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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

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<b>The University of Texas at Austin</b>	2011 - present
Ph.D. in Ecology, Evolution and Behavior (expected May 2016)	
Research focus in Computational Molecular Evolution	
Advisor: Claus O. Wilke	

<b>Brown University</b>	2006 - 2010
Sc.B. in Biology, with Honors	
Concentration in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology	
Advisor: Daniel M. Weinreich	

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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<b>Graduate Student Professional Development Award</b>	2015
Office of Graduate Studies, UT Austin	
<b>Graduate Dean's Prestigious Fellowship Supplement Award</b>	2015
Office of Graduate Studies, UT Austin	
<b>EEB Blair Endowment Travel Award</b>	2015
Department of Integrative Biology, UT Austin	
<b>Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Predoctoral Fellowship (NIGMS/NIH)</b>	2015 – 2017
University of Texas at Austin	
<b>Outstanding Teaching Award</b>	2014
Biology Instructional Office, UT Austin	
<b>EEB Travel Award</b>	2013
Department of Integrative Biology, UT Austin	
<b>SMBE Graduate Student Travel Award</b>	2013
Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution	
<b>Integrative Biology Graduate Recruitment Fellowship</b>	2011
Department of Integrative Biology, UT Austin	

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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8. **Spielman SJ** and Wilke CO. 2015. *Pyvolve: A flexible Python module for simulating sequences along phylogenies*. PLoS ONE 10(9): e0139047.
7. Meyer AG, **Spielman SJ**, Bedford T, and Wilke CO. *Time dependence of evolutionary metrics during the 2009 pandemic influenza virus outbreak*. Virus Evolution 1(1):vev006-10.
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. **Spielman SJ** and Wilke CO. *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

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1. **Spielman SJ**<sup>†</sup>, Meyer, AG<sup>†</sup>, 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. <sup>†</sup>Authors contributed equally.

## PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

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**On the relationship between coding-sequence evolution modeling frameworks**  
Contributed talk at *SMBE 2015*  
Vienna, Austria 2015.

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

Invited 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* UT 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

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**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

Center for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, UT Austin

**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