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Work and Research Experience

Current Aug 2016 Scientist at **DNAnexus**, Mountain View, CA

- Implement popular bioinformatics tools on the DNAnexus platform, including structural variation tools such as Parliament2
- Lead platform documentation, including writing and editing pages on the DNAnexus wiki (https://wiki.dnanexus.com/Home)
- Provide scientific and bioinformatics services for all customers in the country of Singapore, including the Genome Institute of Singapore and the National University of Singapore
- Work with various other customers to support, accelerate, and productionize their bioinformatics pipelines
- Mentored a summer intern, helping her develop and productionize a DNAnexus-recommended RNA-seq analysis workflow

Sept 2015 June 2015 Bioinformatics Intern at **DNAnexus**, Mountain View, CA

- Productionized and parallelized tools for the DNAnexus platform including WGSA, CNVnator, and SomaticSniper
- Productionized and parallelized structural variant calling and analysis tools for the DNAnexus platform such as Parliament, Lumpy, Delly, and Pindel
- Attended the PacBio SMRT Informatics developers' conference as well as the Genome in a Bottle conference, both at the National Institute for Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, MD, where work on Parliament was presented

June 2015 Apr 2013 Research Assistant at **Luo Lab**, Stanford University, Stanford, CA Understanding the function of *Rai1*

- Using Mosaic Analysis with Double Markers (MADM) in mice, conducted dendritic spine density analysis and cell quantification in various regions of the brain
- Analyzed Rai1 expression in embryonic carcinoma murine stem cells differentiated into neurites and muscle cells and differential expression of Rai1 using RNA-seq transcription and microarray data
- Conducted bioinformatics analysis of RNA-Seq and microarray data

Projects

Parliament2. Runs a combination of tools (BreakSeq, Breakdancer, CNVnator, Delly, Lumpy, Manta) to generate structural variant calls on whole-genome sequencing data.

- GitHub: https://github.com/dnanexus/parliament2
- DockerHub: https://hub.docker.com/r/dnanexus/parliament2/
- Preprint: https://www.biorxiv.org/content/early/2018/09/23/424267

Education

June 2016

Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Computation, Stanford University

Relevant classes: Computational Molecular Biology (BIOCHEM 218), Representations and Algorithms for Computational Molecular Biology (BIOMEDIN 214), Translational Bioinformatics (BIOMEDIN 217), A Computational Tour of the Human Genome (BIOMEDIN 273A), Design and Analysis of Algorithms (CS 161)

Completed a Notation in Science Communication, creating an ePortfolio of artifacts depicting growth and development in the realm of science communication.

Skills

- Scientific: R, SciPy, NumPy, MATLAB, LATEX, popular bioinformatics software such as BWA-MEM, Samtools, GATK, etc., structural variant callers such as Lumpy, Breakdancer, Delly, etc.
- **Technical:** Python, Bash, Docker, C, C++, Java, version control (GitHub, Git, Mercurial), cloud software (AWS, Google Cloud)
- Other: Technical writing, moderate grasp of Spanish