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EDUCATION

PhD in Biology (Molecular Anthropology)

2018-2021

International Max Planck Research School "The Leipzig School of Human Origins",
Leipzig University and Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig,
Germany

Thesis: Human population genetic history of Mainland Southeast Asia

Advisor: Prof. Dr. Mark Stoneking

MSc in Biology (Evolutionary Genomics)

2015-2017

Genome and Systems Biology Degree Program, National Taiwan University and
Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan

Thesis: Comparative genomics of *Caenorhabditis* species

Advisor: Dr. Isheng Jason Tsai

(Overall GPA: 4.09/4.3; Ranking: 2/5)

BSc in Biology

2011-2015

Department of Life Sciences, National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan

(Overall GPA: 3.91/4; Ranking: 1/49)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Postdoc

2021-present

Topic: Human genetic history and the relationships with cultural variation in Southeast
Asia and Oceania

Advisor: Prof. Dr. Mark Stoneking

Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany

Substitutive Military Service

2017-2018

Topic: Core collection of tomato populations through NGS technology

Director: Dr. Ien-Chie Wen

Plant Germplasm Division, Taiwan Agricultural Research Institute, Taichung, Taiwan

PUBLICATIONS

- 1 Kutanan, W.*, **Liu, D.***, Kampuansai, J., Srikumool, M., Srithawong, S., Shoocongdej, R., Sangkhano, S., Ruangchai, S., Pittayaporn, P., Arias, L., & Stoneking, M. (2021). Reconstructing the human genetic history of mainland Southeast Asia: insights from genome-wide data from Thailand and Laos. *Molecular Biology and Evolution*. (*: contributed equally as first authors).
- 2 **Liu, D.**, Duong, N. T., Ton, N. D., Van Phong, N., Pakendorf, B., Van Hai, N., & Stoneking, M. (2020). Extensive ethnolinguistic diversity in Vietnam reflects multiple sources of genetic diversity. *Molecular Biology and Evolution*.
- 3 Srithawong, S., Muisuk, K., Srikumool, M., Kampuansai, J., Pittayaporn, P., Ruangchai, S., **Liu, D.**, & Kutanan, W. (2020). Close genetic relationship between central Thai and Mon people in Thailand revealed by autosomal microsatellites. *International Journal of Legal Medicine*.

- 4 Kanzaki, N.*, Tsai, I. J.*, Tanaka, R.*, Hunt, L. V.*, **Liu, D.**, Tsuyama, K., Maeda, Y., Namai, S., Kumagai, R., Tracey, A., Holroyd, N., Doyle, R. S., Woodruff, C. G., Murase, K., Kitazume, H., Chai, C., Akagi, A., Panda, O., Ke, H. M., Schroeder, C. F., Wang, J., Berriman, M., Sternberg, P. W., Sugimoto, A., & Kikuchi, T. (2018). Biology and genome of a newly discovered sibling species of *Caenorhabditis elegans*. *Nature Communications*. (*: contributed equally as first authors).
- 5 Ke, H. M., **Liu, D.**, Ogura, Y., Hayashi, T., Urbanczyk, H., & Tsai, I. J. (2018). Tracing genomic divergence of *Vibrio* bacteria in the Harveyi clade. *Journal of bacteriology*.
- 6 **Liu, D.**, Hunt, M., & Tsai, I. J. (2018). Inferring synteny between genome assemblies: a systematic evaluation. *BMC Bioinformatics*.
- 7 Chung, C. L., Lee, T. J., Akiba, M., Lee, H. H., Kuo, T. H., **Liu, D.**, Ke, H. M., Yokoi, T., Roa, B. M., Lu, J. M., Chang, Y. Y., Ann, P. J., Tsai, J. N., Chen, C. Y., Tzean, S. S., Ota, Y., Hattori, T., Sahashi, N., Liou, R. F., Kikuchi, T., & Tsai, I. J. (2017). Comparative and population genomics landscape of *Phellinus noxius*: a hypervariable fungus causing root rot in trees. *Molecular Ecology*.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- 1 **Liu, D.**, Peter, B. M., Ensing, J., Schiefenhövel, W., Kayser, M., & Stoneking, M. (2021). Assessing human genome-wide variation in the Massim region of Papua New Guinea and implications for the *Kula* trading tradition. Oral presentation, *Human Evolution - From Fossils to Ancient and Modern Genomes (Virtual Conference)*.
- 2 **Liu, D.**, Ensing, J., Schiefenhövel, W., Kayser, M., & Stoneking, M. (2021). Assessing human genome-wide variation in the Massim region of Papua New Guinea and implications for the *Kula* trading tradition. Poster presentation, *CSHL Biology of Genomes virtual meeting*.
- 3 Kutanan, W.*, **Liu, D.***, Kampuansai, J., Srikummool, M., Srithawong, S., Shoocongdej, R., Sangkhano, S., Ruangchai, S., Pittayaporn, P., Arias, L., & Stoneking, M. (2021). Reconstructing the human genetic history of mainland Southeast Asia: insights from genome-wide data from Thailand and Laos. Poster presentation, *EMBO Virtual Course on Population Genomics*. (*: contributed equally as first authors).
- 4 **Liu, D.**, Duong, N. T., Ton, N. D., Van Phong, N., Pakendorf, B., Van Hai, N., & Stoneking, M. (2019). Extensive ethnolinguistic diversity in Vietnam reflects multiple sources of genetic diversity. Poster presentation, *Human Evolution - From Fossils to Ancient and Modern Genomes, Welcome Genome Campus, UK*.
- 5 **Liu, D.**, Kanzaki, N., Tanaka, R., Woodruff, G., Maeda, Y., Sternberg, P. W., Tsai, I. J., Sugimoto, A., & Kikuchi, T. (2016). The genome sequence of *Caenorhabditis* sp. 34: a true sister species of *C. elegans* advancing model species biology. Oral presentation, *ISEGB, Kaohsiung, Taiwan*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Seminar mentor at the Molecular Anthropology course, University Leipzig	2021
Seminar mentor at the Molecular Anthropology course, University Leipzig	2020

HONORS

Government Scholarship to Study Abroad from Taiwan Ministry of Education	2020-2022
- 16,000 dollar per year	
Semi-Finalist Award for Best Student Oral Presentation on International Symposium on Evolutionary Genomics and Bioinformatics	2016
The Award of Outstanding Student for the Academic Achievement	2011-2012 2012-2013

SKILLS

- Proficiency in programming language such as Python and R
- Familiar with Linux environment and Bash scripting
- Familiar with Adobe Illustrator
- Experience in NGS data analysis such as assembly, annotation, comparative genomics and population genomics
- Molecular and genetics techniques such as DNA/RNA extraction, cloning and cell culture

LANGUAGE ABILITIES

- Mandarin (native speaker)
- English (fluent)
- German (basic)

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Internal PhD representative at Dept. of Evolutionary Genetic, MPI-EVA	2019-2020
Player on National Taiwan University Football Team	2015-2017
• Assistant coach in 2015/2016 season of University Football Association	
Player on National Cheng Kung University Football Team	2011-2015
• Captain in 2013/2014 season of University Football Association	
Poetry Exhibition in National Cheng Kung University	2013 2015

REFERENCES

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