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Research interests

Genotype to phenotype problem, regulatory genomics, epigenomics, integrative analysis, machine learning

Education

Ph.D. Computer Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (in progress)

2013 M.S. Computer Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (expected)

2011 B.S. Computer Science with Highest Honors, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Research experience

2011– **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

Research Assistant

Computational Biology Group

Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Lab

2008–2011 **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Computational Genetics Working Group

Peer-reviewed publications

1. David L. Aylor, ..., **Abhishek Sarkar** (29/41), ..., Gary A. Churchill. "Genetic Analysis of Complex Traits in the Emerging Collaborative Cross." *Genome Research*. 2011; 21(8):1213-22.
2. Qi Zhang, Yi Liu, **Abhishek Sarkar**, Wei Wang. "Split-Order Distance for Clustering and Classification Hierarchies." *Proceedings of the 21st International Conference on Scientific and Statistical Database Management*, New Orleans, LA, USA. Springer-Verlag, 2009. 517–534.

Presentations

1. Lucas Ward, **Abhishek Sarkar**, Manolis Kellis. “Global contributions of regulatory elements to disease risk and evolutionary fitness in the human population” (poster). 5th annual RECOMB Conference on Regulatory and Systems Genomics, San Francisco, CA, USA. 2012.
2. **Abhishek Sarkar**. “Functional GWAS enrichments across tens of thousands of enhancer elements” (talk). Epigenomics Seminar Series, Broad Institute, Cambridge, MA, USA. 2011.

Honors

- 2011 NSF Graduate Research Fellow
- 2011 Honorable Mention, CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Awards
- 2011 Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa undergraduate honors fraternity