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**SUMMARY** I am a bioinformatics working professional

with nearly 30 years of work experience in

biotech and government.

Since 2006, I have worked at the National Institute

of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) at

the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Currently, I serve as Director of the NINDS

Intramural Bioinformatics Core; overseeing both PhD bioinformatics analysts and bioinformatics application developers. Duties include, but are not limited to: assignment of work, scheduling of work, review of work, quality assurance of work, standardization and optimization of work-related methods, recruiting and retention of staff, representation of the Core in Institute-level and cross-Institute meetings, budget planning, budget adherence, and formal reporting to the Core steering committee. In addition to these duties, I first-hand perform on average 200 different omics-related analyses per year. While I also mentor/train research staff outside of the Core who choose to learn how to do bioinformatics analysis themselves.

In recognition of my accomplishments at NINDS, I have been awarded the Distinguished Performance Achievement Award seven times and the Merit Award for Excellence three times.

Former positions held have included those at the National Cancer Institute

(NCI), Human Genome Sciences, and Gene Logic.

Notable career accomplishments to date include the co-founding of Gene Logic, the co-pioneering of predictive toxicogenomics, and the co-development of the NIH Stem Cell Data Management System.

To date, I have work published in over 100 manuscripts across 70 Journals. I also have been issued 5 patents in the field of predictive toxicogenomics and 1 patent in the field of stroke diagnosis.

Since 2009, I have taught graduate-level Bioinformatics as an adjunct professor for University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) and have been nominated for the Stanley J. Drazek Award for Teaching Excellence.

**SKILLS** R, Next Generation Sequence Analysis (bulk RNA, sc/nRNA-Seq, TCR-Seq, BCR-Seq, Spatial-Seq, ChIP-Seq, ATAC-Seq, PhIP-Seq, DRiP-Seq, Pathogen-Seq, WGS, WXS), Microarray Analysis (RNA, miRNA, Methylation), classical sequence analysis, phylogenetics, protein structure modeling, serology analysis, Q-RT-PCR analysis, statistical analysis, machine learning, more.



**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D., Bioinformatics and Computational Biology**

George Mason University (2009)

Thesis: Genomic Profiling of Blood for Stroke Diagnosis

Elective Work: Identifying the molecular effects of Anthrax on Lung, Liver, and Kidney

**MS, Bioinformatics**

Johns Hopkins University (2003)

**BS, Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics**

University of Maryland (1995)

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Director of Bioinformatics (5/2021 – Present)**

**National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS),**

**National Institutes of Health (NIH),**

**Bethesda, Maryland**

Currently oversee PhD bioinformatics analyst and bioinformatics application developer staff working in the Bioinformatics Core. Duties include, but are not limited to: assignment of work, scheduling of work, review of work, quality assurance of work, standardization and optimization of work-related methods, recruiting and retention of staff, representation of the Core in Institute-level and cross-Institute meetings, budget planning, budget adherence, and formal reporting to the Core steering committee. While, in this capacity, I also first-hand perform ~200 ad-hoc omic analyses per year and mentor/train research staff outside of the Core who choose to learn how to do bioinformatics analysis themselves.

**Bioinformatics Staff Scientist (9/2006 – 5/2021)**

**National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS),**

**National Institutes of Health (NIH),**

**Bethesda, Maryland**

Served NINDS as the resident intramural bioinformatics subject matter expert. Duties included the performance of omic-based analysis support to all NINDS staff as needed. On average, I completed ~200 analyses per year; including those related to projects engaged with other Institutes at the NIH and those with external hospitals, universities, and agencies. For each analysis/project, I meet with the requestee(s) and discussed their goal(s), Where after, a list of requirements, including desired deliverables, was mutually mustered and a tentative action plan outlined and ultimately executed. I also served the Institute as a mentor in the recurring summer internship program each year; teaching visiting students how to perform different types of bioinformatics analysis.

**WORK EXPERIENCE (continued)**

**Senior Biostatistician (1/2006 - 9/2006)**

**Gene Logic, Inc.**

**Gaithersburg, Maryland**

Provided microarray analysis services for domestic and international clients. Predominantly used R, Ingenuity, and Genomatix. Analysis services included: Data Normalization (one-color, two-color), Exploratory Analysis (Tukey box plot, cov-based PCA, cor-based Heat), Outlier Analysis (z-score), Noise Modeling (CV~mean), Noise Filtering, Class Discovery (k-means, hierarchical), Statistical Testing (one sample, two sample, > two sample, paired, unpaired, parametric, non-parametric, equal variance, unequal variance, ordinal, continuous, count, ratio, categorical) +/- multiple comparison correction +/- bootstrap condition, Gene selection (Volcano plot), Confirmatory Analysis (cov-based PCA, cor-based Heat), Enrichment Analysis (Biological Functions, Canonical Pathways, Networks), Promoter Modeling, Power vs Sample-size Assessment, and Classification modeling.

**Biostatistician (1/2003 - 1/2006)**

**Gene Logic, Inc.**

**Gaithersburg, Maryland**

Researched and evaluated different modeling paradigms (e.g., PCR, DA, PLSR, SVM, RF, FS) using toxicogenomic microarray-based data. Per modeling, R was used. Goal was to generate predictive models for toxicity in different tissues that could be filed

for patent protection and commercialized (see **PATENTS**).

**Associate Biostatistician (1/2000 - 1/2003)**

**Gene Logic, Inc.**

**Gaithersburg, Maryland**

Performed microarray analysis of 100’s of toxicogenomic data sets representing different tissues (e.g., liver, kidney, heart) under different dose::time conditions. Per analysis, R was used. Goal was to identify markers of toxicity that could be filed for patent protection and commercialized (see **PATENTS**).

**Bioinformatics Scientist (1/1999 - 1/2000)**

**Gene Logic, Inc.**

**Gaithersburg, Maryland**

Developed and managed an automated sequence analysis pipeline for the characterization of differential expressed genes identified by RFLP. Per analysis, Perl was used. Automated steps included sequence trimming by Phred Score, repeat

masking, and the performance of blast against refseq, est, and nr. Goal was to identify expressed genes under circumstances of disease and/or toxicity that could be filed for patent protection as markers and commercialized.

**WORK EXPERIENCE (continued)**

**Research Scientist (1/1998 - 1/1999)**

**Gene Logic, Inc.**

**Gaithersburg, Maryland**

Researched and developed branch DNA (bDNA) marker panels for use in High-throughput Screening (HITS).

**Research Group Leader, Co-founder (5/1996 - 1/1998)**

**Gene Logic, Inc.**

**Gaithersburg, Maryland**

Co-founded Gene Logic with funding provided by Oxford Bioscience Partners. Created and lead a 40-person lab responsible for Client tissue handling, RNA extraction, RNA isolation, cDNA synthesis, RFLP analysis, Band Recovery, Band Amplification, Band Purification and Sequencing (ABI). Additional responsibilities included staff recruitment, training, supervision and safety, budget adherence, LIMS design, reagent manufacturing and quality control, protocol development, capital equipment evaluation, purchase and maintenance.

**Research Associate (5/1995 - 5/1996)**

**Human Genome Sciences, Inc.**

**Shady Grove, Maryland**

Performed high-throughput Cloning, DNA extraction, DNA purification, and Sequencing (ABI) in the goal to first discover and patent genes in tissues of select species for patent protection and licensing.

**Clinical Data Coordinator (5/1994 - 5/1995)**

**National Cancer Institute**

**Rockville, Maryland**

Worked as a contractor (Battelle, Inc.) at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Supervised group of 2-3 persons responsible for clinical trial data collection, data curation, database entry (Paradox), database validation/certification, and clinical code book compilation.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Adjunct Professor of Bioinformatics (2023 – Present)**

**Graduate School, Johns Hopkins university**

Gene Expression Data Analysis and Visualization (AS.410.671)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE (continued)**

**Adjunct Professor of Bioinformatics (2009 – Present)**

**Graduate School, University of Maryland University College**

Molecular Biology (BIOT601)

Introduction to Bioinformatics (BIOT630)

**Adjunct Associate Professor of Bioinformatics (2009 – 2011)**

**Graduate School, George Mason University**

Microarray Methodology (BINF636)

Gene Expression Analysis (BINF733)

**Bioinformatics Instructor (2014 – 2019)**

**The Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES),**

**National Institutes of Health**

RNA-Seq Analysis (BioTech 56)

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