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CITIZENSHIP Canada.

LANGUAGES French & English. Basic knowledge of Japanese.

RESEARCH Interests Machine Learning (Artificial Neural Networks, Probabilistic Graphical Models); Evolutionary Genomics; Molecular Ecology; Biodiversity; Theoretical Population Genetics; Theoretical Ecosystem Ecology; Artificial Intelligence Algorithms.

OTHER Interests Effective Technical Writing in English; Web Programming; Scientific Computing; Artificial Intelligence in Board Games and for Medical Diagnosis; Computational Finance.

Major Awards

From: Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

- Award: Alexander Graham Bell Graduate Scholarship, 09/2012–08/2015
- Value: 105 000\$ (equivalent to 105 000 USD or 8 150 000 JPY, 2012 est.)

EDUCATION

Department of Biology, Université du Québec à Montréal, Montréal, Canada.

Ph.D., September 2012 – August 2015 [expected]

- Thesis Proposal: Artificial Intelligence and the Puzzle of Genomic Diversity
- Adviser: Dr. Dominique Gravel
- Area of Study: Artificial Intelligence (machine learning: neural networks, probabilistic graphical models), evolutionary genomics, molecular ecology.

College of Engineering, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, USA.

Graduate Certificate in Bioinformatics, 2012,

• Area of Study: Machine learning (Artificial Intelligence) and biostatistics.

Université du Québec, Québec, Canada.

B.S., 2009,

- Major in Biology,
- Minor in Mathematics & Computer Science.

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **P Desjardins-Proulx**, EP White, JJ Adamson, K Ram, T Poisot, and D Gravel. Developing a preprint culture in biology.

 Submitted to PLOS Biology (in review)
- [2] R Vergilino, TA Elliott, P Desjardins-Proulx, TJ Crease and F Dufresne. Evolution of a transposon in Daphnia hybrid genomes. Accepted in Mobile DNA

[3] D Ai, **P Desjardins-Proulx**, C Chu, and G Wang. The influence of immigration and dispersal limitation on the repeatability of niche and neutral communities. *PLOS ONE* 7(9): e46164, 2012. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0046164

 [4] P Desjardins-Proulx and D Gravel. A complex speciation-richness relationship in a simple neutral model. *Ecology and Evolution* 2(8): 1781–1790, 2012. DOI: 10.1002/ece3.292

 [5] P Desjardins-Proulx and D Gravel. How likely is speciation in neutral ecology? The American Naturalist 179(1):137-144, 2012.
 DOI: 10.1086/663196

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

[6] P Desjardins-Proulx. The case for arXiv and a broader conception of peerreviews. Invited blog, International Network of Next-Generation Ecologists, 2012.

http://www.innge.net/?q=node/330.

[7] **P Desjardins-Proulx**. A foot in the neutral trap. Invited comment for *Trends in Ecology & Evolution*, 2012.

[8] P Desjardins-Proulx. L'origine de la Biodiversité. Le Mouton Noir, Mai-Juin. Cahier Spécial sur la Biodiversité p.2, 2010. Selected and republished by Gaia-Presse, a group sponsored by the Université Laval.

Teaching

Université du Québec, Québec, Canada.

EXPERIENCE

- 2012. CUDA training (intensive one-day course).
- 2012. Scientific computing with C (grad. students/post-docs).
- 2011. Scientific computing with C (grad. students/post-docs).

Referee Service

Journal of Theoretical Biology, Theoretical Ecology, Acta Biotheoretica, Journal of Plant Ecology.

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Programming languages:
 - **Advanced:** C++11, C.
 - Intermediate: JavaScript, Haskell, Java, Go, Python, MatLab.
 - Basic: Ruby, R.
- Tools & Frameworks
 - Operating systems: Linux (Debian, Ubuntu).
 - Revision control: git, mercurial.
 - Compilers: gcc, clang, intel, ghc.
 - **Database:** MongoDB.
 - **Web:** Node.js (Express).
- Web sites:
 - Personal page: http://phdp.github.com.
 - TEE's website: http://chaire-eec.ugar.ca.

Professional Memberships

• Society for the Study of Evolution	2008
• International Society for Computational Biology	2010
• Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers	2012

Graduate Courses

• 2012. Datamining (machine learning) [A (4.0/4.0), 4 credits]	UIC
• 2011. Biostatistics [A (4.0/4.0), 4 credits]	UIC
• 2010 Intro to bioinformatics [A (4 0/4 0) 4 credits]	UIC

• 2010. Reading course on Ancestral Recombination Graphs [A, 3 credits] UQAR

Referees

Dr. Dominique Gravel

- Professor (Université du Québec à Rimouski)
- Canada Research Chair.
- e-mail: dominique_gravel@uqar.qc.ca
- \bullet phone: 1.418.723.1986 #1752
- * I worked as a research profesionnal in Dr. Gravel's lab from September 2009 to August 2012, we also collaborated on many scientific projects.

Dr. James Rosindell

- Post-doctoral researcher, Imperial College London, UK.
- e-mail: j.rosindell@imperial.ac.uk
- phone: +44 (0)2075 942263
- * I have collaborated with Dr. Rosindell on several occasions.