84; Science GPA: 3.84	Clark University

#### AWARDS

2022	Graduate Student Excellence Award Finalist, Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution
2022	Hanna H. Gray Fellows Finalist, Howard Hughes Medical Institute
2022	Edward Ferguson Jr. Graduate Award, Graduate School, Vanderbilt University
2022	James F. Crow Early Career Researcher Award Finalist, Genetics Society of America
2022	Harold M. Weintraub Graduate Student Award, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
2021	Sandler Fellows Finalist, University of California, San Francisco
2021	Honorable mention, Next Generation Faculty Symposium, Stanford.Berkeley.UCSF
2021	Presentation award, Canadian Fungal Research Network and Great Lakes Mycology
	Conference
2021	Graduate Research Excellence Award in Biological Sciences, Vanderbilt University
2021	Smriti Bardhan Scholarship, Vanderbilt University
2021	Registration award, Science Talk '21
2020	Favorite Artist Award, Catalyst: A Virtual Sci-Art Exhibition
2020	Oral presentation award, SACNAS – The National Diversity in STEM Virtual Conference
2020	Registration scholarship, SACNAS – The National Diversity in STEM Virtual Conference
2020	Best Talk Honorable Mention, Canadian Fungal Research Network Meeting
2020	Trainee-of-the-Year, Vanderbilt Institute for Infection, Immunology and Inflammation
2019	Gilliam Predoctoral Fellowship, Howard Hughes Medical Institute
2019	Ann Bernard Martin Award for Excellence in Graduate Research, Vanderbilt University
2019	Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, National Institutes of Health
2019	Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, Ford Foundation
2019	Graduate student travel grant, Vanderbilt University
2019	Curb Center Fellow, ArtLab, Vanderbilt University
2018	GENETICS Peer Review Training Program, Genetics Society of America

2018	Best poster award, Cellular and Molecular Fungal Biology, Gordon Research Seminar
2018	Best poster award, Cellular and Molecular Fungal Biology, Gordon Research Conference
2018	Best poster award, Department of Biological Sciences, Vanderbilt University
2018	T-shirt design contest winner, Department of Biological Sciences, Vanderbilt University
2017	Graduate student travel grant, Vanderbilt University
2016	Graduate student council travel awards, Clark University
2015	Summa cum laude, Clark University
2014	Bridging the gaps scholar, University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine
2013	Global environmental microbiology scholar, Center for dark energy biosphere investigations,
	University of Southern California
2011	Jonas Clark Scholar, Clark University

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Evolution of technologically and medically significant fungi
- Evolution and function of DNA repair
- Genome and gene evolution
- Phylogenomics and phylogenetics
- Software development

#### TEN HIGHLIGHTED FIRST AUTHOR PUBLICATIONS

## **Evolutionary and Comparative Genomics**

- (1) **Steenwyk, J.L.**, M.A. Phillips, F. Yang, S.S. Date, T. Graham, J. Berman, C.T. Hittinger, & A. Rokas (2022). An orthologous gene coevolution network provides insight into eukaryotic cellular and genomic structure and function. *Science Advances*. DOI: 10.1126/sciadv.abn0105
- (2) Steenwyk, J.L.\*, A.L. Lind\*, L.N.A. Ries, T.F. dos Reis, L.P. Silva, F. Almeida, R.W. Bastos, T.F. de Campos Fraga da Silva, V.L.D. Bonato, A.M. Pessoni, F. Rodrigues, H.A. Raja, S.L. Knowles, N.H. Oberlies, K. Lagrou, G.H. Goldman^, A. Rokas^ (2020). Pathogenic allodiploid hybrids of *Aspergillus* fungi. \*Equal contributors; ^Corresponding authors. *Current Biology*. PMID: 32502407; PMCID: PMC7343619; DOI: 10.1016/j.cub.2020.04.071
- (3) **Steenwyk, J.L.**, D. Opulente, J. Kominek, X.-X. Shen, X. Zhou, A.L. LaBella, N.P. Bradley, B.F. Eichman, N. Čadež, D. Libkind, J. DeVirgilio, A.B. Hulfachor, C.P. Kurtzman, C.T. Hittinger<sup>^</sup>, & A. Rokas<sup>^</sup> (2019). Extensive loss of cell cycle and DNA repair genes in an ancient lineage of bipolar budding yeasts. <sup>^</sup>Corresponding authors. *PLOS Biology*. PMID: 31112549; PMCID: PMC6528967; DOI: 10.1371/journal.pbio.3000255
- (4) **Steenwyk, J.L.**, X.-X. Shen, A.L. Lind, G.H. Goldman, & A. Rokas (2019). A robust phylogenomic timetree for biotechnologically and medically important fungi in the genera *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium*. *mBio*. PMID: 31289177; PMCID: PMC6747717; DOI: 10.1128/mBio.00925-19
- (5) **Steenwyk, J.L.**, M.E. Mead\*, S.L. Knowles\*, H.A. Raja, C.D. Roberts, O. Bader, J. houbraken, G.H. Goldman, N.H. Oberlies, & A. Rokas (2020). Biosynthetic gene clusters, secondary metabolite profiles, and cards of virulence in the closest nonpathogenic relatives of *Aspergillus fumigatus*. \*Equal contributors. *Genetics*. PMID: 32817009; PMCID: PMC7536862; DOI: 10.1534/genetics.120.303549

### **Software Engineering**

(1) **Steenwyk, J.L.**^, D.C. Goltz, T.J. Buida III, Y. Li, X.-X. Shen, & A. Rokas^ (2022). OrthoSNAP: a tree splitting and pruning algorithm for retrieving single-copy orthologs from gene family trees. ^Corresponding authors. *PLOS Biology*. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pbio.3001827

- (2) **Steenwyk, J.L.**^, T.J. Buida III, Y. Li, X.-X. Shen, & A. Rokas^ (2020). ClipKIT: a multiple sequence alignment-trimming software for accurate phylogenomic inference. ^Corresponding authors. *PLOS Biology*. PMID: 33264284; PMCID: PMC7735675; DOI: 10.1371/journal.pbio.3001007
- (3) **Steenwyk, J.L.**^, T.J. Buida III, A.L. LaBella, Y. Li, X.-X. Shen, & A. Rokas^ (2021). PhyKIT: a UNIX shell toolkit for processing and analyzing phylogenomic data. ^Corresponding authors. *Bioinformatics*. PMID: 33560364; PMCID: PMC8388027; DOI: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btab096
- (4) **Steenwyk, J.L.**^, T.J. Buida III, C. Gonçalves, D.C. Goltz, G. Morales, M. Mead, A.L. LaBella, C.M. Chavez, J.E. Schmitz, M. Hadjifrangiskou, Y. Li, & A. Rokas^ (2022). BioKIT: a versatile toolkit for processing and analyzing diverse types of sequence data. ^Corresponding authors. *Genetics*. DOI: 10.1093/genetics/iyac079
- (5) **Steenwyk, J.L.** & A. Rokas (2021). orthofisher: a broadly applicable tool for automated gene identification and retrieval. *G3 Genes*|*Genomes*|*Genetics*. PMID: 34544141; PMCID: PMC8496211; DOI: 10.1093/g3journal/jkab250

### **FUNDING**

Howard Hughes Medical Institute	Principal investigator, 09/22, The evolution of pathways responsible for genome integrity in early animals and close relatives, Hanna H. Gray Finalist, \$10,000
Howard Hughes Medical Institute	Principal co-investigator (shared with Antonis Rokas), 09/19-09/22, Examining the loss of diverse DNA repair genes and long-term hypermutation in a lineage of budding yeasts, Gilliam Fellowship, Individual Predoctoral Fellowship, \$150,000
National Institutes of Health	Principal investigator, 08/19-08/22, Examining the loss of diverse DNA repair genes and long-term hypermutation in a lineage of budding yeasts, Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (Parent F31), \$88,128 (declined)
Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellow	Principal investigator, 08/19-08/22, The consequences of aberrant cell cycle and DNA repair processes in budding yeast, Individual Predoctoral Fellowship, \$72,000 (declined)
Curb Center ArtLab Fellow	Principal investigator, 12/18-04/19, Bridging the gap between artist and scientist, ArtLab, Vanderbilt University, \$300
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#### **SOFTWARE**

- 1) ClipKIT: a multiple sequence alignment-trimming software for accurate phylogenomic inference. Publication PDF; Documentation; Source code
- 2) PhyKIT: a UNIX shell toolkit for processing and analyzing phylogenomic data. <u>Publication PDF</u>; Documentation; Source code
- 3) BioKIT: a versatile toolkit for processing and analyzing diverse types of sequence data. <u>Publication PDF</u>; <u>Documentation</u>; <u>Source code</u>
- 4) OrthoSNAP: a tree splitting and pruning algorithm for retrieving single-copy orthologs from gene family trees. <u>Publication PDF</u>; <u>Documentation</u>; <u>Source code</u>
- 5) orthofisher: a broadly applicable tool for automated gene identification and retrieval. <u>Publication</u>

### PDF; Documentation; Source code

- 6) LVBRS: a cloud-based suite of workflows for bulk RNA-seq quality control, analysis, and functional enrichment. <u>Publication PDF</u>; <u>Documentation</u>; <u>Source code</u>
- 7) treehouse: a user-friendly application to obtain subtrees from large phylogenies. <u>Publication PDF</u>; <u>Documentation & source code</u>
- 8) ggpubfigs: an R package for creating color blind friendly figures with ggplot2. <u>Publication PDF</u>; Documentation & source code

### **INVITED TALKS**

2023	Mycological Society of America Annual Meeting
2022	Biology Department, Loras College
2022	Yeast Genetics Meeting, Genetics Society of America
2022	Hanna H. Gray Fellows Finalists Meeting, Howard Hughes Medical Institute
2022	Molecular mycology meeting, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology
2022	Evolution, Am. Soc. of Naturalists, Soc. for the Study of Evo., and the Soc. of Sys.
	Biologists, Cleveland, OH (declined due to scheduling conflict)
2022	James F. Crow Early Career Researcher Award Finalist, Genetics Society of America
2022	Department of Biological Sciences, George Washington University
2022	31st Fungal Genetics Conference at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, CA
2021	Artist-in-Residence program, Vanderbilt Institute for Infection,
	Immunology and Inflammation
2021	CanFunNet and Great Lakes Mycology Conference
2021	Sandler Fellows Finalists Seminar, University of California, San Francisco
2021	Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology, Iowa State University
2021	Medical Mycology Trainee Seminar Series, University of Utah (Link)
2021	Mycology Graduate Student Organization, University of Georgia
2021	MicroSeminar, International Society for Microbial Ecology (Link)
2021	Alliance for Diversity in Science and Engineering, Young Researchers Conference
2021	Andrew Murray Lab seminar, Harvard University, Cambridge
2020	Institute of Insect Sciences, Zhejiang University
2020	Evan Eichler Lab seminar, University of Washington, Seattle
2020	Genetics Society of America, Early Career Scientist Seminar Series
2020	Nicole King Lab seminar, University of California Berkeley
2020	The National Diversity in STEM Conference, SACNAS
2020	Canadian Fungal Research Network Meeting
2020	Trainee-of-the-year talk, Vanderbilt Institute for Infection, Immunology and Inflammation
2020	Day of Wond'ry, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2019	Genetics Society of America, Early Career Scientist Seminar Series
2019	Gordon Research Conference, Molecular Mechanisms in Evolution, Easton, MA
2019	Gordon Research Seminar, Molecular Mechanisms in Evolution, Easton, MA (declined)
2019	Focal Point, ArtLab, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2019	30th Fungal Genetics Conference at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, CA
2019	Phylogenomics and Evolution Group, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
2018	ArtLab Seminar Series, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2015	TedXClarkUniversity, Clark University, Worcester, MA

### **CONTRIBUTED TALKS**

2020	Evolution Seminar Series, Vanderbilt University (Link)
2019	DNA Damage and Response Journal Club, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2019	Research in Progress Seminar, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2019	Biological Sciences Annual Retreat, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2019	Science club at the library, Nashville Public Library, Nashville, TN
2018	Nashville Science Club, Jackalope Brewing Company, Nashville, TN
2017	Mycological Society of America, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
2016	Mycological Society of America, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
2016	Graduate Student Multidisciplinary Conference, Clark University, Worcester, MA

## **ADVISING**

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2022-Pres. Charu Balamurugan 2019-2022 Qianhui (Olivia) Zheng 2018-2021 Megan A. Phillips

# WORKSHOP TEACHING

2019	Organizer and instructor, Values-based leadership, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2019	Founder and instructor, 'A beginner's guide to making figures in R', Vanderbilt University,
	Nashville, TN
2019	Instructor, Workshop on Phylogenomics, Evolution and Genomics, Český Krumlov, Czech
	Republic
2019	Instructor, Workshop on Genomics, Evolution and Genomics, Český Krumlov, Czech
	Republic

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020	Guest lecture, Science Communication Tools and Techniques, Vanderbilt University,
	Nashville, TN
2017-2019	Teaching Assistant, Introductory Biology Lab, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2016	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Biostatistics, Clark University, Worcester, MA
2014-2015	Teaching Assistant, Cell Biology, Clark University, Worcester, MA

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

2022	Decoding the Genome, Howard Hughes Medical Institute
2021	Gilliam Fellows Meeting, Howard Hughes Medical Institute
2021	Biology of Genomes, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories
2021	Science Talk '21, Science Talk
2020	Gilliam Fellows Meeting, Howard Hughes Medical Institute
2020	Vanderbilt Institute for Infection, Immunology and Inflammation Annual Symposium,
	Virtual Conference
2020	The Allied Genetics Conference, Virtual Conference
2019	Investigators Science Meeting, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Bethesda, MD
2019	Gilliam Fellows Annual Meeting, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Bethesda, MD
2019	Molecular Mechanisms in Evolution, Gordon Research Conference, Easton, MA
2019	Molecular Mechanisms in Evolution, Gordon Research Seminar, Easton, MA
2019	30th Fungal Genetics Conference at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, CA
2019	Asperfest pre-meeting at 30 <sup>th</sup> Fungal Genetics Conference at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, CA
2018	Cellular and Molecular Fungal Biology, Gordon Research Conference, Holderness, NH
2018	Cellular and Molecular Fungal Biology, Gordon Research Seminar, Holderness, NH

Department of Biological Sciences Annual Retreat, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN Bumpus Symposium, Clark University, Worcester, MA Fraina Scholars Presentation, Clark University, Worcester, MA Summer Research Presentation, Clark University, Worcester, MA
EXPERIENCE
Nicole King Lab at University of California, Berkeley, and Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Berkeley, CA. Post-doctoral Research. The evolution of animal genome function.
Antonis Rokas Lab at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. Doctoral Research. Evolution of medically and technologically significant fungi.
ohn Gibbons Lab at Clark University, Worcester, MA. Undergraduate and Master's Research. Copy number variation in the human pathogen, <i>Cryptococcus gattii</i> .
Robert Drewell Lab at Clark University, Worcester, MA. Undergraduate and Master's Research. Genome-wide methylation patterns in the social amoeba, <i>Dictyostelium discoideum</i> .
te A. Laird-Offringa Lab at University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. Bridging he Gaps Summer Scholar. Mapping the autoimmune triggering epitope of <i>ELAVL4</i> in small cell lung cancer.
John Heidelberg and Eric Webb Labs at University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. Global Environmental Microbiology Summer Scholar. Fresh and marine water microbial diversity.
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Inflammation, Nashville, TN

Vice President, Inclusivity in Biosciences Association, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 2018-2019 2013-2019 Administrator and Owner, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry for Researchers and Students Group, LinkedIn 2019 Peer review workshop leader, 30th Fungal Genetics Conference at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, CA Vice President, Graduate Student Association, Department of Biological Sciences, 2018-2019 Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 2018-2019 Vice co-chair, MEGAMicrobe, Vanderbilt Institute for Infections, Immunology and Inflammation, Nashville, TN Secretary, Graduate Student Association, Department of Biological Sciences, Vanderbilt 2017-2018 University, Nashville, TN Scientific consultant, Little Harpeth Brewing, Nashville, TN 2017-2018 Vanderbilt Student Volunteers for Science, Volunteer Science Teacher, West End Middle 2017 School, Nashville, TN Undergraduate Subcommittee for Department of Chemistry, Biochemistry and Molecular 2014-2015 Biology Faculty Search Committee, Clark University, Worcester, MA 2014-2015 Science Education Outreach Blogger, C-DEBI Sci-Curious Blog

#### **SOCIETIES**

Genetics Society of America, Society of Systematic Biologists, American Society for Microbiology, Mycological Society of America, Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science

### MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

Nature Communications; Molecular Biology and Evolution; Systematic Biology; Methods in Ecology and Evolution; Genome Biology and Evolution; Genetics; Microbial Genomics; G3
Genes|Genomes|Genetics; FEMS Yeast Research; Fungal Biology and Biotechnology; BMC Genomics; Nature Communications Biology; PLOS One; Molecular Genetics and Genomics; and others

#### **ART SHOWS**

2021	Science Talk '21, Science Talk
2020	Catalyst: A Virtual Sci-Art Exhibition, Michigan State University
2020	Day of Wond'ry, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2020	Fire-Exhibition, Kefi Collective at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2019	Biomedical Sciences Winter Show, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2019	Focal point, ArtLab, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2019	Connecting the Dots, ArtLab, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2018	ArtLab opening reception, ArtLab, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
2018	The Intersection between Art and Science, ArtLab, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

#### POPULAR SCIENCE ARTICLES

- (6) **Steenwyk, J.L.** & K. Giffin. The silver lining of bioinformatics. *Genes to Genomes*. September 12, 2022
- (5) Simopoulos, M.A.C., A.F. Cisneros, A.D. Mendoza, C. Bautista, **J.L. Steenwyk**, N. Ahmad. Hurdles and advances to making science gender-neutral, *ecrLife*. November 26, 2020
- (4) Mendoza, A.D., C. Bautista, E.A. Marnik, C.M.A. Simopoulos, & **J.L. Steenwyk**. Navigating fake news as a scientist, *ecrLife*. October 8, 2020
- (3) Steenwyk, J.L. & M. Jonika. How to get started in science communication, ecrLife. August

21, 2020

- (2) **Steenwyk, J.L.** & A. Rokas. A new hybrid fungus is found in hospitals and linked to lung disease, *The Conversation*. June 4, 2020
- (1) **Steenwyk, J.L.** & A. Rokas. An outlaw yeast thrives with genetic chaos and could provide clues for understanding cancer growth, *The Conversation*. May 21, 2019

### **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Preprints/Submitted**

- (6) **Steenwyk, J.L.**, C. Balamurugan, H.A. Raja, C. Goncalves, N. Li, F. Martin, J. Berman, N.H. Oberlies, J.G. Gibbons, G.H. Goldman, D.M. Geiser, D.S. Hibbett, A. Rokas. Phylogenomics reveals extensive misidentification of fungal strains from the genus *Aspergillus*. bioRxiv. DOI: 10.1101/2022.11.22.517304
- (5) **Steenwyk, J.L.**, Y. Li, X. Zhou, X.-X. Shen, A. Rokas. Incongruence in the Tree of Life. Submitted, under review at *Nature Reviews Genetics*.
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