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## Professional Experience

• 2024 – present	Assistant Professor	Department of Biomedical Genetics, University of Rochester
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### Software and Resources

- Open4Gene A R package for Peak-to-Gene linkage analysis in single cell multiome sequencing data  
<https://github.com/hbliu/Open4Gene>
- SMART A Python package for deep analysis of DNA methylation by whole genome bisulfite sequencing  
<http://fame.edbc.org/smart>
- QDMR A Java Package for identifying differentially methylated regions across large-scale datasets  
<http://fame.edbc.org/qdmr>
- QDCMR A Java package for quantifying chromatin modification difference from ChIP-seq data  
<https://github.com/hbliu/QDCMR>
- SEA A comprehensive online archive and analysis platform for super-enhancers for 11 species  
<http://sea.edbc.org>
- DiseaseMeth A web-based resource and analysis platform for abnormal DNA methylation of human diseases  
<http://diseasemeth.edbc.org>
- MethyMarks A web-based resource platform for tissue-specific methylation marks in human  
<http://fame.edbc.org/methymark>
- ScoreCard eGFRcrea GWAS and genetic scorecard based on 2.2 million individuals  
<https://susztaklab.com/GWAS2M>
- Kidney\_Epi\_Pri A pipeline for prioritization of disease-causal genes by integrating GWAS with the epigenome  
[https://github.com/hbliu/Kidney\\_Epi\\_Pri](https://github.com/hbliu/Kidney_Epi_Pri)
- eGFR\_GWAS eGFRcrea GWAS and Prioritization Atlas based on 1.5 million individuals  
<https://susztaklab.com/GWAS>
- Kidney\_meQTL Human kidney methylation QTL atlas based on 443 human kidneys  
[https://susztaklab.com/Kidney\\_meQTL](https://susztaklab.com/Kidney_meQTL)
- Kidney\_eQTL Human kidney expression QTL atlas based on 686 human kidneys  
[https://susztaklab.com/Kidney\\_eQTL](https://susztaklab.com/Kidney_eQTL)
- HKOCA Human kidney open chromatin atlas based on 57,282 cells from 12 cell types of human kidneys  
[https://susztaklab.com/Human\\_snATAC](https://susztaklab.com/Human_snATAC)

### Grants

- 2025 – 2030 National Institute on Aging, #1P30AG092746-01 (PI: Vera Gorbunova)
- 2024 – 2029 National Institute on Aging, #2P01AG047200-11 (PI: Vera Gorbunova)

### Scientific Society Member

- 2025 – present Affiliate Membership of the Impact of Genomic Variation on Function Consortium (IGVF)
- 2022 – present Membership of the American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG)
- 2019 – present Membership of the American Society of Nephrology (ASN)

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- 2018 – 2020 Membership of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)

### Honors and Awards

- 2025 Moderator for the oral abstract session of the ASN Kidney Week 2025
- 2022 Poster Prize in the Penn-Stanford CVI Symposium at the University of Pennsylvania
- 2019 Poster Prize in the Epigenetics Symposium at the Franklin Institute
- 2017 Science and Technology Award, Heilongjiang Province People's Government
- 2014 National Scholarship for Doctoral Students, Ministry of Education of China
- 2012 Science and Technology Award, Education Department of Heilongjiang Province
- 2011 Science and Technology Award, Science and Technology Department of Heilongjiang Province
- 2010 Outstanding Master's Degree Graduates, Heilongjiang Province Office of Education

### Invited Talks

- 11/21/2025 *Invited speaker*, Center for Integrated Research Computing (CIRC) Symposium (Rochester, NY; [link](#))
- 11/02/2025 *Invited speaker*, Precision Medicine and Intelligent Health Meeting, Fujian Medical University (Virtual)
- 10/29/2025 *Invited speaker*, Aab Cardiovascular Research Institute, University of Rochester (Rochester, NY)
- 10/24/2025 *Invited speaker*, Aging Research Day 2025, University of Rochester (Rochester, NY; [link](#))
- 10/15/2025 *Invited speaker*, American Society of Human Genetics|ASHG 2025 Annual Meeting (Boston, MA; [link](#))
- 09/17/2025 *Invited speaker*, Seminar visit, Department of Genetics, University of Georgia (Athens, GA; [link](#))
- 08/08/2022 *Invited speaker*, ICIBM 2025, organized by the Ohio State University (Columbus, OH; [link](#))
- 06/11/2025 *Invited speaker*, Summer Applied Genomics Seminar, University of Rochester (Rochester, NY; [link](#))
- 04/08/2025 *Invited speaker*, Data Science in Medicine Seminar Series, Boston University (Virtual; [link](#))
- 04/05/2025 *Invited speaker*, Chinese Genomics Meet-up (CGM) (Virtual; [link](#))
- 03/31/2025 *Invited speaker*, The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Single-cell and Spatial Omics (Virtual; [link](#))
- 03/28/2025 *Invited speaker*, The MCBIOS Annual Meeting 2025, University of Utah (Salt Lake City, UT; [link](#))
- 03/20/2025 *Invited speaker*, Biomedical Genetics Department Seminar, University of Rochester (Rochester, NY)
- 02/05/2025 *Invited speaker*, Genetics, Epigenetics and Metabolism (GEM) Program Meeting (Rochester, NY; [link](#))
- 01/03/2025 *Invited speaker*, Nephrology Academic Seminar, Peking Union Medical College Hospital (Virtual)
- 12/26/2024 *Invited speaker*, The 3<sup>rd</sup> Nutsheller Symposium (Virtual)
- 12/18/2024 *Invited speaker*, Chromatin Collective, University of Rochester (Rochester, NY)
- 11/27/2024 *Invited speaker*, Renal Clinical Research Seminar, University of Rochester (Rochester, NY)
- 06/26/2024 *Invited speaker*, Summer Applied Genomics Seminar, University of Rochester (Rochester, NY; [link](#))
- 10/07/2022 *Lightning round presenter*, Annual MidAtlantic Bioinformatics Conference (Philadelphia, PA; [link](#))
- 08/08/2022 *Invited speaker*, ICIBM 2022, organized by the Ohio State University (Philadelphia, PA; [link](#))
- 05/19/2022 *Invited speaker*, Chinese Genomics Meet-up (CGM) (Virtual; [link](#))
- 04/25/2022 *Invited speaker*, Penn Genetics 2022 Global Scientific Symposium (Philadelphia, PA)
- 04/14/2022 *Invited speaker*, University of Science and Technology of China (Hefei, China)
- 03/06/2019 *Invited speaker*, Keystone symposia: Unraveling the Secrets of Kidney Disease (BC, Canada)
- 07/10/2016 *Invited speaker*, The International Symposium on the Frontier of Big Data in Science (Baotou, China)

### Poster Presentation

- 10/22/2025 *Poster presenter*, The IGVF Annual Meeting 2025, Durham Convention Center (Durham, NC)
- 05/13/2025 *Poster presenter*, The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Genetics Day, University of Rochester (Rochester, NY)
- 09/18/2024 *Poster presenter*, Epigenetics & Chromatin (Cold Spring Harbor, NY)
- 05/13/2024 *Poster presenter*, The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Genetics Day, University of Rochester (Rochester, NY)

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- 10/24/2022 Poster presenter and award, The Penn-Stanford CVI Symposium (Philadelphia, PA)
- 06/02/2022 Poster presenter, Upenn Department of Medicine 2022 Research Day, (Philadelphia, PA)
- 06/02/2022 Poster presenter, HUP/CHOP Renal Research Symposium (Philadelphia, PA)
- 03/15/2022 Poster presenter, Penn IDOM Spring Symposium (Philadelphia, PA)
- 12/16/2019 Poster presenter and award, Fox Chase Cancer Center Epigenetics Symposium (Philadelphia, PA)
- 11/05/2019 Poster presenter, Kidney Week 2019, American Society of Nephrology (Washington DC)
- 03/19/2019 Poster presenter, Penn IDOM Spring Symposium (Philadelphia, PA)
- 12/17/2015 Poster presenter, 8th International Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine Forum (Guangzhou, China)

### Professional Service

#### Teaching

- 2025 – PTH 507: Cancer Biology, Co-instructor (University of Rochester, [Course link](#))
- 2025 – PTH 510: Cell Biology of Disease, Co-instructor (University of Rochester, [Course link](#))
- 2025 – IND 419: Introduction to Quantitative Biology, Co-instructor (University of Rochester, [Course link](#))
- 2024 – IND 484: Current Topics in Bioinformatics, Co-instructor (University of Rochester, [Course link](#))
- 2024 Biomedical Data Science Hackathon Summer 2024, Instructor (University of Rochester, [Course link](#))
- 2015 – 2016 Computational Epigenetics, Co-instructor (Harbin Medical University)
- 2015 – 2016 Biomolecular Network Analysis, Instructor (Harbin Medical University)
- 2015 – 2016 Combinatorics and Graph Theory, Instructor (Harbin Medical University)
- 2011 – 2012 Database Principles and Applications, Instructor (Harbin Medical University)
- 2010 – 2011 System Biology, Co-Instructor (Harbin Medical University)

#### Postdoctoral Fellows Trained

- 2025 – present Haozhe Zou, Ph.D. (joint w/Gorbunova & Seluanov Lab)
- 2025 – present Yulong Tang, Ph.D.
- 2025 – present Shuangshuang Feng, Ph.D.
- 2024 – present Mengying Zhang, Ph.D.

#### Graduate Students Trained

- 2025 – present Zhicheng (Austin) Jin (joint w/Gorbunova & Seluanov Lab) (BGG, University of Rochester)

#### Rotation Graduate Students

- 2025 Spring Jacqueline Morin (BGG, University of Rochester)
- 2025 Spring Nidhi Shah (CMPP, University of Rochester)

#### Graduate Student Committees

- 2025 Hannah Swan Advisor: Matthew N McCall, Ph.D. University of Rochester
- 2025 Maxwell Zacher Advisor: Vera Gorbunova, Ph.D. University of Rochester
- 2025 – present Xiaomi Liu Advisor: Jennifer Brisson, Ph.D. University of Rochester
- 2025 – present Elijah Sterling Advisor: Kaixiong Ye, Ph.D. University of Georgia

#### Undergraduate Students Trained

- 2024 – present Naidhruva Deb (Microbiology and Anthropology, University of Rochester)
- 2024 – present Jessica Chen (Cell & Developmental Biology, University of Rochester)
- 2024 – present Sreejato Chatterjee (Computational Biology, University of Rochester)

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- 2024 – 2025 Xuke Wang (Cell & Developmental Biology, University of Rochester)
- 2024 – 2025 Zihang Yu (UR Biomedical Engineering; current position: graduate student at Columbia University)
- 2015 – 2016 Shanshan Zhang (HNU Bioinformatics; Current: Postdoctoral Associate in Kellis Lab at MIT)
- 2014 – 2015 Shipeng Shang (HNU Bioinformatics; Current: Assistant professor at Chongqing Medical University)
- 2013 – 2014 Yunzhen Wei (HNU Bioinformatics; Current: Assistant professor at Guangdong Medical University)
- 2012 – 2014 Rangfei Zhu (HNU Bioinformatics; Current: CEO of Hangzhou Mugu Technology Co., Ltd)

### Conference Organization Committee

- 2026 Program Committee, International Conference on Intelligent Biology and Medicine ([ICIBM 2026](#))
- 2025 Workshop Committee, International Conference on Intelligent Biology and Medicine ([ICIBM 2025](#))
- 2024 Trainee Committee, International Conference on Intelligent Biology and Medicine ([ICIBM 2024](#))

### Grant Review

- 2025 Reviewer, NASA Space Biology: Research Studies
- 2024 Reviewer, UK Research and Innovation of the United Kingdom

### Journal Editorial Board

- 2016 – present *Briefings in Functional Genomics* (Editorial Board)
- 2018 – 2019 *Frontiers in Genetics* (Guest Associate Editor)

### Ad-hoc Journal Reviewer

Aging	Human Molecular Genetics
Biochemical Society Transactions	Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer
Bioinformatics	Journal of Cancer
Biology Methods & Protocols	Journal of the American Heart Association
Briefings in Bioinformatics	Journal of the American Society of Nephrology
Briefings in Functional Genomics	Journal of Translational Medicine
Cell & Bioscience	Kidney International
Cell Death and Disease	Kidney International Reports
Cell Metabolism	MedComm
Cell Proliferation	Methods
Circulation: Genomic and Precision Medicine	Molecular Oncology
Computational and Structural Biotechnology Journal	Molecular Psychiatry
Computers in Biology and Medicine	Molecular Therapy - Nucleic Acids
Current Bioinformatics	Nature Communications
Database	Nucleic Acids Research
Diabetologia	Oncotarget
Epigenetics & Chromatin	Phenomics
Epigenomics	PLOS Computational Biology
Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience	PLOS Genetics
Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology	PLOS ONE
Frontiers in Genetics	Quantitative Biology
Frontiers in Oncology	Science Translational Medicine
Genes	Scientific Data