Mitchell R. Vollger

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

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Education

Sep 2016 – March 2021	**Ph.D in Genome Sciences**, *University of Washington*, Seattle, Washington, GPA – 3.86
Sep. 2011 – June 2015	**B.S.E. in Computer Science Engineering**, *Princeton University*, Princeton, New Jersey, *GPA – 3.13*. Student of the Integrated Science Curriculum
Sep. 2011 – June 2015	**Certificate in Quantitative and Computational Biology**, *Princeton University*, Princeton, New Jersey, *GPA – 3.48*
Sep. 2008 – June 2011	**Associate of Arts Degree in Mathematics**, *College of the Redwoods*, Eureka, California, *GPA – 4.00*
Sep. 2008– June 2011	**Associate of Arts Degree in Science**, *College of the Redwoods*, Eureka, California, *GPA – 4.00*

Postdoctoral Experience

April 2022 – Present	**Postdoctoral Scholar in Medical Genetics**, *University of Washington*, Seattle, Washington, Lab of Andrew B. Stergachis
March 2021 – April 2022	**Postdoctoral Scholar at Genome Sciences**, *University of Washington*, Seattle, Washington, Lab of Evan E. Eichler

Honors and Awards

2011	Graduated with Highest Honors, College of the Redwoods
2011	National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar

2011 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist

2011 Valedictorian, Academy of the Redwoods

Professional Organizations

2020-Present Member of the Telomere to Telomere consortium (T2T)

2020-Present Member of the Human Pangenome Reference Consortium (HPRC)

2021 Member of American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG)

Research Funding

Fall 2022 - Fall 2023 NIH/NHGRI T32 Genome Training Grant through the Division of Medical Genetics at University of Washington.

Fall 2017 - Fall 2019 BDGN, Big Data in Genomics and Neuroscience. Awarded for two years.

Fall 2016 - Fall 2017 NIH/NHGRI T32, through the Genome Training Grant. Awarded for two years.

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Collaborative author

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— Nicolas Altemose, Glennis A. Logsdon, Andrey V. Bzikadze, Pragya Sidhwani, Sasha A. Langley, Gina V. Caldas, ...**Mitchell R. Vollger**..., et al. Complete genomic and epigenetic maps of human centromeres. *Science*. 2022. 10.1126/science.abl4178

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— Savannah J. Hoyt, Jessica M. Storer, Gabrielle A. Hartley, Patrick G. S. Grady, Ariel Gershman, Leonardo G. de Lima, ...**Mitchell R. Vollger**..., et al. From telomere to telomere: The transcriptional and epigenetic state of human repeat elements. *Science*. 2022. 10.1126/science.abk3112

— Sergey Nurk, Sergey Koren, Arang Rhie, Mikko Rautiainen, Andrey V. Bzikadze, Alla Mikheenko, **Mitchell R. Vollger**, et al. The complete sequence of a human genome. *Science*. 2022. 10.1126/science.abj6987

— Erich D. Jarvis, Giulio Formenti, Arang Rhie, Andrea Guarracino, Chentao Yang, Jonathan Wood, ...**Mitchell R. Vollger**..., et al. Automated assembly of high-quality diploid human reference genomes. *bioRxiv*. 2022. 10.1101/2022.03.06.483034

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— Wesley C. Warren, R. Alan Harris, Marina Haukness, Ian T. Fiddes, Shwetha C. Murali, Jason Fernandes, ...**Mitchell R. Vollger**..., et al. Sequence diversity analyses of an improved rhesus macaque genome enhance its biomedical utility. *Science*. 2020. 10.1126/science.abc6617

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— Karen H. Miga, Sergey Koren, Arang Rhie, **Mitchell R. Vollger**, Ariel Gershman, Andrey Bzikadze, et al. Telomere-to-telomere assembly of a complete human X chromosome. *Nature*. 2020. 10.1038/s41586-020-2547-7

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— Flavia A. M. Maggiolini, Stuart Cantsilieris, Pietro D'Addabbo, Michele Manganelli, Bradley P. Coe, Beth L. Dumont, ...**Mitchell R. Vollger**..., et al. Genomic inversions and GOLGA core duplicons underlie disease instability at the 15q25 locus. *PLOS Genetics*. 2019. 10.1371/journal.pgen.1008075

Invited Talks

Feb 2023 **Speaker**, *AGBT 2023*, Hollywood Florida, National
Comprehensive diploid genetic and epigenetic profiles with single-molecule precision

Dec 2022 **Lighting talk**, *Genome Sciences 20th anniversary symposium*, University of Washington
A complete view of segmental duplications and their variation

Oct 2022 **Invited talk**, *Long-Read, Long-Range scientific interest group*, NIH
Using a complete human reference to explore variation in segmental duplications

Aug 2022 **Plenary talk**, *T2T-F2F conference, National*, University of California Santa Cruz
Increased mutation rate and interlocus gene conversion within human segmental duplications

March 2022 **Speaker**, *UCSC BME departmental seminar series, Local*
Segmental duplications and their variation in a complete human genome

Oct 2021 **Speaker**, *NHGRI computational biology seminar series, Local*
Segmental duplications and their variation in a complete human genome

Sep 2021 **Section talk**, *American Society of Human Genetics, National*
A complete view of segmental duplications and their variation

Sep 2020 **Plenary talk**, *T2T and HPRC conference, National*, University of Washington
A complete view of segmental duplications and their variation

Sep 2019 **Plenary talk**, *Pacific Biosciences User Group Meeting, National*, University of Delaware
Improved Assembly of Segmental Duplications Using HiFi

Feb 2015 **Speaker**, *The Princeton High Throughput Sequencing Group, Local*, Princeton University
Computational methods to quantify DNA damage done to Saccharomyces cerevisiae by UV and Cisplatin

Posters

September 2022 **Fibertools: computational methods for chromatin accessibility with long-reads**, *Genome Sciences Annual Retreat*, Washington University

May 2021 **A complete view of segmental duplications and their variation**, *Biology of genomes*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

December 2019 **Improved Assembly of Human Genomes Using HiFi**, *Annual Scientific Meeting*, Howard Hughes Medical Institute
Presented a poster on my research on assembly of human genomes using accurate long reads.

October 2018 **Resolving segmental duplications using long reads and correlation clustering**, *Collaborative Seminar Series*, Allen Institute, Fred Hutch, and UW Medicine
Presented a poster on my thesis research on developing and applying methods that use paralog specific variants (PSVs) to resolve collapsed duplications to improve genome assembly.

September 2017/2018 **Resolving Segmental Duplications with PSV based Community Detection**, *Genome Sciences Annual Retreat*, Washington University
Presented a poster on my thesis research on developing and applying methods that use paralog specific variants (PSVs) to resolve collapsed duplications to improve genome assembly.

April 2017 **Identifying Multiple Charge States of Peptides in Mass Spectrometry**, *2017 NHGRI Annual Meeting*, Washington University in St. Louis
Presented a poster on the research I did with William Noble. A description of the research can be found in the Independent Work and Research section.

Research Experience

April 2022 - Present **Postdoctoral Scholar**, *Exploring regulatory elements and chromatin architecture with Fiber-Seq*, University of Washington
Advisor Andrew B. Stergachis.

Spring 2021 - April 2022 **Postdoctoral Scholar**, *Resolving Duplications in Genome Assembly*, University of Washington
Advisor Evan Eichler, Genome Sciences.

Spring 2018 - 2021 **Doctoral Candidate**, *Resolving Duplications in Genome Assembly*, University of Washington
Advisor Evan Eichler, Genome Sciences.

Spring 2017 - Spring 2018 **Predoctoral Candidate**, *See previous item*, University of Washington

Winter 2017 **Predoctoral Candidate**, *Identifying Insertion/Deletion Events in Mendelian Diseases*, University of Washington
Advisor Debbie Nickerson, Genome Sciences.

Fall 2016 **Predoctoral Candidate**, *Tandem Identification of Multiple Charge States in MS*, University of Washington
Advisor William Noble, Genome Sciences.

Fall 2014 - Summer 2015 **Undergraduate Researcher**, *Developing a Reference Genome for W303*, Princeton University
Advisor Alison Gammie, Molecular Biology Department. Developed methods to create a reference genome for W303 *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* using existing high-throughput sequencing data.

Fall 2014 - Summer 2015 **Undergraduate Researcher**, *Quantifying Mutations Due to Cisplatin and UV*, Princeton University
Advisor Alison Gammie, Molecular Biology Department.

Fall 2013 **Undergraduate Researcher**, *Analysis of an Artificial Transcription Factor*, Princeton University
Advisors Megan McClean, Alison Gammie, Marcus Noyes.

Teaching Experience

October 2022 **Invited Lecture**, *Genomics and Proteomics (Genome 372)*, Gene discovery and comparative genomics
University of Washington, Department of Genome Sciences

Spring 2022 **Primary Lecturer**, *Introduction to Statistical Genomics (Genome 560)*
University of Washington, Department of Genome Sciences

Winter 2020 **Teaching Assistant**, *Introduction to Computational Molecular Biology*, Lead weekly discussion sections, organized and graded assignments, and held weekly office hours
University of Washington, Department of Genome Sciences

Summer 2019 **Teaching Assistant**, *Fundamentals of Genetics and Genomics* , Lead weekly discussion sections, graded assignments, and held weekly office hours
University of Washington, Department of Genome Sciences

Programming Languages

Daily Python, Snakemake, R

Weekly Rust

As needed C, C++, Java, LaTeX

References

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