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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Network analysis, systems biology, heterogeneous data integration, visualization, bioinformatics, and software engineering. Tech Startups. Swine Influenza A. Viruses. Nextflow programming.
EDUCATION	<p>Ph.D. in <b>Bioinformatics and Computational Biology</b> <i>Aug 2011 – June 2017</i> minor in <b>Statistics</b> Dissertation: "Designing an integrated system for biological network exploration" Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50010, USA GPA: 3.71/4.00</p> <p>B.A. in <b>Computer Science and Biochemistry</b> <i>Aug 2007 – May 2011</i> Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa 52314, USA</p>
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Bioinformatic Analyst III</b> Fred Hutch Cancer Center <i>Sept 2022 – present</i> Write and document Terra workflows and post to Dockstore. Edit the zika-tutorial-nextflow repo. Contribute to data ingest curation and code for ncov-ingest. Help out with Nextstrain office hours and answer lab or extern questions as needed. Regularly update pathogen builds such as <a href="https://next.nextstrain.org/zika">https://next.nextstrain.org/zika</a>, measles, and dengue. <a href="https://bedford.io/team/jennifer-chang">https://bedford.io/team/jennifer-chang</a>. 40 hrs/wk. Supervisor: Trevor Bedford, John Huddleston</p> <p><b>Bioinformatics Consultant</b> <i>Nov 2021 – Sept 2022</i> Remote contract work, contributing to different projects on github, mainly for a non-profit in Seattle. <a href="https://bedford.io/team/jennifer-chang">https://bedford.io/team/jennifer-chang</a>. 40 hrs/wk. Supervisor: Trevor Bedford, John Huddleston</p> <p><b>Bioinformatics Post-Doc, ORISE SciNet Fellow</b> USDA-ARS <i>Jun 2020 – Nov 2021</i> ORISE SCINet Fellowship is part of the Big Data initiative to encourage cross-disciplinary, cross-location research: Contribute to and improve tutorials in the bioinformatics workbook. Designed and coordinated SCINet Corner which is a monthly virtual meeting space where USDA researchers from across the USA meet, share HPC best practices, listen to demos, and network. Drafted the GATK pipeline in Nextflow for Hufford Lab. Drafted the VGP Assembly pipeline in Nextflow for the ag100pest group. <a href="https://bioinformaticsworkbook.org/">https://bioinformaticsworkbook.org/</a> 40 hrs/wk. Supervisors: Andrew Severin, Brian Scheffler</p> <p><b>Computational Biologist Post-Doc, ORISE Fellow</b> USDA-ARS <i>Aug 2017 – Jun 2020</i> Using R, Bash, and Perl in computational and statistical analysis of influenza A viruses (IAV) in swine. Collaboratively develop scientific study designs for specific scientific objectives either in pig or computational models. Prepare the quarterly surveillance report every 3 months and present the information to scientists across multiple locations over conference calls. Select 21 virus for whole genome sequences each month which are later deposited and shared on NCBI GenBank. 40 hrs/wk. Supervisor: Amy Vincent</p> <p><b>Co-Founder</b> Complex Computation, LLC; Ames, Iowa, USA <i>Jul 2015 – Aug 2017</i> Co-founder to market Mango Graph Studio where the company provides software solutions and workshops on network analysis. Served as PI for DARPA SBIR Contract W911NF-15-P-0040 in 2015 and for DARPA SBIR Contract W911NF-17-P-0014 in 2016 and prepared monthly progress reports on findings. Part of 1st Cohort of the Iowa State University StartUp Factory in 2016. Led a team of 3 software and electrical engineers to design and develop methods on signal analysis. Presented the findings in-person to DARPA at a conference in Durham, NC. Collaborated with scientists and researchers at Iowa State University and other locations to develop network analysis pipelines to answer a variety of biological questions. Varied from 20 to 40 hrs/wk Supervisor: Hui-Hsien Chou</p>

**Research Assistant** Complex Computational Laboratory; Iowa State Univ. *Feb 2012 – Aug 2017*  
Lucy2: 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). Won 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.

20 hrs/wk. Supervisor: Hui-Hsien Chou

**Teaching Assistant** GEN 409 Molecular Genetics; Iowa State University *Fall 2016*

The principles of molecular genetics: gene structure and function at the molecular level. Graded exams and homework and provided detailed feedback.

20 hrs/wk. Supervisor: Yanhai Yin

**Teaching Assistant** BCB 444 Introduction to Bioinformatics; Iowa State U. *Fall 2013, 2014, 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. Occasionally answered questions on study design for graduate students depending on time available.

20 hrs/wk. Supervisor: Hui-Hsien Chou

**Research Assistant** Lab of Dr. Eve Wurtele; Iowa State U. *Nov 2011 – Feb 2012*

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

20 hrs/wk. Supervisor: Eve Wurtele

**Research Assistant** Lab of Dr. Di Cook; Iowa State U. *Sept 2011 – Nov 2011*

Proof-read biovizbase, a Bioconductor package. Developed an exon splicing visualization function for ggbio, written in R. Presented the results to peers in a statistical graphics group and a bioinformatics graduate student group. (<https://github.com/j23414/Exon-Junction-Arches.git>)

20 hrs/wk. Supervisor: Di Cook

**Webteam Student Worker**; Cornell College *Aug 2007 – May 2011*

Update college website, provide website development training to students and faculty.

**Research Assistant** Lab of Dr. Craig Tepper; Cornell College *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; Cornell College *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. Programmed Squirt to be autonomously and right-wall following and presented at the Cornell College Student Symposium.

part-time, varied hrs/week. Supervisor: Andy Wildenberg

#### HONOURS AND AWARDS

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

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EXTRA  
CURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES

**Bioinformatics & Computational Biology Graduate Student Organization** 2011 – 2017

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.

**GDCB Technology Committee**

2013 – 2016

For the Genetics, Development and Cellular Biology (GDCB) department, attended monthly meetings and provided website design feedback and outreach. Authored and distributed a form for student feedback.

**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, received the 2010 Outstanding Junior Award.

PROGRAMMING

C++, R, Python, Perl, Bash, Java, wxWidgets, OpenGL, Nextflow, WDL

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**

Nov 14, 2014

Talk: "Large biological graph data analysis using Mango"

**Statistical Graphics Group Meeting**

Mar 5, 2015

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

**Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Retreat & Symposium**

Mar 27, 2015

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

**PAG Plant and Animal Genome Conference**

Jan 9-13 2016

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

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

**BCBGSO Unix and Python Workshop Series**

Jan 28-30, 2016

Talk: "Advanced Unix Workshop: working with grep, sed, and awk"

**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

**3rd Annual Graduate & Professional Students' Research Conference** April 12, 2016  
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 - Dec 2016  
<http://www.isupark.org/news-events/news/startup-factory-provides-new-o>  
StartUp: Complex Computation, LLC  
Attendees: **Jennifer Chang**, Hui-Hsien Chou, William Ash

**DARPA/MTO M3IC Kick-Off Meeting** Durham, NC Mar 29 - 30, 2017  
Magnetic Miniaturized and Monolithically Integrated Components (M3IC) meeting for the DARPA SBIR Phase I Contract W911NF-17-P-0014  
Talk: Complex Computation, LLC Phase I Progress Report

**IEEE BIBM 2017** Kansas City, MO Nov 13 - 16, 2017  
IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine  
Workshop: The 8th Integrative Data Analysis in Systems Biology  
Workshop Paper: "Cavatica: a pipeline for identifying author adoption trends among software or methods"  
Authors: **Jennifer Chang**, Hui-Hsien Chou

**NSF Cyber Carpentry Workshop** Chapel Hill, NC Jul 16 - 27, 2018  
Data Lifecycle Training  
Project Proposal: Cavatica. Led 2 teams to containerize Cavatica as Docker and Singularity images over the course of a week. Each team composed of 5 graduate students or post doctorates from different universities and fields ranging from biology, statistics to social science. Answered coding questions as needed.

**CANA: Center for Applied Network Analysis** University of Southern California Oct 12, 2018  
Valente directs the Center for Applied Network Analysis (CANA) which hosts a twice monthly, two-hour, lab meeting in which students, post-docs, and faculty present work in progress. Connected to the group via Anuja Majmudar from the 2018 NSF CyberCarpentry Workshop.  
Talk: Mango Graph Studio and social network applications.

**CRWAD: Conference of Research Workers in Animal Disease** Chicago, IL Dec 1 - 4, 2018  
Poster: "Spatial and temporal patterns of swine IAV gene constellations in the USA from 2010 to 2018"  
Authors: **Jennifer Chang**, Tavis K. Anderson, Amy L. Vincent

**Student Research Symposium** San Diego State University Mar 1 - 2, 2019  
Grew out of a collaboration after meeting Anuja Majmudar at the 2018 NSF CyberCarpentry. They used Cavatica to research E-Cigarettes and Social Media.  
Poster: "Network Analysis of Social Media Data-Based Research on Electronic Cigarettes"  
Authors: Taylor Perry, Christian Dominguez, **Jennifer Chang**, Anuja Majmudar, Erlinde Cornelis

**Iowa State Research Day** Iowa State University Mar 28, 2019  
Poster: "N2 NA coordinated evolution with HA increases influenza A virus genetic diversity in swine"  
Authors: Micheal A. Zeller, **Jennifer Chang**, Tavis K. Anderson, Amy L. Vincent, Phillip C. Gauger

**PyCon 2019:** Python Software Foundation, Cleveland, OH May 1 - 9, 2019  
Poster: "Making Python libraries machine accessible"  
Authors: Zebulun W. Arendsee, **Jennifer Chang**, Andrew Wilkey

**CEIRS** 10th CEIRS Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD *June 23-26, 2019*  
**Poster:** "Spatial and temporal patterns of swine IAV gene constellations and reassortment in the USA from 2009 to 2019"  
 Authors: **Jennifer Chang**, Tavis K. Anderson, Amy L. Vincent  
**Talk:** "Antigenic distance of North American swine influenza A virus (H3N2) and human H3N2 seasonal strains as an indication of risk to human populations"  
 Authors: Carine K. Souza, Divya Venkatesh, Tavis K. Anderson, **Jennifer Chang**, Nicola Lewis, Susan E. Detmer, Ignacio Mena, Marie Culhane, Martha Nelson, Adolfo Garcia-Sastre, Amy L. Vincent  
**Talk:** "Molecular determinants facilitating sustained interspecies transmission of human H3N2 influenza A virus in United States pigs"  
 Authors: Joshua D. Powell, Eugenio J. Abente, Carine K. Souza, **Jennifer Chang**, Daniela S. Rajao, Tavis K. Anderson, Amy L. Vincent

**CRWAD: Conference of Research Workers in Animal Disease** Chicago, IL *Nov 2 - 5, 2019*  
**Talk:** "Evolutionary diversification of clade 1A.3.3.3 H1 swine influenza A viruses and zoonotic risk in the United States"  
 Authors: Tavis K. Anderson, Kelly F. Hewitt, **Jennifer Chang**, Michael A. Zeller, Divya Venkatesh, Nicola S. Lewis, Amy L. Vincent

**ISMB: 28th Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology** *July 13 - 16, 2020*  
 Virtual Attendee: <https://iscb-ismb20.myconferencenow.com>

**BCC2020: Bioinformatics Community Conference** *July 16 - 21, 2020*  
 Virtual Attendee: <https://bcc2020.sched.com>

**Arthropod Genomics Symposium 2020** *July 21 - 23, 2020*  
 Virtual Attendee: <https://bcc2020.sched.com>

**USDA-ARS Software Carpentry Workshop** *Aug 18 - 19, 2020*  
 Virtual Helper: <https://s-canchi.github.io/2020-08-18-USDA/>

**SCINet Geospatial Workshop** *Aug 25 - 31, 2020*  
 Virtual Attendee: <https://kerriegeil.github.io/SCINET-GEOSPATIAL-RESEARCH-WG/>

**9th Annual Geo for Good Summit** *Oct 20 - 21, 2020*  
 Virtual Attendee: <https://earthoutreachonair.withgoogle.com/events/geoforgood20>

**GLBIO 2021: Great Lakes Bioinformatics Conference** *May 10 - 13, 2021*  
**Poster:** "morloc: type-directed code generation can reduce the hassle of developing scientific software"  
 Authors: Zebulun Arendsee, **Jennifer Chang**  
<https://www.iscb.org/glbio2021>

**13th Annual SISMID 2021** *July 7- 23, 2021*  
 Summer Institute in Statistics and Modeling in Infectious Diseases  
**Module 2:** "Mathematical Models of Infectious Diseases" Instructors: Micaela Martinez; Marc Lipsitch"  
**Module 5:** "Spatial Statistics in Epidemiology and Public Health" Instructors: Jonathan Wakefield; Lance Waller"  
**Module 8:** "MCMC I for Infectious Diseases" Instructors: Kari Auranen; M. Elizabeth Halloran; Vladimir Minin"  
**Module 13:** "Pathogen Evolution, Selection, and Immunity" Instructors: Trevor Bedford; Sarah Cobey"  
<https://si.biostat.washington.edu/suminst/sismid2021/modules>

**NCBI Codeathon - beyond phylogenies** *Jul 25 - 29, 2022*  
 Team 6: <https://github.com/NCBI-Codeathons/beyond-phylogenies-team6>

**Nextflow Summit 2022** *Oct 12 - 14, 2022*  
 Virtual Attendee: <https://summit.nextflow.io/>

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