

# PENG ZHOU

Post Doctoral Associate at [University of Minnesota](#) working on maize genomics, gene regulation, heterosis and stress response.

I am broadly interested in genomics, computational biology, data integration and visualization.



## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

present  
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2016

### Post Doctoral Associate

Department of Plant and Microbial Biology

📍 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

- Elucidate hybrid vigor using multi-omics approach; data mining on functional gene regulations; elucidation of transcriptional regulatory differences underlying stress response; integrating multi-omics dataset for transcriptional network construction.
- Nathan M. Springer Lab

2016  
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2015

### AgroInformatics Analyst

Department of Applied Economics

📍 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

- Design and implement a generic database and user interface for storing genotyping, breeding and phenotyping information for soybean breeding programs.

2015  
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2009

### Research Assistant

Department of Plant Pathology

📍 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

- *Medicago truncatula* reference genome assembly, characterization of structural variation in the population, pan-genome construction



## EDUCATION

2015  
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2009

### Ph.D. Plant Pathology & Bioinformatics

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

📍 St. Paul US

- Thesis: Defense-related gene families in the model legume, *Medicago truncatula*: computational analysis, pan-genome characterization, and structural variation
- Advisor: Prof. Neivn D. Young

2009  
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2007

### M.S. Forensic Medicine

Xi'an Jiaotong University

📍 Xi'an CN

- Thesis: Dissection of Common Mitochondrial Haplogroups using Coding Region SNPs
- Advisor: Prof. Shengbin Li



## CONTACT

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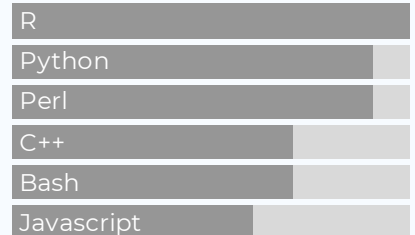
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## LANGUAGE SKILLS



*Last updated on 2020-06-17.*

2007  
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2003

- **B.E. Biological Engineering & Computer Science and Technology**  
Xi'an Jiaotong University 📍 Xi'an CN



## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2012  
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2011

- **PLPA5001: Introductory Plant Pathology**  
Department of Plant Pathology 📍 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
  - Teach laboratory sessions, lead discussion sections, answer questions and grade examinations.

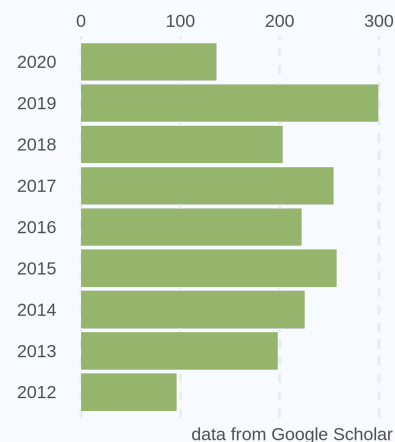


## PUBLICATIONS

2020

- **Cis-regulatory elements within TEs can influence expression of nearby maize genes**  
*bioRxiv*. 2020. p. 2020.05.20.107169.
  - Noshay JM, Marand AP, Anderson SN, **Zhou P**, Guerra MKM, Lu Z, et al
- **Stable unmethylated DNA demarcates expressed genes and their cis-regulatory space in plant genomes**  
*bioRxiv*. 2020. p. 2020.05.21.109744
  - Crisp PA, Marand AA, Noshay JM, **Zhou P**, Lu Z, Schmitz RJ, et al
- **Widespread imprinting of transposable elements and young genes in the maize endosperm**  
*bioRxiv*. 2020. p. 2020.04.08.032573.
  - Anderson SN, **Zhou P**, Higgins K, Brandvain Y, Springer NM
- **Meta Gene Regulatory Networks in Maize Highlight Functionally Relevant Regulatory Interactions**  
*Plant Cell*. 2020, 32: 1377-1396.
  - **Zhou P**, Li Z, Magnusson E, Cano FAG, Crisp PA, Noshay J, Grotewold E, HirschC, Briggs SP, Springer NM
  - Impact Factor = 8.631
- **Variation and Inheritance of Small RNAs in Maize Inbreds and F1 Hybrids**  
*Plant Physiol*. 2020, 182: 318-331.
  - Crisp PA, Hammond R, **Zhou P**, Vaillancourt B, Lipzen A, Daum C, et al
- **Monitoring the interplay between transposable element families and DNA methylation in maize**  
*PLoS Genet*. 2019, 15: e1008291.
  - Noshay JM, Anderson SN, **Zhou P**, Ji L, Ricci W, Lu Z, et al

- Citation = 1906
- H-index = 13
- I10-index = 14



- **Transposable elements contribute to dynamic genome content in maize**  
*Plant Journal*. 2019, 100: 1052-1065.  
 • Anderson SN, Stitzer MC, Brohammer AB, Zhou P, Noshay JM, O'Connor CH, et al
- **Highly Genotype- and Tissue-specific Single-Parent Expression Drives Dynamic Gene Expression Complementation in Maize Hybrids**  
*bioRxiv*. 2019,. p. 668681.  
 • Li Z, Zhou P, Della Coletta R, Zhang T, Brohammer AB, Vaillancourt B, et al
- **Dynamic Patterns of Gene Expression Additivity and Regulatory Variation throughout Maize Development**  
*Molecular Plant*. 2019, 12: 410-425.  
 • Zhou P, Hirsch CN, Briggs SP, Springer NM  
 • Impact Factor = 10.812
- 2017 ● **Strategies for optimizing BioNano and Dovetail explored through a second reference quality assembly for the legume model**  
*BMC Genomics*. 2017, 18: 578.  
 • Moll KM\*, Zhou P\*, Ramaraj T, Fajardo D, Devitt NP, Sadowsky MJ, et al
- **Exploring structural variation and gene family architecture with De Novo assemblies of 15 Medicago genomes**  
*BMC Genomics*. 2017, 18: 261.  
 • Zhou P, Silverstein KAT, Ramaraj T, Guhlin J, Denny R, Liu J, et al
- 2016 ● **Putative cobalt- and nickel-binding proteins and motifs in *Streptococcus pneumonia***  
*Curr Opin Plant Biol*. 2016, 30: 19–24.  
 • Young ND, Zhou P, Silverstein KA
- 2013 ● **Detecting small plant peptides using SPADA (Small Peptide Alignment Discovery Application)**  
*BMC Bioinformatics*. 2013, 14: 335.  
 • Zhou P, Silverstein KA, Gao L, Walton JD, Nallu S, Guhlin J, et al
- 2011 ● **Whole-genome nucleotide diversity, recombination, and linkage disequilibrium in the model legume *Medicago truncatula***  
*Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*. 2011, 108: E864-70.  
 • Branca A, Paape TD, Zhou P, Briskine R, Farmer AD, Mudge J, et al

- **The Medicago genome provides insight into the evolution of rhizobial symbioses**

*Nature*. 2011, 480: 520-524.

- Young ND, Debellé F, Oldroyd GED, ... , Zhou P, ..., et al
- 🏆 ESI Highly Cited Paper



## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 ● **Meta gene regulatory networks in maize refine functionally relevant regulatory interactions**  
Plant and Animal Genome XXVIII Conference 📍 San Diego, CA
- 2019 ● **Exploring Functional Transcriptomics using Gene Regulatory Networks in Maize.**  
61<sup>st</sup> Annual Maize Genetics Conference 📍 St. Louis, MO
- 2018 ● **Documenting the Manifestations of Heterosis in Co-expression Networks for Maize**  
Plant and Animal Genome XXVI Conference 📍 San Diego, CA
- 2014 ● **The Medicago Pan-Genome Reveals Large-scale Variation**  
Plant and Animal Genome XXII Conference 📍 San Diego, CA
- 2013 ● **Detecting secreted peptides in plants using SPADA (Secreted Peptide Alignment Discovery Algorithm)**  
Plant and Animal Genome XXI Conference 📍 San Diego, CA
- 2011 ● **Population-Scale Deep Sequencing Reveals Extensive Structural Variation in Medicago species**  
Minnesota Supercomputing Institute Research Exhibition 📍 Minneapolis, MN
- **Genome Distribution and Population Genetics of Nodule-Specific Cysteine-Rich (NCR) Peptides in Medicago**  
Plant and Animal Genome XIX Conference 📍 San Diego, CA
- 2010 ● **A Medicago truncatula Hapmap as a Platform for Exploring the Genetics of Symbiosis**  
Plant and Animal Genome XVIII Conference 📍 San Diego, CA



## INVITED PRESENTATIONS/SEMINARS

- 2019 ● **Co-expression based Gene Regulatory Networks Predict Functional Interactions in Maize**  
📍 China Agriculture University, Beijing
- **Transcriptome Dynamics in Maize**  
📍 Huazhong Agriculture University, Wuhan

2016

- **Toward a Medicago Pan-genome: Assembling and Comparing Multiple Genomes**

*Medicago truncatula* Workshop    📍 Noble Research Institute, Ardmore

- **Assembling and Comparing Multiple High-Quality Medicago Genomes**

📍 Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), Beijing