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I develop and maintain software that wrangles complex molecular sequence data to make analytical predictions about population genetic evolutionary processes. I have specific expertise in Python, HPC (SLURM) and bash scripting, R/Python package development, and React/Vite programming experience.

### Postdoctoral Researcher

2023 - Nov 2025

*Parul Johri Lab (Population genetics), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*

- Built [Bvalcalc](#) Python CLI to generate analytically predicted maps of expected diversity with custom web app to host documentation. [\[docs\]](#)[\[repo\]](#)
- Tested forward-time population genetic simulations (e.g., SLiM) to identify pitfalls and establish best practices [\[preprint\]](#)[\[viz\]](#)
- Demographic inference testing using Ancestral Recombination Graph-based approaches for human and *Drosophila* [\[publication\]](#)

### PhD, Plant Bioinformatics

2019-2023

*David Edwards Group (Plant bioinformatics), University of Western Australia*

- Designed and built [crosshap](#) R package for visualizing dashboard of trait mining info in local genomic region for GWAS [\[publication\]](#)[\[repo\]](#)
- Found pod dehiscence (pod shatter) domestication QTL candidate in *Vigna unguiculata* (cowpea) using public databases & phylogenetics [\[publication\]](#)
- Haplotype mapping (SV/SNP) and GWAS for variant discovery in major soybean protein QTL [\[publication\]](#)

### BSc (Honours)

2014-2018

*Ryan Lister Lab (Epigenomics), University of Western Australia*

- Single-cell transcriptomics of *A. thaliana* developing leaf using Seurat (2018)
- Genetics (Major), History (Major) (2014-2017)

References available upon request.