

18th Annual Biomedical Computation at
Stanford Symposium



Stanford University

April 19, 2018

BCATS Symposium Schedule

Thursday April 19, 2018 | Li Ka Shing Center, Paul Berg Hall (2nd floor)

For event details and a list of our 2018 sponsors, please visit: www.bcats.stanford.edu

Session 1

8:30 AM Sign-in & Breakfast

9:00 AM Opening Remarks

9:15 AM Keynote Address: Nathan Price, PhD

Institute of Systems Biology

Mining personal, dense, dynamic data clouds to enhance health and drive discovery

10:00 AM Emily Flynn

Meta-analysis of sex-differential gene expression in human liver

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KLRD1 expressing NK cells may protect against influenza infection

10:30 AM Coffee Break

Session 2

10:45 AM Pratheepa Jeganathan

The block bootstrap method for longitudinal microbiome data

11:00 AM Boxiang Liu

Genetic regulatory mechanisms of smooth muscle cells map to coronary artery disease risk loci

11:15 AM Keynote Address: Jason Ernst, PhD

University of California, Los Angeles

Computational approaches for interpreting the epigenome and non-coding genome

12:00 PM Lunch

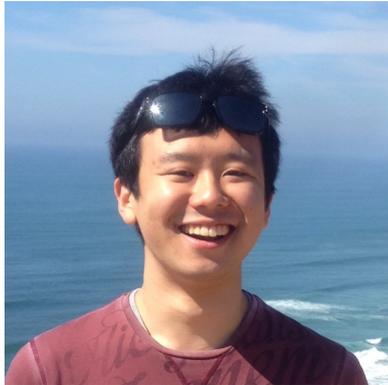
Session 3

- 1:00 PM Keynote Address: Priya Moorjani, PhD**
University of California, Berkeley
Genetic insights into South Asian population history and disease
- 1:45 PM Winn Haynes**
Gene annotation bias impedes biomedical research
- 2:00 PM David Gokhman**
Reconstructing Denisovan anatomy using DNA methylation maps
- 2:15 PM Keynote Address: Ryan Hernandez, PhD**
University of California, San Francisco
How evolutionary forces shape the genetic architecture of complex traits
- 3:00 PM Snack Break**

Session 4

- 3:15 PM Industry Panel**
- 3T Biosciences: Dr. Marvin Gee
 - AncestryDNA: Drs. Eurie Hong, Natalie Telis
 - Cardinal Analytix Solutions: Drs. Brian Maples, Joe Davis
 - IBM: Dr. Ban Kawas
- 4:00 PM Closing Remarks**
- 4:15 PM Poster Session & Happy Hour**
Paul Berg Hall, Room A

About Us



Yosuke Tanigawa
2nd year, Biomedical Informatics
Rivas & Bejerano Labs

Yosuke is a 2nd year Ph.D. student in Biomedical Informatics Training Program after he received BS in Bioinformatics and Systems Biology from University of Tokyo. He is jointly advised by Dr. Manuel Rivas and Dr. Gill Bejerano and working on methods development for large-scale human genetics dataset. He enjoys swimming, running, and playing the piano.



Nicole Ferraro
2nd year, Biomedical Informatics
Montgomery Lab

Nicole received a dual BS/MS in Biomedical Engineering from Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA in 2016. She is currently a second year in the Stanford Biomedical Informatics training program. As a member of the Montgomery Lab, Nicole works on methods development to understand the genetic influences underlying gene expression, and incorporate multi-omics data modalities to characterize the impact of rare variation. She enjoys running, vegetarian cooking, and exploring new cities.



Irene Li
2nd year, Cancer Biology
Plevritis Lab

Irene is a second-year in the Cancer Biology program and received her bachelors in Molecular Genetics and Global Public Health at Michigan State University. She investigates metabolic shifts and progressions in the tumor microenvironment in the Plevritis Lab. Shes an avid painter, piano & ukulele player, and hiker.



Samantha Piekos
3rd year, Stem Cell Biology & Regenerative Medicine
Oro Lab

Samantha received her BS in Biological Sciences and Psychology from the University of Notre Dame. Currently, she is a third year PhD student in the Stem Cell Biology & Regenerative Medicine and is advised by Dr. Anthony Oro. Her research focuses on understanding how the chromatin landscape changes during early skin differentiation. In her free time, Samantha enjoys spending time outdoors whether it be hiking or traveling. She also enjoys rock climbing and is an avid cook.



Lawrence Bai
2nd year, Immunology
Habtezion & Khatri Labs

Lawrence graduated with a BS in Microbial Biology from UC Berkeley in 2016 before joining the Immunology Program at Stanford University. He is currently in his second year, where he works on better understanding inflammatory bowel disease from a systems biology perspective. He is jointly advised by Dr. Aida Habtezion and Dr. Purvesh Khatri. In his spare time, Lawrence enjoys going on food adventures with his friends, whether it be exploring new restaurants or cooking at home. He also enjoys listening to music and traveling around the world to better understand other cultures (including cuisines, language, and customs).



Gautam Machiraju
Incoming 1st year, Biomedical Informatics
Mallick Lab

Gautam is an incoming Ph.D. Student in the Biomedical Informatics program after receiving his B.A. in Applied Mathematics from University of California, Berkeley. Under the mentorship of Dr. Parag Mallick, he currently works on mathematical models of biomarker shedding kinetics in early-stage tumors, NLP of PubMed biomarker dark data, and deep learning of multi-omic time-series patient profiles. He enjoys Bay Area events, camping trips, and traveling on a budget.

Organizer Remarks

We are proud to host and have you here at the 18th annual symposium for Biomedical Computation at Stanford (BCATS). Every year, members of the organizing committee and our generous sponsors provide a platform for scientific interaction between students, faculty and members of the industry involved in solving computational problems in biology, biomedicine, and healthcare. In the past, our affiliates and attendees have been involved in some of the most cutting edge discoveries and technologies that continue to drive great breakthroughs in these fields and beyond. This year, our participants include students and faculty from Stanford University, UC San Francisco, UC Berkeley, UC Los Angeles, UC Santa Cruz, and University of Washington. Our keynote speakers will be speaking on topics such as Personalized Medicine, Systems Regulomics, and Population & Statistical Genetics, with overarching themes in Data Mining, Machine Learning and computational methods development. Our industry panel includes esteemed speakers from a mix of the Bay Area's dynamic startups and biotech giants including 3T Biosciences, Cardinal Analytix Solutions, AncestryDNA, and IBM. We are generously supported by various departments within Stanford, the Li Ka Shing Center for Learning and Knowledge and also our industry affiliates in the Bay Area.

Your organizing committee,

Nicole Ferraro, Lawrence Bai, Irene Li, Gautam Machiraju, Samantha Piekos, Yosuke Tanigawa

Keynote Speakers



Nathan Price, PhD

Professor & Associate Director

@ *Institute of Systems Biology*

Affiliate Faculty, Departments of Bioengineering, Computer Science & Engineering, and Molecular & Cellular Biology

@ *University of Washington*

Talk title: Mining personal, dense, dynamic data clouds to enhance health and drive discovery

Dr. Nathan Price's group leverages systems biology to make fundamental contributions to human health. Focusing on the data-driven processes of wellness optimization, treatment development, and diagnosis precision, the group has pioneered many unique approaches to analyzing clinical data to optimize therapeutic and diagnostic interventions. Central to these goals are 1) the 100K Wellness Project, which aims to detail quantifiable metrics of wellness via analysis of longitudinal clinical data, 2) refining Systems Medicine models to search for diagnostic and therapeutic targets, and 3) integrating biochemical network models into unified computational pipelines to further streamline genotype-to-phenotype associations.

Jason Ernst, PhD

Assistant Professor, Departments of Biological Chemistry and Computer Science

@ *University of California, Los Angeles*

Talk title: Computational approaches for interpreting the epigenome and non-coding genome



Dr. Jason Ernst joined the faculty at UCLA in the Department of Biological Chemistry, the Computer Science Department, and the Bioinformatics Program in 2012. His lab is interested in developing and applying computational methods, in particular machine learning methods, for the analysis of high-throughput experimental data to address problems in epigenomics and gene regulation. A primary interest of his is developing computational approaches to use epigenomic and other high-throughput datasets to better understand the non-coding portions of the human genome and its role in disease. Dr. Ernst pioneered computational approaches to learn chromatin states from genome-wide maps of multiple epigenetic marks to systematically annotate the human genome. His group's research is often conducted in close collaboration with experimental groups.



Priya Moorjani, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Molecular & Cell Biology, Center for Computational Biology

@ *University of California, Berkeley*

Talk title: Genetic insights into South Asian population history and disease

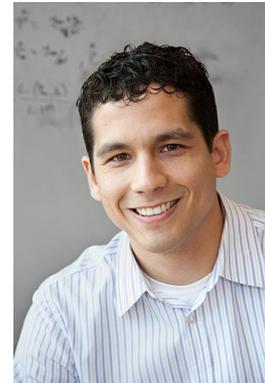
Recently arriving to UC Berkeley in 2018, the Moorjani Lab focuses on using statistical and computational approaches to study questions in human genetics and evolutionary biology. A central aim in the lab is to understand the impact of evolutionary history on genetic variation and to apply this knowledge to learn about human history and biology. They use genetic data from ancient specimens and present-day humans and primates to learn about: (1) how different evolutionary processes such as mutation rate evolve across primates, (2) when key events (such as introgression and adaptations) occurred in human history, and (3) how to leverage these patterns to identify genetic variants related to human adaptation and disease. The research in the lab involves both development of new methods and large-scale genomic data analysis.

Ryan Hernandez, PhD

Associate Professor, Department of Bioengineering & Therapeutic Sciences

@ *University of California, San Francisco*

Talk title: How evolutionary forces shape the genetic architecture of complex traits



Dr. Ryan Hernandez' lab uses detailed simulations and population genetic modeling to understand the role that natural selection and demography have had on the patterning of variation throughout our genomes. His lab develops novel population genetic simulation techniques in order to unravel and interpret these complex evolutionary patterns. Finally, the Hernandez Lab seeks to exploit population genetic models of demographic history and natural selection to interrogate the genetic basis of disease. By capitalizing on recent theoretical advances, the group builds models of population dynamics that will utilize genomic re-sequencing data to discover novel regions of the genome that underlie genetic susceptibility to disease and drug response.

Student Speakers

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Industry Panel

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VP of Research - Target Discovery @ *3T Biosciences*

Eurie Hong, PhD

Senior Director, Genomics @ *AncestryDNA*

Natalie Telis, PhD

Statistical Geneticist @ *AncestryDNA*

Brian Maples, PhD

VP of Data Science @ *Cardinal Analytix Solutions*

Joe Davis, PhD

Data Scientist @ *Cardinal Analytix Solutions*

Ban Kawas, PhD

Research Scientist @ *IBM*

Poster Titles

Alborz Bejnood

Genomic and leukocytic inferences of the tumor microenvironment in the context of node-negative and node-positive disease

Joshua Bloomstein, Rie von Eyben, and Elizabeth Kidd

Identifying a predictive gene expression signature for lymph node involvement in cervical cancers

Bryan Bunning

Age prediction using plasma global metabolic profiles

Claire Donnat

Inferring microbiome networks

Noah Dove

Ascribing an etiology to a mutation signature through logistic regression of cancer genomic RNA expression data

Nicholas Dwork

Automatically detecting disease markers with optical coherence tomography

Michael Gloudemans

Uncovering tissue-specific mediators of disease-causing genotypes

Charles Li

Flexible record linkage tools for data integration of Chinese electronic health records

Greg McInnes

Phenotype prediction using a vectorized representation of genomic variants

Aditya Rao

A novel multi-cohort framework for analysis of host response signatures

Roger Volden

R2C2: increasing accuracy of MinION sequencing reads

Li Xia

Linked-read, whole genome sequencing reveals pervasive chromosomal-level instability and novel rearrangements in brain metastases from colorectal cancer

Zheng Yan

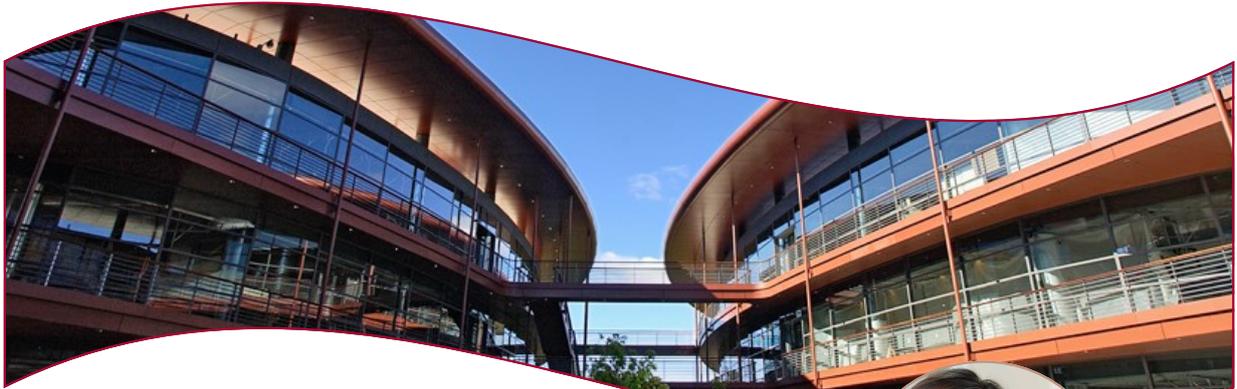
Assessing the effects of non-heritable factors on immunological phenotypes

Leeat Yankielowicz-Keren

Characterizing heterogeneity in the tumor immune microenvironment in triple negative breast cancer by multiplexed imaging

Junjie Zhu

Facile generation of single-cell transcriptome and immune repertoire from clinical tumor specimens



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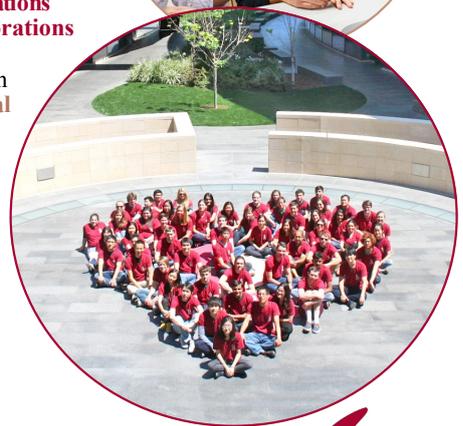
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The Biomedical Informatics Training Program (BMI) is an interdisciplinary graduate and postdoctoral training program, part of the Biosciences Program at Stanford University's School of Medicine. We offer MS and PhD degrees, and other coursework and research options.

Full-Time Graduate Programs:

- PhD in Biomedical Informatics
- Research MS degree (primarily, but not exclusively, for those with PhD and/or MD)

Part-Time Distance Education Programs:

- Professional/Honors Cooperative Program MS degree
- Certificate in Biomedical Informatics
- Non-degree option for individual classes

For Stanford Students:

- Coterminal MS degree in Biomedical Informatics in addition to BA/BS
- PhD Minor in Biomedical Informatics for Stanford graduate students

For Stanford Medical Students:

- Coursework and research opportunities through Scholarly Concentration and Medical Scholars programs

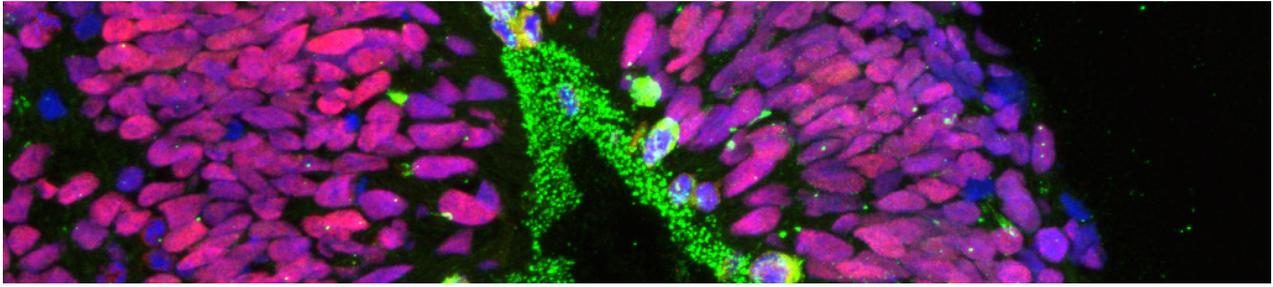
All degree programs require rigorous coursework in Biomedical Informatics core courses, a coherent set of electives from Computer Science, Statistics, Math and/or and Engineering, and training in Social, Legal and Ethical issues.

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The Neurosciences Institute is shaping the future of neuroscience in three interdisciplinary areas:

NeuroDiscovery - Question-driven discovery about how the brain works

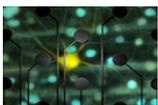


Big Idea NeuroChoice, Understanding and treating addictive behavior from circuits to policy.

Boxuan Zhao focuses on the development of multiple molecular tools for transcriptome and connectome studies in neuronal systems.



NeuroEngineering - Tools for making novel measurements of brain structure and function

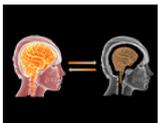


Big Idea Stanford NeuroTechnology Initiative, Creates an incubator for next-generation neural interface platforms.

Sergey Stavisky is developing technology to allow people with paralysis to accurately and intuitively move robotic arms with their minds.



NeuroHealth - Translating neuroscience discoveries into treatments



Big Idea Brain Rejuvenation, Neurodegeneration research focusing on brain maintenance and regeneration, and the role of the immune system in these processes.

Laura Marquardt's focus is on improving cell transplantation therapies after spinal cord injury using novel biomaterial design approaches in order to improve functional regeneration.



Opportunities

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Big Ideas in Neuroscience
Seed Grants
Visiting Scholars

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Interdisciplinary Postdoctoral-Scholar Awards
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How To Get Involved



- **CCSB 6th Annual Symposium**
 - May 11, 2018 – LKSC Berg Hall
 - Submit and abstract to be part of our poster session or to be selected for a speaker slot
 - Register Today:
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- **CCSB Monthly Seminars**
 - Subarna Sinha, SRI International, 4/27, 12:30pm – Clark S360
 - Rahul Satija, New York University, 5/18, 11:00am – Clark S360
 - Doug Lauffenburger, MIT, 5/22, – Clark S360
 - Zena Werb, UCSF, 6/8, – Clark S360
 - Additional seminar information at:
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Founded in 2012, CEHG supports and showcases the cutting edge scientific research conducted by faculty and trainees in more than 40 member labs across the School of Humanities and Sciences and the School of Medicine. CEHG members collaborate on interdisciplinary research projects at the forefront of the information age of genomics in order to improve human well-being.

Trainee Fellowships:

- Fellowship support is centered on the transition from graduate school to postdoctoral fellowship.
- Fellows receive: financial support during the transition period; conference travel support; opportunities to lead and participate in Center scientific activities; and feature blog interviews.

Symposia and Seminars:

- Annual symposium features faculty and trainee research from member labs and guest keynote/faculty speakers from the Bay Area and beyond.
- Evolgenome seminar series explores Stanford and guest faculty/trainee speaker research on CEHG topics. Meets 2-3 times a month on Wednesdays, during the lunch hour. Food is provided.

Science Education Outreach:

- Curriculum support for lessons in science and genetics, and panel presentations on STEM education and professions, for local middle- and high- school classrooms.
- Coordinated science lab tours for visiting student groups; and trainee-led education outreach events.

Event and Program Partnerships:

- 2018 Event partnerships include the Tinker Symposium on Latin American Research in Biodiversity (2/27), and BCATS 2018 (4/19).

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