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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin Ph.D. in Ecology, Evolution and Behavior (expected May 2016) Research focus in Computational Molecular Evolution Advisor: Claus O. Wilke	2011 - present
Brown University Sc.B. in Biology, with Honors Concentration in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Advisor: Daniel M. Weinreich	2006 - 2010

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

EEB Blair Endowment Travel Award Department of Integrative Biology, UT Austin	2015
Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Predoctoral Fellowship (NIGMS/NIH) University of Texas at Austin	2015 – 2017
Outstanding Teaching Award Biology Instructional Office, UT Austin	2014
EEB Travel Award Department of Integrative Biology, UT Austin	2013
SMBE Graduate Student Travel Award Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution	2013
Integrative Biology Graduate Recruitment Fellowship Department of Integrative Biology, UT Austin	2011
Karen T. Romer Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award Brown University	2009

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

6. **Spielman SJ**, Kumar K*, and Wilke CO. *Comprehensive, structurally-curated alignment and phylogeny of vertebrate biogenic amine receptors*. PeerJ 3:e773 <http://dx.doi.org/10.7717/peerj.773>
5. **SJ Spielman** and CO Wilke. *The relationship between dN/dS and scaled selection coefficients*. Mol Biol Evol 32(4):1097-1108.
4. **Spielman SJ**, Dawson ET*, and Wilke CO. 2014. *Limited utility of residue masking for positive-selection inference*. Mol Biol Evol 31(9):2496 - 2500.
3. Shahmoradi A, Sydykova DK*, **Spielman SJ**, Jackson EL, Dawson ET* Meyer AG, and Wilke CO. 2014. *Predicting evolutionary site variability from structure in viral proteins: buriedness, flexibility, and design*. J Mol Evol 79:130 - 142.
2. Tien MZ*, Meyer AG, Sydykova DK*, **Spielman SJ**, and Wilke CO. 2013. *Maximum allowed solvent accessibilities of residues in proteins*. PLoS One 8(11):e80635.
1. **Spielman SJ** and Wilke CO. 2013. *Membrane environment imposes unique selection pressures in transmembrane domains of G-protein coupled receptors*. J Mol Evol 76(3):172 - 182.

*Denotes undergraduate co-author.

PREPRINTS AND OPINIONS

1. **Spielman SJ**[†], Meyer, AG[†], and Wilke CO. 2014. *Increased evolutionary rate in the 2014 West African Ebola outbreak is due to transient polymorphism and not positive selection*. bioRxiv doi: 10.1101/011429. [†]Authors contributed equally.

PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

How limited data and transient polymorphism influence evolutionary sequence analysis of EBOV genomes.

Contributed poster at *Modeling the Spread and Control of Ebola in West Africa: a rapid response workshop*.

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA 2015.

Limited utility of residue masking for positive-selection inference.

Contributed poster at *2nd Annual Symposium on Big Data in Biology, CCBB*

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 2014.

The molecular evolution of membrane proteins.

Contributed talk at *SMBE Satellite Meeting, MPEII: Thermodynamics, Phylogenetics, and Structure*
University of Colorado, Aurora, CO 2013.

Membrane environment imposes unique selection pressures on GPCRs.

Contributed poster at *Annual BEACON Congress*
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lead Instructor, Introduction to Python

May 2015

Big Data Summer School

Center for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, UT Austin

Co-instructor, Peer-led Introduction to Biocomputing

Spring 2015

Center for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, UT Austin

Teaching Assistant, Computational Biology and Bioinformatics

Spring 2015

Department of Statistics and Data Science, UT Austin

Co-instructor, Introduction to Python

May 2014

Big Data Summer School

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Teaching Assistant, Biostatistics

Fall 2013

Department of Statistics and Data Science, UT Austin

Teaching Assistant, Evolution

Spring 2013

Department of Integrative Biology, UT Austin

Teaching Assistant, Biostatistics

Fall 2012

Department of Statistics and Data Science, UT Austin

Teaching Assistant, Evolutionary Biology

Fall 2009

Department of Biology, Brown University