

## C. Titus Brown

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(As of June 2020.)

### EDUCATION

**Reed College**, Portland, OR; Mathematics; B.A., 1997

**California Institute of Technology**, Davidson Lab (graduate student);  
Developmental Biology; PhD., 2007

**California Institute of Technology**, Bronner-Fraser Lab (postdoc);  
Developmental Biology and Bioinformatics; 2007-2008

### APPOINTMENTS

**Assistant Professor**, Microbiology & Molecular Genetics / Computer Science and Engineering  
Michigan State University, 2008-2014.

**Associate Professor**, Population Health and Reproduction, School of Veterinary Medicine  
University of California Davis, 2015-present.

### HONOURS AND AWARDS

Burroughs-Wellcome Fund Computational Biology Fellowship (1999-2004).  
Withrow Award for Teaching Excellence in Computer Science at MSU (2008-2009).  
Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory Summer Fellow (2013).  
Michigan State University / College of Natural Science Teacher-Scholar Award (2013).  
**Moore Foundation Data Driven Discovery Investigator (2014-2019).**

### AWARDS

20. NSF \$297,922 (100%), 3 years, 8/20-7/23, notified of funding and pending award receipt. "BBSRC-NSF/BIO:Collaborative Research: genomeRxiv: a microbial whole-genome database and diagnostic marker design resource for classification, identification, and data sharing."
19. USDA \$498,356 (100%) 3 years, 3/20-2/23. "Tools and resources for cattle pangenomics."
18. NIH, \$1,237,582 (100%); 12 months, 1/20-12/20. "The Common Fund Data Ecosystem", 2nd year funding.
17. NIH, \$374,645 (100%); 8 months, 4/19-12/19. "The Common Fund Data Ecosystem", 1st year funding.
16. NIH, \$1.9m (100%); 18 months, 10/16-4/18. NIH Data Commons Consortium Pilot Phase.
15. Department of Homeland Security, \$248,000 (100%); 6/17-9/18. "High Confidence Metagenomics Analysis of Complex Samples."
14. Sloan Foundation, \$20,000 (100%); 7/1/16-12/31/16. "A Workshop on Dockerized Notebook Computing."
13. Moore Foundation, \$1,750,000 (100%); 12/1/14-12/1/21. "Software to support data driven inquiry in biology."
12. USDA, \$129,889 (100%); 10/1/13-9/30/16. Collaborative proposal with WUSTL. "Improvement of the Chicken Reference Genome."
11. NSF, \$273,419 (20%); 9/2013-9/2016. co-PI, "Supporting Efficient Discrete Box Queries for Sequence Analysis on Large Scale Genome Databases."

10. NIH R25, \$162,000 (100%); 7/2013-7/2016. PI, "Analyzing Next-Generation Sequencing Data." Renewal.
9. NIH R01, \$699,231 (100%). 5/2013-5/2016. PI, "BIGDATA: Low-Memory Streaming Prefilters for Biological Sequencing Data."
8. USDA, \$2,989,032 (5.8%). 1/2013-1/2017. co-PI, "The Genetics of Johne's Disease."
7. NSF OCI Supplement to BEACON STC, \$200k (100%); 1/1/2013-12/31/2013. PI, "Materials and Workshops for Cyberinfrastructure Education in Biology."
6. USDA (Grad Fellowships), \$238,000 (15%). 1/2012-11/2017. co-PI, "Integrated genomics training program."
5. DOE, \$659,587 (5%). 9/2011-8/2012. co-PI, "Ribosomal Database Project."
4. NIH (R25 education), \$104,000 (100%); 7/2011-6/2014. PI, "Analyzing Next-Generation Sequencing Data."
3. USDA, \$99,000; 2/2009-12/2011 (100%). PI, "Positional Candidate Genes for Resistance to Marek's Disease by Screening for Marek's Disease Virus Meq-regulated Genes."
2. NSF, \$50,000; 9/2009-8/2011 (100%). PI, "RV1: MSB: Collaborative: Symbiont Separation and Investigation of the Novel Heterotrophic Osedax Symbiosis using Comparative Genomics."
1. USDA, \$690,000; 12/2009-11/2013 (100%). PI, "Easily accessible Web-based tools for analyzing next-generation sequencing data from agricultural animals."

#### PREPRINTS

Note: ▶ highlights the most important papers, in my opinion (personal contribution/impact).

*Whole genome assembly of Culex tarsalis.* BJ Main, **CT Brown**, M Marcantonio, CM Barker. bioRxiv.

*The Architecture of the LISA Science Analysis.* SA Teukolsky et al. Keck Institute for Space Studies

*Draft genome assemblies using sequencing reads from Oxford Nanopore Technology and Illumina platforms for four species of North American killifish from the Fundulus genus,* LK Johnson, R Sahasrabudhe, T Gill, J Roach, L Froenicke, **CT Brown**, A Whitehead. BioRxiv.

*Microbial contamination in the genome of the domesticated olive.* T Reiter, **CT Brown**. bioRxiv.

▶ *A Reference-Free Algorithm for Computational Normalization of Shotgun Sequencing Data.* **Brown CT**, Howe AC, Zhang Q, Pyrkosz AB, Brom TH. 2012. arXiv:1203.4802.

*Crossing the streams: a framework for streaming analysis of short DNA sequencing reads.* QP Zhang, S Awad, **CT Brown**. 2015. <https://peerj.com/preprints/890/>.

▶ *Evaluating Metagenome Assembly on a Simple Defined Community with Many Strain Variants.* S Awad, LC Irber, CT Brown. 2017. <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/early/2017/07/03/155358>.

Full publication list at: <http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=O4rYanMAAAAJ>

▷ *Exploring neighborhoods in large metagenome assembly graphs reveals hidden sequence diversity.* **CT Brown**, D Moritz, M O'Brien, F Reidl, T Reiter, B Sullivan. ACCEPTED, Genome Biology, May 2020. (Available on biorxiv.)

*A phylogenetically novel cyanobacterium most closely related to Gloeobacter.* CL Grettenberger et al. The ISME Journal, 1-11

*Whole genome sequencing for mutation discovery in a single case of lysosomal storage disease (MPS type 1) in the dog.* TA Mansour et al. Scientific Reports 10 (1), 1-10

*Genomic and phenotypic analyses of six offspring of a genome-edited hornless bull.* AE Young et al. Nature biotechnology 38 (2), 225-232

*FAIRshake: Toolkit to Evaluate the FAIRness of Research Digital Resources.* DJB Clarke et al. Cell systems 9 (5), 417-421

*Sequencing data discovery with MetaSeek.* A Hoarfrost, N Brown, **CT Brown**, C Arnosti. Bioinformatics 35 (22), 4857-4859

*Keplar: a mapping-free framework for accurate discovery of de novo variants.* DS Standage, **CT Brown**, F Hormozdiari. iScience 18, 28-36

*Reproducible, interactive, scalable and extensible microbiome data science using QIIME 2.* E Bolyen et al. Nature biotechnology 37 (8), 852-857

▷ *Large-scale sequence comparisons with sourmash.* NT Pierce, L Irber, T Reiter, P Brooks, **CT Brown**. F1000Research 8, 1006.

*Re-assembly, quality evaluation, and annotation of 678 microbial eukaryotic reference transcriptomes.* LK Johnson, H Alexander, **CT Brown**. GigaScience 8 (4), giy158.

*Review, evaluation and directions for gene-targeted assembly for ecologic analyses of metagenomes.* J Guo, J Quensen, Y Sun, Q Wang, **CT Brown**, JR Cole, JM Tiedje. Frontiers in Genetics 10, 957.

*Keeping it light:(Re) analyzing community-wide datasets without major infrastructure.* H Alexander, LK Johnson, **CT Brown**. GigaScience.

*VA-Store: A Virtual Approximate Store Approach to Supporting Repetitive Big Data in Genome Sequence Analyses.* X Liu, Q Zhu, S Pramanik, **CT Brown**, G Qian. IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering

*The principles of tomorrow's university.* DS Katz et al. F1000Research 7

*Whole genome variant association across 100 dogs identifies a frame shift mutation in DISHEVELLED 2 which contributes to Robinow-like syndrome in Bulldogs and related screw tail dog breeds.* TA Mansour et al. PLoS genetics 14 (12), e1007850.

*A Missense Mutation in the Vacuolar Protein Sorting 11 (VPS11) Gene Is Associated with Neuroaxonal Dystrophy in Rottweiler Dogs.* KL Lucot et al. G3: Genes, Genomes, Genetics 8 (8), 2773-2780.

*Sustainable computational science: the ReScience initiative.* NP Rougier et al, PeerJ Computer Science 3, e142.

*Draft genome of tule elk *Cervus canadensis nannodes*.* JE Mizzi, ZT Lounsberry, CT Brown, BN Sacks. F1000Research 6.

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*Central nervous system transcriptome of *Biomphalaria alexandrina*, an intermediate host for schistosomiasis* TA Mansour et al., MW Miller. BMC research notes 10 (1), 729.

*FGF4 retrogene on CFA12 is responsible for chondrodystrophy and intervertebral disc disease in dogs.* EA Brown et al., DL Bannasch. PNAS 2017/10/11.

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*Microbial community analysis with ribosomal gene fragments from shotgun metagenomes.* Guo J, Cole JC, Zhang Q, Brown CT, Tiedje JM. Applied and environmental microbiology. Jan 2016.

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*Transcriptome variation in response to Marek's disease virus acute infection.* Preeyanon L, Brown CT, Cheng H. Cytogenetics. July 2015.

*Phylogeny and phylogeography of functional genes shared among seven terrestrial subsurface metagenomes reveal N-cycling and microbial evolutionary relationships.* Lau MCY et al., Onstott TC. Frontiers in Microbiology. Oct 2014.

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Sea Urchin Genome Sequencing Consortium.

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#### INVITED ARTICLES AND REVIEWS

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#### REPORTS AND EDITORIALS

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#### ONLINE COMMENTARIES, BLOGS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Personal/professional blog at: [ivory.idyll.org/blog/](http://ivory.idyll.org/blog/). A few selected posts (click on links): "Our approach to replication in computational science", "Thoughts on Assemblathon 2", "The future of khmer (2013)".

Twitter: @ctitusbrown

BioMedCentral invited blog post: "Version control for scientific research"

#### SELECTED INVITATIONS AND MEETINGS

April 2013 - NIH NHGRI Education and Training committee.

March 2013 - Invited speaker at National Center for Atmospheric Research Software Engineering Assembly.

March 2013 - NSF/Moore Foundation meeting on Cyberinfrastructure for Marine 'Omics.

September 2012 - Invited speaker at Extremely Large Databases 2012 (XLDB 2012).

June 2012 - NSF BIO Centers meeting on Cyberinfrastructure Needs in BIO.

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

iPlant Scientific Advisory Board member.

Software Carpentry Scientific Advisory Board member.

Accredited Software Carpentry Instructor.

NIH Committee Member for Cloud Computing and the Human Microbiome.

Cephalopod Genome Sequencing Consortium Steering Committee, 2012-present.

Member of the Editorial Board for Open Research Computation, Frontiers in Livestock Genomics.

Xconomist.com, invited member, Advisory Board (Michigan chapter).

BEACON NSF STC, Thrust Group co-leader (responsible for reviewing proposals, organizing



Course director, 2010-2015, Next-Generation Sequence Analysis for Biologists, KBS, MSU.  
 Director, Data Intensive Biology Summer Institute 2017, UC Davis.  
 Course faculty, 2006-2008, Embryology Course, Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory.  
 Founder, Caltech Bioinformatics Journal Club; biology-in-python mailing list.  
 Faculty advisor, Metagenomics Journal Club at MSU.  
 Development and maintenance of several open source bioinformatics tools, including Cartwheel server for comparative sequence analysis, khmer k-mer software, and screed; [github.com/ctb/](https://github.com/ctb/).  
 Active in open source testing community: twill, figleaf, pony-build.  
 Reviewer for National Science Foundation; Developmental Biology, BMC Bioinformatics, BMC Genomics, Genome Biology, Bioinformatics, PLoS One.

#### TEACHING AND WORKSHOPS

Open Problems in Bioinformatics, CSE/MMG graduate seminar course (2008-2009)  
 Database-Backed Web Development, CSE 4xx (2008-, yearly)  
 Introduction to Computational Science for Evolutionary Biologists, CSE 801 (was 891) (2010-, yearly).  
 Analyzing Next-Generation Sequencing Data, research workshop (2010-, yearly).  
 Software Carpentry workshops: Scripps Research Institute (11/2012), U. Arizona (4/2013)  
 Instructor at Marine Biological Laboratory course on Strategies and Techniques for Analyzing Microbial Population Structures, 2012 and 2013.  
 Co-instructor for Workshop on Microbial Bioinformatics, 10/2013, Caltech.  
 Lead instructor for Workshop on mRNAseq for Biologists, and Workshop for Advanced Bioinformatics Developers, 11/2013, The Centre For Genome Analysis, Norwich, UK.

#### FORMER STUDENTS

Jiarong Guo (MS in Fisheries and Wildlife, 2010). Thesis topic: Phylogenetic analysis of annotations for uncultured bacteria. Currently working on his PhD in Microbiology at MSU with Dr. James Tiedje and myself.

Dr. Jason Pell (PhD in Computer Science, MSU, 2013). Thesis topic: Efficient algorithms for the analysis of sequencing data. Currently working at Google.

Dr. Likit Preeyanon (PhD in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, MSU, 2014). Thesis topic: Exploring mechanisms of genetic resistance to Marek's Disease. Professor (permanent position) at Mahidol University, Thailand (2014-present).

Dr. Qingpeng Zhang (PhD in Computer Science, MSU, 2015). Thesis topic: A novel strategy for analyzing metagenomic sequence from many samples. Postdoc at Joint Genome Institute (2015).

Dr. Elijah Lowe (PhD in Computer Science, MSU, 2015). Thesis topic: Evolutionary developmental biology and genomics of the Molgulid ascidians. Postdoc at Stazione Zoologica in Naples (2014-present).

Dr. Jiarong Guo (PhD in Microbiology, MSU, 2017). Thesis topic: Soil metagenomics. Now postdoc at MSU with Dr. Jim Tiedje (2017-present).

#### CURRENT STUDENTS

Camille Scott (CSE PhD student, 2012-2018 (expected))  
 Luiz Irber (CSE PhD student, 2014-2019 (expected))  
 Lisa Cohen (Physiology PhD student, 2015-2019 (expected)).  
 Taylor Reiter (Food Sciences PhD student, 2017-2021 (expected)).

#### POSTDOCTORAL TRAINEES

Dr. Adina Chuang Howe (now Assistant Professor at Iowa State)  
 Dr. Kanchan Pavangadkar (now undergraduate advisor at MSU)  
 Dr. Sherine Awad (current postdoctoral fellow)  
 Dr. Tamer Mansour (current postdoctoral fellow)

#### REFERENCES

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Dr. Ewan Birney, Associate Director of the EMBL-EBI.

Professor Jonathan Eisen, University of California Davis.

Professor Billie J. Swalla, University of Washington at Seattle.