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Education:

Harvard School of Public Health (Department of Biostatistics)

Postdoctoral Fellow (Curtis Huttenhower Lab)

Boston, MA
2011-Present

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Doctor of Philosophy in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology

Bachelor of Science, Major: Computer Science (Cum laude)

Charlotte, NC

2011

Professional Interests:

Interested in both development and implementation of analysis infrastructure and software systems. Experienced in applying high-dimensional and big data to complex diseases.

Experience:

Postdoctoral Fellow 2011-Present

Harvard University (Department of Biostatistics, Curtis Huttenhower Lab) Boston, MA

- Responsible for the development and validation of methodology and software for translating high-dimensional metagenomics studies to human diseases.
- Assist in and lead clinical data analysis currently including remapping the Human Microbiome Project (comprised of several terabytes of complex data).
- Responsible for adhering to software development practices including versioning, regression/unit testing, lab coding standards, and code reviews.
- Provide documentation, establish a web presence, and support software users.
- Write scientific reports and create custom visualizations.
- Mentor students, lab members, and visiting scientists on analysis and tool use.

Research Assistant 2007-2011

College of Computing and Informatics (UNC-Charlotte)

Charlotte, NC

- Was responsible for all work associated with the ovarian tumor transcriptome study. Solely performed all wet-lab protocols and dry-lab analysis.
- Performed analysis and developed software and database solutions.

Teaching Assistant

2004-2007

College of Computing and Informatics (UNC-Charlotte)

Charlotte, NC

- Courses included Intro to Bioinformatics, Programming for Biologists, Computer Logic & Design, Computer Organization & Architecture
- Taught classes on programming and CAD-based circuitry design software.

Application Developer

The Vanguard Group

Charlotte, NC

2003-2004

- Developed netcentric services (web applications) from design documents.
- Participated in code reviews, presentations, unit testing, performance testing, client acceptance testing and troubleshooting.
- Lead a focus group on the creation and maintenance of automated regression suites.
- Was solely responsible for migrating site emailing services to a new in-house service.
- Coordinated and tested web service environment settings with database administrators.

Honors, Awards, and Assistantships:

International Society for Computational Biology Travel Fellowship	2012-2013
GAANN Scholars Fellowship	2009-2011
TA of the year for the College of Computing and Informatics	2008

Professional Societies:

The International Society for Computational Biology	2010-Present
American Association of Cancer Researchers	2004-2007

Computer Skills:

Operating Systems: Windows, Mac OS, Linux (Ubuntu)

Programming and Scripting Related: C/C++/C#, Java (SE, EE), JDBC,

Java 2D API, JSP, JUnit, XML, JSON, Python, NumPy, mlpy, matplotlib, PyUnit, PyCogent, Biopython, R

Bioinformatics Related: 16S amplicon and whole microbial metagenomics analysis,

BLAST, Bowtie2, metaPhlan, HUMAnN, LefSe, and other Huttenhower tools

Databases: Oracle, Postgres, SQL

Other Applications: Bitbucket / mercurial, Eclipse, Inkscape, LATEX, bibTEX

Algorithms: Support Vector Machines (SVMs), Gradient Boosting,

Multivariate Regression, K-medoids, Multiple Factor Analysis, Principal Components Analysis (PCA), Principal Coordinates Analysis (PCoA), Non-metric Multidimensional Scaling (NMDS), Hierarchical Clustering

Selected Peer Reviewed Publications:

- T. L. Tickle, N. Segata, L. Waldron, U. Weingart, and C. Huttenhower, "Two-stage microbial community experimental design," *ISME Journal*, 2013.
- N. Segata, D. Boernigen, T. L. Tickle, X. C. Morgan, W. S. Garrett, and C. Huttenhower, "Computational metagenomics for microbial community studies," *Molecular Systems Biology*, vol. 9, 2013.
- H. Sokol, T. Tickle, X. Morgan, D. Gevers, K. Devaney, D. Ward, J. Reyes, S. Shah, N. LeLeiko, S. Snapper, A. Bousvaros, J. Korzenik, B. Sands, R. Xavier, and C. Huttenhower, "Dysfunction of the intestinal microbiome in inflammatory bowel disease and treatment," *Genome Biology*, vol. 13, no. R79, 2012.
- A. Fodor, T. Tickle, and C. Richardson, "Towards the uniform distribution of null p values on affymetrix microarrays," *Genome Biology*, vol. 8, no. 5, 2007.