Jennifer Chang

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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 2016*
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 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., "Heterogeneous network integration and exploration using Mango". (to be submitted 2015)

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 2015)

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, workshops, and training materials on network analysis.

Research Assistant Complex Computational Laboratory *Feb 2012 – present*
Lucy2: updated the wxWidgets GUI, http://www.complex.iastate.edu/download/Lucy2/index.html Since the update in 2013, Lucy2 has been downloaded over 600 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 Mango won funding from the Plant Sciences Institute Scholar Grant in 2015. Gave a series of talks introducing Mango across campus at the PSI Faculty Workshop, Statistical Graphics Working Group Meeting, and the BCB Retreat & Symposium (with poster).

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 with Myka Peterson, Sarah Gilliland, and John Klingner 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, Volunteered and helped design 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
Associate Professor
Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa, USA
contact info: *available on request*

Dr. Di Cook
Professor
Monash University
Clayton, VIC, Australia
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Dr. Andy Wildenberg
Associate Professor
Rocky Mountain College
Billings, Montana, USA
contact info: *available on request*

Dr. Heike Hofmann
Full Professor
Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa, USA
contact info: *available on request*

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 *Dec 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"