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RESEARCH FUNDING	NSF: III-1845967: “CAREER: Robust & scalable genome-wide ...” \$549k (5 years) NSF-1815485 : “III: SMALL: New algorithms for genome ...” \$500k (3 years) NSF-1565862: “CRII: III: Using genomic context to ...” \$170k (2 years) NIH-CFAR: “Accuracy of HIV transmission network ...” \$439K (2 years) Sloan foundation fellowship and other gifts and grants. ≈\$150K (2 years)	2019 2018 2016 2016 2016–2018

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SOFTWARE
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ASTRAL (<https://github.com/smirarab/ASTRAL>)

Coalescent-based species tree estimation from gene trees

PASTA (<https://github.com/smirarab/pasta>)

Multiple sequence alignment of ultra-large datasets (up to a million sequences)

SEPP,TIPP,UPP (<https://github.com/smirarab/sepp>)

Phylogenetic placement and taxonomic identification of metagenomic reads

TreeShrink (<https://github.com/uym2/TreeShrink>)

Finding and removing spuriously long branches

DiscoVista (<https://github.com/esayyari/DiscoVista>)

Visualizing phylogenetic discordances

FAVITES (<https://github.com/niemasd/FAVITES>)

Simulating HIV evolution

APPLES (<https://github.com/balabanmetin/apples>)

Phylogenetic placement using distances

See <http://eceweb.ucsd.edu/~smirarab/software.html> for more.

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Software Testing and Quality Assurance (TA), University of Waterloo. **Winter 2007**
Scientific & Technical Communication (TA), University of Tehran. **Fall 2005** Ann Arbor, Michigan, Phylogenomics Symposium and Software School **2015**
UT Austin, Summer school on Phylogenomics and Metagenomics **Summer 2014**
Evolution meetings (NC), Software School on ASTRAL and PASTA **Summer 2014**
UT Austin, Workshop on New Methods for Phylogeny and Alignment Estimation, Tutorials on SEPP and SATe **Winter 2013**

HIGHLIGHTS AND INVITED TALKS **UCLA, LA, CA “Genome-wide species tree reconstruction despite discordance” 2018**
ISMB, Chicago, IL “Phylogenomic tree reconstruction” 2018
Broad Inst., MA, “Taxonomic Profiling using Scalable Phylogenetic Placement” 2017
RECOMB, Warsaw, Poland, “Statistical binning enables an accurate ...” 2015
IPAM, UCLA, “Ultra-large multiple sequence alignments”. 2015
INFORMS, Philadelphia, “Reconstruction of species trees using genomic data”. 2015
MolPhy-3, Moscow, Russia, “SEPP and TIPP: phylogenetic placement and taxon identification methods for metagenomic”. 2012

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Review: Nature Ecology and Evolution, Systematic Biology, PLOS Genetics, Journal of the American Statistical Association, Journal of ACM, IEEE Transaction on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, Theoretical Population Genetics, Bioinformatics, BMC Bioinformatics, GigaScience, Transactions on Software Eng. 2007–2018