Maia Kaplan

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Education

Master of Science in Biology, Bioinformatics Option September 2015 – October 2017

McGill University, supervised by Thomas Bureau and Mathieu Blanchette

Focus: The impact of transposable elements on plant genomes.

Status: Thesis under final evaluation, to be placed under digital embargo

September 2010 - May 2015 Bachelors of Science Biology

University of British Columbia

One year abroad at l'Université de Lausanne, Switzerland

Publications

Stewart Turvey Lab at Child and Family Research Institute: Ali, Salman et al. Functional genetic variation in NFKBIA and susceptibility to childhood asthma, bronchiolitis, and bronchopulmonary dysplasia. The Journal of Immunology 190, no. 8 (2013): 3949-3958. DOI: 10.4049/jimmunol.1201015

Patrick Keeling Lab at University of British Columbia: Burki, Fabien et al.. Untangling the early diversification of eukaryotes: a phylogenomic study of the evolutionary origins of Centrohelida, Haptophyta and Cryptista. In Proc. R. Soc. B, vol. 283, no. 1823, p. 20152802. The Royal Society, 2016. DOI: 10.1098/rspb.2015.2802

Computer Skills

Programming Languages: Python, Perl, Bash

Operating Systems: Linux, MacOS, Microsoft Windows

Bioinformatic Tools: BLAST, BedTools, Biopython, BWA, Bowtie, Trinity

Assembler, GATK, Picard, Samtools, HMMER, RepeatMasker, LiftOver, IGV

Awards and **Projects**

Topics of Research Collaborations During Graduate studies

3D genome architecture (Hi-C), genetic variant identification, phylogenetic networks

Summer Studentship with BC Clinical Genomics Network Cloning plasmids to test SNP variants in the NFKBIA promoter

NSERC Summer Student Award

Update of math course curriculum with Dr. Fok-Shuen Leung

Short Project in Evolutionary Processes

Simulations in population genetics with Drs Jeremy Draghi and Michael Whitlock

Work Experience McGill University

September 2015 – April 2017

Teaching Assistant: BIOL309 - Mathematical Models in Biology, BIOL112 - Cell and

Molecular Biology Lab, BIOL202 - Basic Genetics

Vancouver Student Homes August 2013 - April 2015

Managing rooms for young working professions and students

University of British Columbia: September 2010 – June 2012

Research Assistant in immunology lab of Stewart Turvey

Personal Activities Volunteer at Centre Mission Bon Accueil

April 2015 – March 2017

Volunteer at Telus World of Science: Body Works May 2014 - August 2015

Student representative for the UBC Science One Program September 2010 – April 2011

Sports – Biking, climbing, shoeshowing, swimming, skiing, and running