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SUMMARY

I am a computational biologist/bioinformatician specializing in comparative genomics and molecular evolution. I am finishing a PhD in Quantitative and Systems Biology from UC Merced (anticipated Spring 2022) with 8+ years of Python experience, and have published first-author bioinformatics research in prominent scientific journals including *Nucleic Acids Research* and *Current Biology*. In addition to my scientific background, I also have more than 10 years of experience in the service industry. Going forward, I am interested in building tools to address biological questions in the areas of genomics and next-generation sequencing technologies.

EDUCATION

- 2016 – 2022 **Ph.D. (anticipated)**
Quantitative and Systems Biology
University of California Merced
- 2013 – 2015 **M.S.**
Cell and Molecular Biology
San Francisco State University
- 2002 – 2008 **B.S.**
Biology
University of California Santa Cruz

WORK EXPERIENCE

AUG. 2016 - PRESENT
University of California Merced
Graduate student

Bioinformatics/molecular evolution doctoral research in Dr. Scott Roy's group, focused around sequence-based classification and comparative genomics of spliceosomal introns.

JUN. 2019 – SEP. 2019
DOE Joint Genome Institute
Summer Graduate Intern

Big data comparative genomic analysis of intron lengths in fungi.

JUL. 2011 – JUL. 2013
University of California Berkeley
Staff Research Associate I - Depts. of Neurobiology & Electrical Engineering

Electrophysiological investigation of mammalian retinal architecture in the labs of Professor Frank Werblin (Neurobiology) and Dr. Long-Sheng Fan (EE).

JAN. 2009 – NOV. 2010
Santa Cruz Biotechnology
Research Assistant

Microarray screening and sample prep. in hybridoma monoclonal antibody production group.

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

BASIC R, Julia, Perl, SQL, C++
ADVANCED Python, Bash

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

Bioinformatics: Novel machine-learning based intron sequence classification algorithm (intronIC), *de novo* transcriptome assembly, NGS-based eukaryotic gene annotation, custom gene orthology and intron homology identification, BLAST, DIAMOND, HISAT, bowtie, StringTie, STAR, AUGUSTUS, Trinity, PASA, Kallisto, Salmon, samtools, bedtools, fastq-dump

Computing: Linux system administration, GNU coreutils, grep, sed, awk, Slurm

Data visualization: Matplotlib, Seaborn

Wet lab: ELISA, microarray, confocal and two-photon microscopy, multi-electrode array, retinal tissue culture and dissection, patch-clamp, rodent husbandry and euthanasia, sterile technique.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Larue, G.E., Eliáš, M., Roy, S.W., 2021. "Expansion and transformation of the minor spliceosomal system in the slime mold *Physarum polycephalum*." *Curr. Biol.* 31, 3125-3131.e4. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cub.2021.04.050>

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