# Austin G. Meyer

## Education/Post-graduate Training

- 2017–2021 Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Residency, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
- 2012–2017 Doctor of Medicine (expected), Texas Tech University HSC, Lubbock, TX.
  - 2010–2014 **Doctor of Philosophy, Biochemistry**, *University of Texas at Austin*, Austin, TX.
- Track: Computational Biology and Bioinformatics
  - Mentor: Claus O. Wilke, PhD
- 2015–2017 Master of Public Health (expected), University of North Texas HSC, Fort Worth, TX.
  - 2008–2010 Master of Science, Biotechnology, Texas Tech University HSC, Lubbock, TX.
- Track: Biomedical Research
  - Mentor: R. Bryan Sutton, PhD
- 2003–2008 Bachelor of Science, Physics, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX.
- o 2003–2008 Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX.
- 2012–2014 Graduate Coursework in Philosophy, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX.

#### Major Projects

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• **Doctoral Dissertation:** 'The Role of Structure in Protein Evolution'

I used metrics calculated from protein structure and energetics to predict the rate and course of viral evolution. Much of the work was funded by a grant extension I co-wrote to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). The work included research on Influenza virus and Machupo virus. Text Available Here

#### Academic and Research Positions

- 10/2016- **Epidemiology Elective**, *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*, Atlanta, GA.
  - 12/2016 Conducting research through the Influenza Division with the Applied Research and Modeling Team
- 07/2015- **Visiting Researcher**, *University of Texas at Austin*, Austin, TX.
  - Present Conduct research through the Center for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics
  - 01/2015- **Postdoctoral Fellow**, *University of Texas at Austin*, Austin, TX.
- $^{\circ}$  Conducted research through the Center for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics Studied Influenza and HIV evolution
  - 06/2010- Graduate Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.
  - 10/2014 Studied protein structural constraints on viral evolution using computational and statistical techniques Taught courses in biology and bioinformatics Guided undergraduates and junior graduate students
    - 06/2009- Graduate Research Assistant, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, TX.
- O5/2010 Conducted experimental protein structure research
  Cloned and purified many C2 domain protein constructs
  Crystallized C2 domains, collected x-ray diffraction data and solved their structure
  - 08/2008- **Teaching Assistant**, *Texas Tech University*, Lubbock, TX.
- $^{\circ}$  10/2009 Taught 2, 3-hour lab sessions per week covering the topics in the Introduction to Electricity and Magnetism course

## Grants, Honors, and Awards

- o 2013 **BeWise Immunize Grant**, *Texas Medical Association*, Texas Medical Association Foundation.
- 2010–2011 Recruitment Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, Institute for Cell and Molecular Biology.
- 2009 **Research Fellowship**, *Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center*, Center for Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke.
- 2008 **CH Foundation Scholarship**, *Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center*, Department of Cell Biology and Biochemistry.

## Professional Membership, Service and Leadership

- Reviewer for: Systematic Biology, PLOS Pathogens, PLOS Computational Biology, Physical Review X, Molecular Biology and Evolution, BMC Evolutionary Biology, Scientific Reports, Journal of Medical Virology, Computational Biology and Chemistry, Artificial Life.
- Membership: American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Physicians, Texas Medical Association, American Medical Association, Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution, American Physical Society, American Chemical Society, Biophysical Society, Mensa
- o 2012-Present Clinical Volunteer, Lubbock Free Clinic, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.
- o 2014-Present Leadership Mentor, Lubbock Free Clinic, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.
- 2013–2016 Council Member, Council on Legislation, Texas Medical Association.
- O Data Analyst, LCME Independent Student Analysis Committee, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.
- 2015–2016 Delegate Leader, Medical Student Section, Texas Medical Association.
- 2015–2016 **Committee Member**, *Committee on Scientific Issues*, American Medical Association Medical Student Section.
- 2015–2016 **Committee Member**, *Committee on Socioeconomics and Legislative Affairs*, Lubbock, Crosby, and Garza County Medical Society.
- o 2015–2016 **Committee Member**, *Speaker's Advisory Committee*, Texas Medical Association.
- 2015–2016 Committee Member, Admission Interview Committee, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.
- 2013, 2015 Lobbying at First Tuesday at the Capitol, Texas Medical Association.
- 2014 Contributing Writer, in-Training.org.
- 2011–2014 Testing Coordinator, Lonestar Mensa, American Mensa.
- 2012–2014 Mentor to Premedical Students, Bernard A. Harris Premedical Society, Texas Tech University.
- 2013–2014 Leadership Team Member, Lubbock Free Clinic, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.
- 2013, 2014 **BeWise Immunize Event Organizer**, Lubbock Free Clinic and Texas Medical Association Foundation, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.
- 2013–2014 **Committee Member**, *Committee on Bioethics and Humanities*, American Medical Association Medical Student Section.
- o 2013–2014 TMA/AMA Chapter Delegate, School of Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.
- o 2013 **Anatomy Tutor**, *School of Medicine*, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.
- 2012–2013 **Committee Member**, *Early Clinical Experience Redesign Committee*, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Teaching Experience

- 2016 Lecturer, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, School of Medicine.
  Topic: Biostatistics and Epidemiology, Review for USMLE Step 1. Slides Available Here.
- 2015 **Graduate Research Mentor**, *University of Texas at Austin*, Department of Integrative Biology.
- 2011–2015 Undergraduate Research Mentor, University of Texas at Austin, Department of Integrative Biology.
  - 2014 **Teaching Assistant**, *University of Texas at Austin*, Department of Integrative Biology. Course: Gross and Microscopic Anatomy
  - 2012 **Teaching Assistant**, *University of Texas at Austin*, Freshman Research Initiative. Course: Computational Evolution
  - 2008 **Teaching Assistant**, *Texas Tech University*, Department of Physics. Course: Introduction to Electricity and Magnetism

#### Professional Presentations

- 2015 **Guest Lecturer**, *University of Texas at Austin*, Department of Integrative Biology.
  - Topic: PDB files, protein structures, and protein dynamics
  - 2014 **Guest Lecturer**, *University of Texas at Austin*, Center for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, AC3G Seminar Series.
    - Topic: Simulating the evolution of protein-protein interactions
  - 2012 **Guest Speaker**, *University of Texas at Austin*, Department of Integrative Biology, Population Biology Seminar Series.

Topic: Viral Binding at the Molecular Level

## **Developed Code**

- 2016 **Predictive Value of Clinical Tests**, An online app written in R designed to provide students with an intuitive understanding of clinical test statistics, App Link, Code Link.
  - 2012-2015 **Protein Evolution Toolbox**, An assortment of tools written in python, C++ and R by myself and other members of the Wilke lab for working with protein structures and sequences, Code Link.
    - **bpopsim**, An asexual population genetic simulator program and visualization code written in C++ and R, Code Link.

## **Publication Summary**

- O Google Scholar Profile Link
- Total scientific papers: 21
- Papers with 10+ citations: 11
- First author papers: 7Total citations: 360
- H-index: 11

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- Opinion papers: 3
- o Conference Posters: 13

#### **Publications**

#### Peer Reviewed Articles

- [1] R. Rajmohan, R. C. Anderson, D. Fang, **A. G. Meyer**, P. Laengvejkal, P. Julayanont, G. Hannabas, K. Linton, J. Culberson, H. M. R. Khan, J. DeToledo, P. H. Reddy, and M. O'Boyle. White matter deterioration may foreshadow impairment of emotional valence determination in early-stage dementia of the alzheimer type. *Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience*, 9:37, 2017.
- [2] C. D. McWhite, A. G. Meyer, and C. O. Wilke. Serial passaging causes extensive positive selection in

- seasonal influenza a hemagglutinin. Virus Evolution, 2, 2016.
- [3] B. R. Jack, **A. G. Meyer**, J. Echave, and C. O. Wilke. Functional sites induce long-range evolutionary constraints in enzymes. *PLOS Biol.*, 14:e1002452, 2016.
- [4] **A. G. Meyer** and C. O. Wilke. The utility of protein structure as a predictor of site-wise dN/dS varies widely among HIV-1 proteins. *J. R. Soc. Interface*, 12:20150579, 2015.
- [5] **A. G. Meyer** and C. O. Wilke. Geometric constraints dominate the antigenic evolution of influenza H3N2 hemagglutinin. *PLOS Pathog.*, 11:e1004940, 2015.
- [6] A. G. Meyer, S. J. Spielman, T. Bedford, and C. O. Wilke. Time dependence of evolutionary metrics during the 2009 pandemic influenza virus outbreak. *Virus Evolution*, 1:vev006, 2015.
- [7] S. A. Kerr, E. L. Jackson, O. I. Lungu, A. G. Meyer, A Demogines, A. D. Ellington, G. Georgiou, C. O. Wilke, and S. L. Sawyer. Computational and functional analysis of the GP1-TfR1 interface reveals host range trade-offs in new-world arenaviruses. J. Virol., 89:11643–11653, 2015.
- [8] A. H. Kachroo, J. M. Laurent, C. M. Yellman, A. G. Meyer, C. O. Wilke, and E. M. Marcotte. Systematic humanization of yeast genes reveals conserved functions and genetic modularity. *Science*, 348:921–925, 2015. Altmetric 99th Percentile. According to Altmetric, among top 1% of papers ever published in *Science*. Press coverage by NPR, NBC News, Discovery News, and many others.
- [9] A. G. Meyer, S. L. Sawyer, A. D. Ellington, and C. O. Wike. Analyzing Machupo virus-receptor binding by molecular dynamics simulations. *PeerJ*, 2:e266, 2014.
- [10] V. Sridhara, A. G. Meyer, J. E. Barrick, P. Ravikumar, D. Segre, and C. O. Wilke. Predicting growth conditions from internal metabolic fluxes in an *In-Silico* model of E. coli. *PLOS ONE*, 9:e114608, 2014.
- [11] A. Shahmoradi, D. K. Sydykova, S. J. Spielman, E. L. Jackson, E. T. Dawson, A. G. Meyer, and C. O. Wilke. Predicting evolutionary site variability from structure in viral proteins: buriedness, packing, flexibility, and design. J. Mol. Evol., 79:130–142, 2014.
- [12] K. Fuson, A. Rice, R Mahling, A. Snow, P. Shanbhogue K. Nayak, A. G. Meyer, G. Redpath, A. Hinderliter, S. T. Cooper, and R. B. Sutton. Alternate splicing of dysferlin C2A confers Ca2+-dependent and Ca2+-independent binding for membrane repair. Structure, 22:104–115, 2014.
- [13] J. E. Barrick, G. Colburn, D. E. Deatherage, C. C. Traverse, M. D. Strand, J. J Borges, D. D. Knoester, A. Reba, and A. G. Meyer. Identifying structural variation in haploid microbial genomes from short-read re-sequencing data using breseq. BMC Genomics, 15:1039, 2014.
- [14] M. Z. Tien, **A. G. Meyer**, D. K. Sydykova, S. J. Spielman, and Claus O. Wilke. Maximum allowed solvent accessibilites of residues in proteins. *PLOS ONE*, 8:e80635, 2013.
- [15] M. Tien, D. K. Sydykova, **A. G. Meyer**, and C. O. Wilke. A simple Python library to generate model peptides. *PeerJ*, 1:e80, 2013.
- [16] **A. G. Meyer** and C. O. Wilke. Integrating sequence variation and protein structure to identify sites under selection. *Mol. Biol. Evol.*, 30:36–44, 2013. **Fast Tracked**.
- [17] **A. G. Meyer**, E. T. Dawson, and C. O. Wilke. Cross-species comparison of site-specific evolutionary-rate variation in influenza hemagglutinin. *Phil. Trans. R. Soc. B*, 368:20120334, 2013.
- [18] M. P. Scherrer, **A. G. Meyer**, and C. O. Wilke. Modeling coding-sequence evolution within the context of residue solvent accessibility. *BMC Evol. Biol.*, 12:179, 2012.
- [19] A. Reba, **A. G. Meyer**, and J. E. Barrick. Computational tests of a thermal cycling strategy to isolate more complex functional nucleic acid motifs from random sequence pools by in vitro selection. *A. Life*, 13:473—480, 2012. **Awarded Best Synthetic Biology Paper**.

- [20] Y. G. Celebi, R. L. Lichti, H. N. Bani-Salameh, **A. G. Meyer**, B. R. Carroll, J. E. Vernon, P. J. C. King, and S. F. J. Cox. Muonium transitions in 4H silicon carbide. *Physica B*, 404:845–848, 2009.
- [21] H. N. Bani-Salameh, A. G. Meyer, B. R. Carroll, R. L. Lichti, K. H. Chow, P. J. C. King, and S. F. J. Cox. Charge-state transitions of muonium in 6H silicon carbide. *Physica B*, 401-402:631–634, 2007.
  Opinion Articles
- [1] **A. G. Meyer**. Analysis of infection biomarkers within a bayesian framework reveals their role in pneumococcal pneumonia diagnosis in hiv patients. *available on bioRxiv*, 2017.
- [2] S. J. Spielman\*, **A. G. Meyer**\*, and C. O. Wilke. Increased evolutionary rate in the 2014 West African ebola outbreak is due to transient polymorphism and not positive selection. *bioRxiv*, 2014. \*authors contributed equally.
- [3] R. E. Solnick\* and **A. G. Meyer**\*. Law should allow physicians to use their judgment. *Texas Medicine*, 110:11–12, 2014. \*authors contributed equally.

# Posters, Abstracts, and Policy Proposals Posters

- [1] **A. G. Meyer**, B. R. Jack, J. Echave, and C. O. Wilke. Functional sites induce long–range evolutionary constraints in enzymes. *Student Research Week*, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, TX, 2016.
- [2] A. G. Meyer and C. O. Wilke. Geometric constraints dominate the antigenic evolution of influenza H3N2 hemagglutinin. Student Research Week, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, TX, 2015.
- [3] S. J. Spielman, **A. G. Meyer**, and C. O. Wilke. Apparent increased evolutionary rate in the 2014 west african ebola outbreak signals transient polymorphism and not positive selection. *Ebola Modeling Workshop*, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, 2015. **Invited**.
- [4] F. S. Thomas, A. G. Meyer, S. A. Hattenbach, L. K. Tollack, D. T. Vu, M. Hong, K. Bennett, and F. Prabhu. Population characteristics and medical treatment of blood pressure at the free clinic. Student Research Week, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, TX, 2014.
- [5] F. S. Thomas, A. G. Meyer, S. A. Hattenbach, L. K. Tollack, D. T. Vu, M. Hong, K. Bennett, and F. Prabhu. Effectiveness of diabetes interventions in an urgent care setting. Society for Student Run Free Clinics Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, 2014.
- [6] A. G. Meyer and C. O. Wilke. Analyzing machupo virus-receptor binding by molecular dynamics simulation. *Biophysical Society Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, 2014.
- [7] A. G. Meyer and C. O. Wilke. Analyzing machupo virus-receptor binding by molecular dynamics simulation. Student Research Week, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, TX, 2014. Awarded Best Poster Presentation.
- [8] A. G. Meyer, F. S. Thomas, S. A. Hattenbach, L. K. Tollack, D. T. Vu, M. Hong, K. Bennett, and F. Prabhu. Effectiveness of blood pressure interventions at an urgent care, free clinic for the uninsured. Society for Student Run Free Clinics Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, 2014.
- [9] A. G. Meyer and C. O. Wilke. Cross-species comparison of site-specific evolutionary-rate variation in influenza hemagglutinin. Student Research Week, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, TX, 2013.
- [10] A. G. Meyer and C. O. Wilke. Combining protein structure and sequence variation to identify functionally important sites. Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution Annual Meeting, Dublin, Ireland, 2012.

- [11] K. L. Fuson, **A. G. Meyer**, K. Knutson, J. W. Gauer, J. Murphy, A. F. Oberhauser, A. Hinderliter, and R. B. Sutton. A link between structure and cooperativity in the C2A domain of Synaptotagmin 1. *Biophysical Society Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, 2012.
- [12] **A. G. Meyer**, N. Quissenberry, K. Fuson, and R. B. Sutton. Functional relevance of mutations and truncations in Dysferlin and Synaptotagmin 1. *Graduate School and Biomedical Sciences Annual Retreat*, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, TX, 2010.
- [13] A. G. Meyer, N. Quissenberry, K. Fuson, and R. B. Sutton. Cardiomyopathy caused by structural instability in Dysferlin C2 domains: Implications for LGMD2B and CABG. Center for Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Symposium, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, TX, 2009. Policy Proposals
- [1] TMA Ethics Positions on Advance Directives to Agree With AMA Positions. *TexMed Annual Conference*, Texas Medical Association, Austin, TX, 2015.
- [2] Scope of Advance Directives. *TexMed Annual Conference*, Texas Medical Association, Austin, TX, 2015.
- [3] Durability of Advance Directives. *TexMed Annual Conference*, Texas Medical Association, Fort Worth, TX, 2014.
- [4] Advance Directives During Pregnancy. *AMA Annual Conference*, American Medical Association, Chicago, IL, 2014.