Jennifer Chang

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Information

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Network analysis, systems biology, heterogeneous data integration, visualization, bioinformatics, and software engineering.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology

Aug 2011 - May 2017

minor in Statistics

(expected)

Dissertation: "Mango: designing an environment for multi-network integration and analysis"

Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50010, USA

GPA: 3.71/4.00

B.A. in Computer Science and Biochemistry

Aug 2007 - May 2011

Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314, USA

Honours and Awards

Iowa Women of Innovation Collegian Innovation and Leadership Finalist & Winner	2016
Iowa State University Teaching Excellence Award	2015
Dale W. Young and W.E. Loomis Award	2015
James Cornette Fellowship	2014
NSF IGERT Fellowship	2011
Outstanding Junior Award	2010
First Year Computer Science Student Achievement Award	2008
State 2nd Place in Java Programming, Future Business Leaders of America,	2007

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS Chang, J., Cho, H., and Chou, H., "Mango: combining and analyzing heterogeneous biological networks", *BioData Mining*, August 2016

Cho, H., Chang, J., Liu, P., and Chou, H., "Prediction of Hfq-binding Regulatory RNAs in Escherichia coli based on Thermodynamic and Structural Analysis". (submitted 2016)

Tepper, C., Gaynor, S. and Chang, J., "Cryptic Speciation or Intragenomic Variation: Implications for the Millepores (Fire Coral)", 14th Symposium on the Natural History of the Bahamas., pp.20, 2011.

Professional Experience

Co-Founder Complex Computation, LLC

Jul 2015 – present

A software solution company, providing data analytic solutions, and workshops on network analysis. PI for a DARPA SBIR Contracts W911NF-15-P-0040 in 2015 and for a DARPA SBIR Contract in 2016. Part of 1st Cohort of the Iowa State University StartUp Factory in 2016.

Research Assistant Complex Computational Laboratory

Feb 2012 - present

<u>Lucy2</u>: updated the wxWidgets GUI, http://www.complex.iastate.edu/download/Lucy2/index.html Since the update in 2013, Lucy2 has been downloaded over 700 times on all platforms (Mac, Windows, Linux)

Mango: designed and developed a network visualization software with a new graph exploration language (Gel). http://www.complex.iastate.edu/download/Mango/index.html Plant Sciences Institute Scholar Grant in 2015. Presented and won awards at several conferences, see Conferences section. Mango has been licensed to Complex Computation, LLC.

Teaching Assistant GEN 409 Molecular Genetics

Fall 2016

The principles of molecular genetics: gene structure and function at the molecular level.

Teaching Assistant BCB 444 Introduction to Bioinformatics Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015 Ran weekly 2-hour lab sections teaching bioinformatic command-line tools, perl, genome assembly, and genome annotation to a mixture of undergraduate and graduate students. Provided mentoring and remedial help outside of lab and class times. Graded weekly assignments and exams. Authored and presented the systems biology lecture.

Research Assistant Lab of Dr. Eve Wurtele

Nov 2011 - Feb 2012

Reprogrammed the Fuzzies game in the Unity3D environment. The game provides an interactive interface to learn basic genetics concepts.

Research Assistant Lab of Dr. Di Cook

Sept 2011 - Nov 2011

Proof-read biovizbase, a Bioconductor package. Developed an exon splicing visualization function for ggbio, written in R. (https://github.com/j23414/Exon-Junction-Arches.git)

Webteam Student Worker

Aug 2007 - May 2011

Update college website, provide website development training to students and faculty. Used Java, HTML, CSS, php, BlueJ, Eclipse, Adobe Photoshop, Dreamweaver & Fireworks

Research Assistant Lab of Dr. Craig Tepper

Mar 2011

Performed Sanger sequencing of fire coral samples collected from the Bahamas for a conference publication. Wrote a protocol for using 4Sale, a tool for synchronous RNA sequence and secondary structure alignment and editing.

Programmer The Squirt Project: Building a Holonomic Turtle-Bot

Aug 2008 – Apr 2009

Worked in a team of four to design and build "Squirt," a holonomic tri-wheeled turtle-bot. A robot is holonomic if the number of degrees of freedom is greater than or equal to the total degrees of freedom. Squirt is holonomic because the drivetrain is composed of three omni-wheels mounted on the sides of an equilateral triangle. We programmed Squirt to be autonomous and right-wall following and presented at the Cornell College Student Symposium.

EXTRA
CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES

GDCB Technology Committee

2013 - present

Attended monthly meetings and provided website design feedback and outreach. Authored and distributed a form for student feedback.

BCB Graduate Student Organization

Aug 2011 – present

Provide bioinformatics related consultant work on Iowa State University Campus. Mentored two students in a project converting R code to C code. In 2014 and 2015, helped design and run the Unix and Python Workshops, each workshop lasting 4 hours. Taught Advanced Unix in Spring 2016.

Cornell College Computer Club

Aug 2010 - May 2011

Led one of three teams in an all-campus autonomous robot competition. Trained team members on programming VEX Robots.

Sustained Dialogue Campus Network

Head Moderator

Aug 2010 - May 2011

Provided training to student moderators. Led weekly moderator meetings to provide feedback and keep track of dialogue groups. Served as liason between e-board and moderators.

Vice-President

Aug 2009 – May 2010

Compiled and authored over 10 documents and workshops to train student moderators. Updated and interpreted internal files. Raised over \$4000 to send 20 students to the National Conference at Princeton University. Held monthly phone conference calls with national headquarters located in Washington, DC. As a result of revitalizing the organization and increasing campus impact, I received the 2010 Outstanding Junior Award.

Programming

C++, Matlab, Unix shell scripting, Perl, Python, \LaTeX , Java, R, wxWidgets, OpenGL, CUDA, Neo4j, Doxygen, Pymol, github, svn, Microsoft Visual Studio, XCode.

Referees

Dr. Hui-Hsien Chou

Dr. Di Cook Professor

Associate Professor Iowa State University Ames, Iowa, USA

Clayton, VIC, Australia

Monash University

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Dr. Andy Wildenberg

Dr. Heike HofmannFull Professor

Associate Professor Rocky Mountain College Billings, Montana, USA

Iowa State University Ames, Iowa, USA

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Conferences & Workshops ACM SIGCHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems May 5-10, 2012

International Symposium on Bioinformatics Research and Applications May 21-23, 2012

Danforth Center Fall Symposium

Sept 26-28, 2012

Poster: "Bioinformatics Laboratory (BCBLab)"

CRA-W Graduate Cohort Workshop

Apr 5-6, 2013

PSI Phenomics Workshop

Talk: "Large biological graph data analysis using Mango"

Nov 14,2014

Mar 5, 2015

Statistical Graphics Group Meeting

Talk: "Mango: an integrated environment for network visualization and exploration"

Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Retreat & Symposium Poster: "Mango: an environment for analyzing and exploring multiple networks" Mar 27, 2015

Jan 9-13 2016

PAG Plant and Animal Genome Conference

Poster: "Mango: an environment for combining heterogeneous networks" Computer Demo: "Mango: an environment for combining heterogeneous networks"

BCBGSO Unix and Python Workshop Series Talk: "Advanced Unix Workshop: working with grep, sed, and awk" Jan 28-30 2016

Statistical Graphics Group Meeting

Feb 25 2016

Discussion Leader: "Michael Friendly paper 'The Golden Age of Statistical Graphics"

Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Retreat & Symposium

Mar 25, 2016

Poster: "Mango: an environment for analyzing and exploring multiple networks"

Voted 1st place for Best Poster

April 12, 2016 3rd Annual Graduate & Professional Students' Research Conference Innovative Inventions: "Mango: an environment for combining massive heterogeneous networks" Outstanding Innovative Invention Award

Digital Agriculture Spoke All-Hands Meetings

May 16-17, 2016

Poster: "Mango: an environment for combining massive heterogeneous networks"

StartUp Factory Iowa State University Research Park

Jun 27-Aug 23, 2016

http://www.isupark.org/news-events/news/startup-factory-provides-new-o

StartUp: Complex Computation, LLC