

# Christopher Hann-Soden

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## Computational Biologist and Bioinformatician

I earned my PhD for developing statistical and machine learning algorithms to compare genomes. I'm interested in developing algorithms and pipelines to solve hard problems.

## Experience

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- **UC Berkeley** **Berkeley, CA**  
*Domain Consultant, Berkeley Research Computing* *Jan 2018–Present*  
*Key Skills:* communication, HPC, Unix systems, Git, cloud computing, collaboration.
  - Provided technical support and consulting services to researchers in data-driven domains.
  - Developed training and documentation for campus IT services and infrastructure, including HPC and cloud services.
- **UC Berkeley** **Berkeley, CA**  
*Graduate Student Researcher, Taylor Lab* *Jul 2012–Dec 2018*  
*Key Skills:* NGS, phylogenetics, genomics, population genetics, Python, R, HPC, writing, oral presentation.
  - Independently developed a statistical framework and efficient algorithm for measuring genomic rearrangement rates.
  - Used statistical and machine learning methods of population and comparative genomics to investigate the evolutionary consequences of breeding system transitions in *Neurospora*.
  - Modeled the transcriptional response of *Neurospora* to acclimation and adaptation to warmer temperatures.
  - Administered and maintained the laboratory's Linux server.
- **UC Berkeley** **Berkeley, CA**  
*Instructor* *2014–2018*  
*Key Skills:* oral presentation, information synthesis, communication, teamwork.
  - Introduction to Programming for Bioinformatics (Summers 2014-2017, Winters 2016-2018)
  - General Biology (Spring 2015, Spring 2018)
  - Microbiology Laboratory (Spring 2014)
- **UC Berkeley** **Berkeley, CA**  
*Laboratory Assistant I, Glaunsinger Lab* *Aug 2011–May 2012*  
*Key Skills:* molecular biology, cell culture, time management, neatness, organization, teamwork.
  - Systematically mapped interactions between human and viral proteins.
  - Developed and implemented work flows for cloning, heterologous gene expression, coimmunoprecipitation, and blotting.

## Education

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| <b>UC Berkeley</b>                                  | <b>Berkeley, CA</b> |
| ◦ <i>Microbiology, Doctorate of Philosophy</i>      | 2012–2018           |
| <i>Philomathia Scholars Graduate Fellowship</i>     | 2015–2017           |
| <i>Webmaster, Microbiology Student Group</i>        | 2016                |
| <i>Symposium Chair, Microbiology Student Group</i>  | 2015                |
| <b>Humboldt State University</b>                    | <b>Arcata, CA</b>   |
| ◦ <i>Biology &amp; Zoology, Bachelor of Science</i> | 2008–2010           |
| <i>cum laude</i>                                    |                     |

## Publications

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Christopher Hann-Soden, Lilliam A. Montoya, Pierre Gladieux, and John W. Taylor. New reproductive and ecological diversity in the model genus, *neurospora*. in prep.

Christopher Hann-Soden, Lilliam A. Montoya, Pierre Gladieux, and John W. Taylor. Lack of linkage and efficient selection evince outcrossing in self-fertile *neurospora*. in prep.

Christopher Hann-Soden, Ian Holmes, and John W. Taylor. Estimation of rearrangement break rates across the genome. in prep.

Pierre Gladieux, Fabien De Bellis, Christopher Hann-Soden, Jesper Svedberg, Hanna Johannesson, and John W. Taylor. *Neurospora* from natural populations: Population genomics insights into the life history of a model microbial eukaryote. in press.

Arturo Casadevall, Joudeh B. Freij, Christopher Hann-Soden, and John Taylor. Continental drift and speciation of the *cryptococcus neoformans* and *cryptococcus gattii* species complexes. *mSphere*, 2:e00103–17, 2017.

Pierre Gladieux, Benjamin A. Wilson, Fanny Perraudeau, Lilliam A. Montoya, David Kowbel, Christopher Hann-Soden, Monika Fischer, Iman Sylvain, David J. Jacobson, and John W. Taylor. Genomic sequencing reveals demographic, historical, and selective factors associated with the diversification of the fire-associated fungus *neurospora discreta*. *Molecular Ecology*, 24:5657–75, 2015.

John W. Taylor, Christopher Hann-Soden, Sara Branco, Iman Sylvain, and Chris Ellison. Clonal reproduction in fungi. *PNAS*, 112(29):8901–8, 2015.

## Other Skills & Projects

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**Dancify** - A web app to tag and visually explore your music using Spotify data.

**Cryptyx** - A free and open source block chain ticketing protocol and web service.

**Martial Arts** - Shorinji Kempo, 12 years.

**Partner Dancing** - Blues & fusion, 5 years.