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Expertise: *population genetics, genomics, computational biology, data science, machine learning, statistics*

EDUCATION

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

August 2018

PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Minor in Mathematics

Beloit College, Beloit, WI

May 2011

B.S. in Mathematical Biology & Russian, Cum Laude

EXPERIENCE

Open Source Contributor

2024 - present

Tskit community

Remote

Contributed to writing and reviewing documentation and tutorials for the population genomics tskit ecosystem.

Research Scientist, Computational Biology

2021 - 2024

Ancestry team

Embark Veterinary, Remote

Developed dog breed ancestry and relative-matching products, enhancing computational efficiency while maintaining rigorous quality standards. Played a key role in improving pipeline automation from 40% to over 95% within one year and scaling processes from hundreds of thousands to millions of samples. Collaborated with a cross-functional team on a science initiative projected to save \$7.5 million annually. Served on the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) committee, co-authoring an Inclusive Norms document, designing and analyzing company-wide DEIB surveys, and contributing to various DEIB initiatives.

Postdoctoral Fellowship

2018 - 2020

Schrider Lab

Department of Genetics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Developed deep learning models for population genetics inference. Contributed to writing documentation and tutorials for the population genomics tskit software ecosystem. Actively participated in the PopSim Consortium, contributing to the development of the stdpopsim library.

Dissertation Research

2011 - 2018

Hammer Lab

Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Arizona

Developed and applied computational methods for population genetics, addressing ascertainment bias in identifying runs of homozygosity and demographic inference. Released software for high-throughput genomic simulations. Applied Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC) to model the demographic history of Ashkenazi Jews.

SKILLS

Programming

Python, R, Bash, unit testing, profiling, multiprocessing, Git

HPC/HTC & Cloud

Linux/Unix, SLURM, PBS, AWS, JupyterHub, Kubernetes

Genomics

PLINK, Bedtools, VCFtools, phasing, imputation, haplotype detection, population structure, genome simulation

Data Science

Numpy, Pandas, Scikit-learn, SciPy, Keras, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Plotly, ggplot

Reproducibility

Workflow development (Pegasus, Makeflow, Snakemake), containers (Singularity, Docker), virtual environments, Jupyter, Knitr

Documentation

L^AT_EX, Markdown, reStructuredText, JupyterBook, Confluence

Mathematical Skills

Probability theory, statistical inference, linear algebra

Language Skills

English (native speaker), Russian (fluent)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introduction to using stdpopsim Workshop

2020, Virtual, PopSim Consortium

Designed and presented interactive workshop on using stdpopsim, the standard library for reproducible, bug-free simulations of genetic datasets from published demographic histories.

NSF Cyber Carpentry Workshop

2019, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Assisted with 2-week workshop, where participants learned best practices for data-intensive computing, cloud infrastructure, and deep learning through hands-on projects.

Research Bazaar Workshop on R <i>Assisted with hands-on intro R workshop</i>	2018, <i>University of Arizona</i>
CyVerse Container Camp <i>Assisted with 3-day hands-on workshop on using containerized workflows for more reproducible science.</i>	2018, <i>University of Arizona</i>
Software Carpentry Workshop <i>Assisted with Software Carpentry hands-on workshop on basic Unix/Bash, Python, and Git</i>	2017, <i>University of Arizona</i>
Tucson Womens Hackathon workshop on Git <i>Assisted with hands-on workshop on basic Git</i>	2017, <i>University of Arizona</i>
ECOL 320 Genetics <i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i>	2014 - 2016, <i>University of Arizona</i>
ECOL 182L Intro to Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Lab <i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i>	2015, <i>University of Arizona</i>
BIOL 247 Biometrics <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	2011, <i>Beloit College</i>

SELECT PUBLICATIONS, POSTERS, & TALKS

- Gladstein A.L.***, et al. A Novel Machine Learning Method for Classification of Village Dogs. Probabilistic Modeling in Genomics. 2023. Cold Spring Harbor, NY. (Poster)
- Baumdicker, F.*, Bisschop, G.*, Goldstein, D.*, Gower, G.*, Ragsdale, A. P.*, Tsambos, G.*, Zhu, S.*, ..., **Gladstein, A. L.**, et al. 2022. Efficient ancestry and mutation simulation with msprime 1.0. *Genetics*. Volume 220, Issue 3. <https://doi.org/10.1093/genetics/iyab229>
- Adrion, J. R.*, Cole, C. B.*, Dukler, N.*, Galloway, J. G.*, **Gladstein, A. L.†**, Gower, G.*, Kyriazis, C.C.*, Ragsdale, A.P.*, Tsambos, G.*, et al. 2020. A community-maintained standard library of population genetic models. *eLife*. 9:e54967. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2019.12.20.885129>
- Gladstein A.L.†**, Schrider R.D. Demographic model selection with deep learning. Probabilistic Modeling in Genomics. 2019. Aussois, France. (Poster)
- Gladstein A.L.*** and Hammer M.F. 2019. Substructured population growth in the Ashkenazi Jews inferred with Approximate Bayesian Computation. *Molecular Biology and Evolution*. 36(6): 1162-1171. doi: <https://dx.doi.org/10.1093/molbev/msz047>
- Inference of evolutionary history with Approximate Bayesian Computation. Open Science Grid All-Hands Meeting. 2018. Salt Lake City, Utah. (Talk)
- Code optimization for research scientists. Research Bazaar. 2018. Tucson, AZ. (Talk)
- Gladstein A.L.*** et al. 2018. SimPrily: A Python framework to simplify high-throughput genomic simulations. *SoftwareX*, 7, 335-340. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.softx.2018.09.003>

AWARDS

NSF XSEDE compute allocations (1e6 CPU hrs, 6,500 GPU hrs, 5.5 Tb storage)	2017 - 2020
NIH Computational and Mathematical Modeling of Biological Systems Traineeship (\$71,064)	2013-14
NSF Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship in Genomics (\$97,083)	2011-13

WORKSHOPS AND HACKATHONS

SMBE satellite meeting on Speciation Genomics, Tjarno, Sweden (3 days)	06/2019
NCBI RNA-Seq in the Cloud hackathon, Chapel Hill, NC (3 days)	03/2019
Cyber Carpentry, Chapel Hill, NC (2 weeks)	06/2018
XSEDE HPC Workshop: Big Data, Tucson, AZ (2 days)	02/2018
Open Science Grid User School, Madison, WI (1 week)	07/2017

*Presenter

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