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Research positions

Postdoctoral Fellow (March 2017 – present)

Simon Gravel Lab, Department of Human Genetics, McGill University

Research Assistant (August 2011 – Feb 2017)

Ryan Gutenkunst Lab, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, University of Arizona

Dissertation: “Multi-Allele Population Genomics for Inference of Demography and Natural Selection”

Education

Ph.D. Applied Mathematics, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, USA, December 2016

Advisor: Ryan Gutenkunst, Molecular and Cellular Biology

Ph.D. Minor in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

B.S. Mathematics, Magna Cum Lauda, University of Portland, Portland, OR, USA, May 2010

Publications

Preprints

Aaron P. Ragsdale, Dominic Nelson, Simon Gravel, Jerome Kelleher, 2020. Lessons learned from bugs in models of human history. *BioRxiv*. doi:10.1101/2020.06.04.131284.

Jeffrey R. Adrion*, Christopher B. Cole*, Noah Dukler*, Jared G. Galloway*, Ariella L. Gladstein*, Graham Gower*, Christopher C. Kyriazis*, **Aaron P. Ragsdale***, Georgia Tsambos*, (17 additional authors), Jerome Kelleher, Andrew D. Kern, 2019. A community-maintained standard library of population genetic models. *BioRxiv*. doi: 10.1101/2019.12.20.885129.

Alyssa Lyn Fortier, Alec J Coffman, Travis J Struck, Megan N Irby, Jose EL Burguette, **Aaron P Ragsdale**, Ryan Gutenkunst, 2019. DFEinitely different: Genome-wide characterization of differences in mutation fitness effects between populations. *BioRxiv*, doi: 10.1101/703918.

Peer-reviewed articles

Dominic Nelson, Jerome Kelleher, **Aaron P Ragsdale**, Gil McVean, Simon Gravel, 2020. Accounting for long-range correlations in genome-wide simulations of large cohorts. *PLoS Genetics*, 16(5), e1008619. *BioRxiv* link.

Aaron P Ragsdale and Simon Gravel, 2020. Unbiased estimation of linkage disequilibrium from unphased data. *Molecular Biology & Evolution*, 37(3), 923-932. *BioRxiv* link.

Aaron P Ragsdale and Simon Gravel, 2019. Models of archaic admixture and recent history from two-locus statistics. *PLoS Genetics*, 15(6), e1008204. (*BioRxiv* link)

Aaron P Ragsdale, Claudia Moreau, Simon Gravel, 2018. Genomic inference using diffusion models and the allele frequency spectrum. *Curr. Opinion in Genetics & Devel*, 53, 140-147. (*BioRxiv* link)

Julien Jouganous, Will Long, **Aaron P Ragsdale**, Simon Gravel, 2017. Inferring the joint demographic history of multiple populations: beyond the diffusion approximation. *Genetics*, 206(3), 1549-1567.

Aaron P Ragsdale and Ryan N Gutenkunst, 2017. Inferring demographic history using two-locus statistics. *Genetics*, 206(2), 1037-1048. (*BioRxiv* link)

Xinshuai Qi, Hong An, **Aaron P Ragsdale**, Tara E Hall, Ryan N Gutenkunst, J Chris Pires, Michael S Barker, 2017. Genomic inferences of domestication events are corroborated by written records in *Brassica rapa*. *Molecular Ecology*, 26(13), 3373-3388. (*BioRxiv* link)

Aaron P Ragsdale, Alec J Coffman, PingHsun Hsieh, Travis J Struck, Ryan N Gutenkunst, 2016. Triallelic population genomics for inferring correlated fitness effects of same site nonsynonymous mutations. *Genetics*, 203(1), 513-523. (*BioRxiv* link)

Book chapters

Brian K Mannakee, **Aaron P Ragsdale**, Mark K Transtrum, Ryan N Gutenkunst, 2016. Sloppiness and the geometry of parameter space. in *Uncertainty in Biology: a Computational Modeling Approach*, Springer, Edited by D Gomez-Cabrero and L Geris.

* indicates equal contribution

Teaching

Courses Taught

Calculus 1 (University of Arizona, Spring 2014)

College Algebra (University of Arizona, Fall 2011 and Spring 2012)

Teaching responsibilities

Instructor of record for class sizes of 30+ undergraduate students

Prepared lectures, assigned and graded homeworks and quizzes, and designed and graded exams

Reference: Donna Krawczyk, University of Arizona (Instructional supervisor, Spring 2014)

Mentoring

Michael Huang (Undergraduate, May – August 2019)

Jacob Lin (Undergraduate, May – August 2019)

Ruijian An (Undergraduate, May – August 2018)

Conferences, seminars, and workshops

Invited and accepted talks

Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution annual meeting, July 2019

Langebio, Cinvestav Irapuato (Tuesday seminar series), March 2019

U. Arizona and CIMAT Workshop on Interdisciplinary Statistics, June 2016

Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution annual meeting, July 2015

Posters

Probability Modeling in Genomics, October 2019

Probability Modeling in Genomics, November 2018

Population, Evolutionary, and Quantitative Genetics, May 2018

Biology of Genomes, May 2018

RECOMB Genetics satellite meeting, July 2017

Allied Genetics Conference, July 2016

Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution annual meeting, June 2014

Society for Mathematical Biology annual meeting, June 2013

Workshop attendance

Closing the Genomics Research Gap, Montreal, QC, June 2018

Montreal Spring School in Population Genomics and Genetic Epidemiology, June 2012

Awards and fellowships

H.E. Carter Travel Award, Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution annual meeting (July 2015)

Travel award, Society for Mathematical Biology annual meeting and conference (June 2013)

NSF/IGERT fellowship in Comparative Genomics, U. Arizona (2012 – 2013)

Travel Award, Montreal Spring School of Population Genomics and Genetic Epidemiology (May 2012)

NSF/VIGRE fellowship from the U. Arizona Applied Mathematics Department (2010 – 2011)

Timothy Bergquist Math Scholarship, U. Portland (2009 – 2010)

Service

Reviewer for journals

Genetics (3), Molecular Biology and Evolution (2), Molecular Ecology (1), Systematic Biology (1), Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics (1), Mathematical Medicine and Biology (1)

Undergraduate and graduate school

Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics student chapter, U Arizona (President, 2012 – 2014)

Student representative (math dept.) to the Dean's Advisory Board, U Portland (2009 – 2010)

Elementary and middle school mentor and math tutor, St. Andrew's School, Portland, OR, USA (2009 – 2010)

References

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