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Education

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Employment

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2016-present. Professor. University of Maryland, Department of Computer Science and Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology
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August 2017- 2020. co-Director, Center for Health Related Informatics and Bioimaging
March 2018 – October 2018. Interim Director, University of Maryland Institute for

Advanced Computer Studies.
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Awards/honors

2014 – Thompson Reuters top 1% most cited researcher over past 10 years.
2015 – University of Maryland Department of Computer Science Teaching Award
2018 – Clarivate Analytics Highly Cited Researcher
2019 – Fellow of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
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Professional society membership

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Publications

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Papers in Refereed Journals

The following marks apply:

* - Author worked under my supervision in this project

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13. †El-Sayed, N. M., P. J. Myler, et al. (82 authors). *The genome sequence of Trypanosoma cruzi, etiologic agent of Chagas disease*. Science 309(5733): 409-15, 2005.
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103. Braccia, D.J.*, X. Jiang, M. Pop, and A.B. Hall, *The Capacity to Produce Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) via Cysteine Degradation Is Ubiquitous in the Human Gut Microbiome*. Frontiers in Microbiology, 2021. **12**(3193).
104. Balaji, A., Kille, B., Kappell, A.D. et al. *SeqScreen: accurate and sensitive functional screening of pathogenic sequences via ensemble learning*. Genome Biol 2022, **23**: p 133.
105. Malayil, L. et al. *Variations in Bacterial Communities and Antibiotic Resistance Genes Across Diverse Recycled and Surface Water Irrigation Sources in the Mid-Atlantic and Southwest United States: A CONSERVE Two-Year Field Study*. Environ Sci Technol, 2022, **56**, 15019–15033.
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112. Kazantseva, E., Donmez, A., Frolova, M., **Pop, M.**, and Kolmogorov, M. *Strainy: phasing and assembly of strain haplotypes from long-read metagenome sequencing*. Nat Methods, 2024, **21**, 2034–2043.
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2. S. R. Kosaraju, **M. Pop**. *De-Amortization of Algorithms*; The Fourth Annual International Computing and Combinatorics Conference , COCOON '98, August 12-14, 1998; Taipei, Taiwan. **note: authors in alphabetical order**
3. G. Barequet, C. Duncan, M. T. Goodrich, S. Kumar, **M. Pop**. *Efficient Perspective-Accurate Silhouette Computation*; video presentation at ACM Symposium on Computational Geometry '99 . **note: authors in alphabetical order**.
4. **M. Pop**, G. Barequet, C. Duncan, M.T. Goodrich, W. Huang, S. Kumar. *Efficient Perspective-Accurate Silhouette Computation and Applications*; Proceedings of the 17th ACM Symposium on Computational Geometry, June 3-5 2001, Tufts University, Medford, MA
5. S. Navlakha, J. White, N. Nagarajan, **M. Pop**, and Carl Kingsford. *Finding Biologically Accurate Clusterings in Hierarchical Decompositions Using the Variation of Information*. RECOMB 2009. **Note: journal version also listed above**.
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7. *B. Liu. **M. Pop**. *Identifying Differentially Abundant Metabolic Pathways in Metagenomic Datasets*. in Proceedings of the 6th International Symposium on Bioinformatics Research and Applications (ISBRA). Storrs, CT. May 2010. **Note: journal version also listed above**.
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10. C.M. Hill*, C.H. Albach*, S.G. Angel*, **M. Pop**. *K-mulus: Strategies for BLAST in the cloud*. 10th International Conference on Parallel Processing and Applied Mathematics (PPAM) Warsaw, Poland, September 2013.
11. C.M. Hill*, Irina Astrovskeya*, Howard Huang*, Sergey Koren, Todd Treangen, Atif Memon, and **Mihai Pop**. *De novo likelihood-based measures for comparing metagenomic assemblies*. IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM) Shanghai, China, December 2013.
12. Ghurye, J*. and **M. Pop**, *Better Identification of Repeats in Metagenomic Scaffolding*, in Algorithms in Bioinformatics: 16th International Workshop, WABI 2016, Aarhus, Denmark, August 22-24, 2016. Proceedings, M. Frith and N.C. Storm Pedersen, Editors. 2016, Springer International Publishing: Cham. p. 174-184.
13. Brian Brubach*, Jay Ghurye*, Aravind Srinivasan and **Mihai Pop**. *Better Greedy Sequence Clustering with Fast Banded Alignment*. in Algorithms in Bioinformatics: 17th International

Workshop, WABI 2017, Boston, MA, August 21-23, 2017.

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15. Albin, D., D. Nasko, et al. *SeqScreen: a biocuration platform for robust taxonomic and biological process characterization of nucleic acid sequences of interest*. in 2019 IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM). 2019.
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Books

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Book chapters

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2. **M. Pop**. *Shotgun sequence assembly*. in Advances in Computers vol. 60, pp. 194-159, M. Zelkowitz ed.; 2004.
3. J-H. Choi, H. Tang, S. Kim, **M. Pop**. *Computational Approaches for Genome Assembly Validation*. in Biological data mining, J.Y. Chen and S. Lonardi eds. Chapman & Hall/CRC Computational Science Series. pp. 163-187. 2009
4. V. Mai, **M. Pop**, M. Schell. *Metagenomic Analysis of Human Gut Microbiota*. in Metagenomics and its Applications in Agriculture. Nova Science Publishers, R. W. Li ed; 2010.
5. N. Nagarajan and **M. Pop**. *Sequencing and Genome Assembly Using Next-Generation Technologies*. Methods in Molecular Biology. 673:1-17. 2010
6. *T.J. Treangen, *D.D. Sommer, F.E. Angly, *S. Koren, **M. Pop**. *Next Generation Sequence Assembly with AMOS*. in Current Protocols in Bioinformatics. 2011
7. M. Almeida#, **M. Pop***^ . *High-Throughput Sequencing as a Tool for Exploring the Human Microbiome*. in Metagenomics for Microbiology, Elsevier, J. Izard ed; 2014.
8. Simpson, J.T. and **Pop, M**. *The theory and practice of genome sequence assembly*. in Annual Review of Genomics and Human Genetics, vol. 16: 153-172. 2015 doi: 10.1146/annurev-genom-090314-050032
9. Gene Myers, **Mihai Pop**, Knut Reinert, Tandy Warnow. *Next generation sequencing (Dagstuhl seminar 16351)*. Dagstuhl Reports 6(8). 2017.
10. Altschul, S.F. and **M. Pop**, *Sequence Alignment*, in *Handbook of Discrete and Combinatorial Mathematics*, K.H. Rosen, Editor. 2017, CRC Press: Boca Raton, FL.

Other publications

1. **M. Pop**. *We are what we eat: how the diet of infants affects their gut microbiome*. Genome Biology 13, 152. 2012. **Research highlight**

2. **M. Pop** and S. L. Salzberg. *Use and mis-use of supplemental material in science publications*. BMC Bioinformatics., 16:237. 2015. **Editorial**
3. Shah, N., M.G. Nute, T. Warnow, and **M. Pop**, *Misunderstood parameter of NCBI BLAST impacts the correctness of bioinformatics workflows*. Bioinformatics, 2018. **Letter to the editor**
4. Cagle, R., P. Ramachandran, E. Reed, S. Commichaux, M.K. Mammel, D.W. Lacher, D. Miller, S. Lindley, **M. Pop**, M.C. Bazaco, B. Wolpert, E.A. Strain, S. Aker, J. Feely, and A. Ottesen, *Microbiota of the Hickey Run Tributary of the Anacostia River*. Microbiol Resour Announc, 2019. 8(12).PMC6430318. **Data set announcement**
5. Treangen, T.J. and **M. Pop**, *You can't always sequence your way out of a tight spot: Next-generation sequencing holds great promise for pathogen detection, but the devil is in the details*. EMBO Rep, 2018. 19(12).PMC6280640. **Invited perspective**
6. **M. Pop**. *Introducing genome assembly to the general public through interactive word games*. **Short presentation at ISMB 2020**.

Contracts and Grants

Current

1. February 1, 2023 – January 31, 2025 (\$500,000, Pop PI). University of Maryland. *Grand challenges: A center of excellence in microbiome sciences*
2. January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2028 (\$2,858,074, Pop PI). NIH R01-LM-014698. *Assessing and improving the resilience of bioinformatics pipelines to data errors*
3. September 4, 2025 – August 31, 2029 (\$2,764,928 , Pop PI). NIH R01-AI-100947. *Algorithms and software for the assembly of metagenomic data*.

Completed

4. Jan 1, 2007- Sep 31, 2010 (\$980,123, PI). Henry Jackson Foundation. *Assembly and gene finding algorithms for genome sequences generated by pyrosequencing*.
5. Sep 1, 2007- Mar 31, 2011(\$201,256, PI on subcontract to UM School of Medicine). Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. SR00000277: *New Technologies in Diagnosis of Enteric Diseases*.
6. Sep 1, 2008 – Aug 31, 2013 (\$445,358, PI). National Science Foundation. IIS-0812111 *III-CXT-Small: Graphs to Diversity: extracting genomic variation from sequence graphs*.
7. Sep 24, 2008 – Jul 31, 2012 (\$780,000, PI). NIH. R01-HG004885: *Assembly and analysis software for exploring the human microbiome*.
8. Apr 1, 2009 – Mar 31, 2013 (\$380,000, PI). National Science Foundation. IIS-0844494 *Algorithms for the analysis of data from massively-parallel genome sequencing*
9. May 1, 2009 – April 30, 2013. (\$183,175, PI on subcontract to U. Wisc.) NIH R01-HG-000225. *New physical methodologies for genomic analysis*.
10. Aug 1, 2009 – Jul 31, 2011. (\$43,570, PI on subcontract to JHU). NSF DEB-0918907. *MSB: Community Structure, Genomic Heterogeneity, and Metabolic Diversity of the Microbiome of the oldest and driest desert on Earth, the Atacama desert in Northern Chile*.
11. Aug 27, 2009 – Aug 26, 2010. (\$3,000, PI on subcontract to JHU). NASA. *Community structure of the microbiome of a Mars-like environment, the Atacama Desert, Chile*
12. Sep 23, 2009 – Jul 31, 2015. (\$380,604, PI on subcontract to U. Pittsburgh). NIH U01-HL-098962. *Pathogenesis of obstruction/emphysema and the microbiome (POEM) in HIV*.

13. Sep 24, 2009 – Jul 31, 2010 (\$110,000, PI). NIH. administrative supplement to R01-HG-004885: *Assembly and analysis software for exploring the human microbiome.*
14. Jan 1, 2011 – Oct 31, 2014. (\$653,925, PI on subcontract to UM. School of Medicine). Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. *Metagenomics-Based Discovery of New Viral Pathogens Causing Diarrheal Disease.*
15. Aug 1, 2011 – Jul 31, 2012. (\$2,150,999, PI). Office of Naval Research N000141110905. *Personalized Medicine Initiative (Congressional earmark to establish a personalized medicine infrastructure at the University of Maryland).*
16. Sep 1, 2011 – Aug 31, 2015 (\$492,809, PI). National Science Foundation IIS-1117247 *III: Small: Genome Assembly Using Sparse Sequence Information.*
17. Sep 16, 2011 – Nov 15, 2011. (\$75,000, PI). Lockheed Martin Corporation *Genomics collaboration*
18. Sep 1, 2012 – Jun, 30, 2016. (\$183,175, PI on subcontract to U. Wisc.) NIH R01-HG-000225. *New physical methodologies for genomic analysis.*
19. Mar 21, 2013 – Feb 28, 2017. (\$1,779,715, PI). NIH R01-AI-100947 *Algorithms and Software for the Assembly of Metagenomic Data.*
20. Sept 1, 2013 – Aug 31, 2018 (\$18,700,000, Key personnel). NIH P50-CA-180523 *Rapid Response Characterization of New and Manipulated Tobacco Products*
21. Oct 23, 2015 – Aug 25, 2018 (\$210,792, PI). NRL. *High performance tools for metagenomic data assembly and analysis. (cooperative agreement: N00173162C001)*
22. 2016 (\$9,600, PI). REU Supplement to NSF IIS-1513615 to support two undergraduate summer interns.
23. Sep 1, 2015 – Aug 31, 2019 (\$373,288, co-PI). NSF III:CIF:Medium: *Collaborative Research: Scalable and Highly Accurate Methods for Metagenomics*
24. March 1, 2016 – Feb 28, 2020. (\$10,000,000, Sapkota PI, I was head of the data core with a budget of \$767,000) CONSERVE: *A Center of Excellence at the Nexus of Sustainable Water Reuse, Food, and Health.*
25. December 1, 2019 – June 30, 2024 (\$2,644,000, Pop PI). NIH R01-AI-100947. Algorithms and software for the assembly of metagenomic data.
26. June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2025 (\$439,615). NSF CNS2149868. *REU Site: Undergraduate Bioinformatics Research in Data Science for Genomics*

Invited talks (last 3 years)

1. *Embracing ambiguity when characterizing microbes.* Bringing Artificial Intelligence to the Bedside workshop, Purdue, IN, April 2021.
2. *Embracing ambiguity when characterizing microbes.* ISMB 2021, July 2021.
3. *Using computers to understand microbial communities.* Department of Veterinary Medicine, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, College Park, MD, September 2021.
4. *Making uncertainty explicit when analyzing microbiomes.* Institute for Bioinformatics and Medical Informatics, University of Tübingen, Germany, February 2022.
5. *Making uncertainty explicit when analyzing microbiomes.* Institute for Mathematical and Statistical Innovation, University of Chicago, February 2022.
6. *Handling analytic challenges in microbiome science.* Rutgers University, Camden, NJ. October

2023

7. *Overcoming analytic challenges in microbiome science*. US FDA. Microbiome Working Group webinar. October 2023.
8. *Overcoming analytic challenges in microbiome science*. Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. April 2024.

Outreach (last 3 years)

2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 – Organized booth on computational microbiome analysis at Maryland Day – annual open house that brings > 80K visitors to campus each year

2022, 2023, 2024 – Judged posters and presentations at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists (ABRCMS)

March 2023 – *Getting down and dirty with Bacteria*. Science on Tap, College Park, MD – part of monthly lecture series for popularizing science

March 2023 – Deschis la cercetare (Open for research) – Romanian videocast for popularizing science. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-0iFoAJBy0>

Software packages

* - software primarily developed in my lab.

Assembly

1. *AMOS – a modular open-source assembly package
<http://amos.sourceforge.net>
2. *BAMBUS – genome scaffolding software.
<http://amos.sourceforge.net/docs/bambus>.
3. *Figaro – statistical vector trimming for shotgun sequencing projects.
<http://amos.sourceforge.net/Figaro>.
4. *SOMA – scaffolding of genome data using optical maps.
<http://www.cbcb.umd.edu/soma>.

Metagenomics

5. *metAMOS – assembly package for metagenomic data
<http://www.cbcb.umd.edu/software/metamos>
6. *MetaStats – statistical software for comparing metagenomic libraries
<http://metastats.cbcb.umd.edu>
7. *MetaPath – statistical software for comparing metagenomic data-sets at the pathway level.
<http://www.cbcb.umd.edu/software/metapath>
8. *Metaphyler – software for estimating the taxonomic composition of a community from whole-metagenomic data.
<http://cbcb.umd.edu/software/metaphyler>
9. MetagenomeSeq – software for association studies in metagenomic data.
<http://cbcb.umd.edu/software/metagenomeSeq>
10. *MetaCompass – reference guided assembly for metagenomics
<https://github.com/marbl/MetaCompass>
11. *MetaCarvel – scaffolding and structural variant discovery for metagenomics

- <https://github.com/marbl/MetaCarvel>
12. *MetagenomeScope – visualization of metagenomic assembly graphs
<http://mgsc.umiacs.io>
 13. SeqScreen – software for assessing the biological threat potential of short DNA sequences.
<https://gitlab.com/treangenlab/seqscreen>
 14. TIPP2 – taxonomic classification and profiling tool based on phylogenetic principles.
(collaboration with Warnow lab at UIUC). <https://github.com/smirarab/sepp/blob/tipp2>
 15. TIPP3 - taxonomic classification and profiling tool based on phylogenetic principles.
(collaboration with Warnow lab at UIUC). <https://github.com/c5shen/TIPP3>
 16. *Binnacle – scaffold-based binning for metagenomic assemblies.
<https://github.com/marbl/binnacle>
 17. *Atlas – taxonomic classification tool that enables the exploration of the ambiguity in classification. <https://github.com/marbl/ATLAS>

Alignment software

18. Bowtie – sequence aligner for short-read sequencing data
<http://bowtie-bio.sf.net>
19. Crossbow – SNP calling pipeline relying on cloud computing resources
<http://bowtie-bio.sf.net/crossbow>
20. *DNAClust – software for rapid clustering of DNA sequences.
<http://dnacust.sf.net>
21. *PRAWNS – software for multiple alignment of bacterial genomes with the goal of discovering biomarkers associated with phenotype.
<https://github.com/KiranJavkar/PRAWNS>
22. *SCRAPT – software for iterative clustering of large volumes of DNA sequences.
<https://github.com/hsmurali/SCRAPT>

Databases

23. *ARDB – antibiotic resistance genes database
<http://arbd.cbcb.umd.edu>

Editorial/Review Duties

Editorial Boards

- Metagenomics – Mathematical, Statistical and Computational Methods – Editorial Advisory Board member (2015 -)
- Microbiome – associate editor (2012 – 2018, 2020 - 2023)
- Microbiome – section editor (2018 – 2020)
- PeerJ Computer Science – associate editor (2015 – 2018)
- IEEE Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics – associate editor (2015 – 2017)
- BMC Bioinformatics – section editor (2010 – 2016) managed editorial activities for ~40 academic editors.
- Biological Procedures Online – editorial board member (2007 - 2008)

Reviewer for journals

Annals of Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence, Bioinformatics, BioMed Central journals (BMC Bioinformatics, BMC Plant Biology, BMC Genomics, Genome Biology), Biotechniques, Chemical Reviews, Computer Programs and Methods in Biomedicine, Genome Research, IEEE Transactions on Nanobioscience, Journal of Computational Biology, Molecular Ecology, Molecular Biology and Evolution, Nature Review Genetics, Nature Methods, Nucleic Acids Research, PLoS Computational Biology, PLoS One.

Conference Program Committees

I regularly serve on program committees for the ISMB, RECOMB, ACM-BCB, and WABI conferences as well as other conference in the field.

Conferences Organized

2014 – RECOMB-Seq 2014 (co-chair)

2015 – WABI 2015 (program co-chair)

2016 – co-organizer of Dagstuhl seminar on Next Generation Sequencing – Algorithms, and Software For Biomedical Applications: Myers, G., **M. Pop**, K. Reinert, and T. Warnow, *Next Generation Sequencing (Dagstuhl Seminar 16351)*. Dagstuhl Reports, 2017. 6(8): p. 91-130.

2018. Co-organized – *M3 meeting on Biodefense and Pathogen detection* – College Park, MD, January 2018.

2018. Area chair – Metagenomics and Microbial Genomics – ISMB 2018. Chicago, IL, July 2018.

2018. Program co-chair – ACM-BCB 2018. Washington, DC, August 2018.

2024. Area co-chair - Metagenomics and Microbial Genomics – ISMB 2024. Montreal, QC, Canada, July 2024

2025. Area co-chair - Metagenomics and Microbial Genomics - ISMB 2025. Liverpool, UK, July 2025

2025. Organized session on Stewardship of Critical Infrastructure at ISMB 2025. Liverpool, UK, July 2025

2026. General co-chair. ISMB 2026. Washington, DC, July 2026.

Teaching

Full-semester courses (last five years)

- Fall 2020. CMSC423 – *Bioinformatics*, 82 students
- Spring 2022. CMSC423 – *Bioinformatics*, 86 students
- Spring 2023. CMSC423 – *Bioinformatics*, 95 students
- Spring 2024. CMSC423 – *Bioinformatics*, 88 students
- Spring 2025. CMSC423 - *Bioinformatics*, 84 students

Seminars/Short courses

Summer 2012. Metagenomics course at the University of Chile, Santiago, Chile.

Spring 2013. Assembly course at Institut Pasteur, Paris, France

2014-2017. Metagenomic assembly as part of *Strategies and Techniques for Analyzing Microbial*

Population Structures course at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA.
2018. *Bow to the microbial overlords*. Session organized at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) introducing the field of metagenomics. Indianapolis, IN, October 2018.

2017 – 2022, co-Director, *Strategies and Techniques for Analyzing Microbial Population Structures* course at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA. This is an intensive, hands-on, ~10 day course focusing on the analytical tools used to understand microbial community structures.

Summer 2023 – Mentoring workshop based on Entering Mentoring curriculum. University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

Fall 2023 – Mentoring workshop based on Entering Mentoring curriculum. University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

Advising

High school

Laura Tanase, summer intern, 2015
Shilpa Roy, intern, 2016-2017
Abbe Miller, intern, 2017-2018
Kassie Wang, summer intern, 2018, 2019
Tracy Nguyen, intern, 2018-2019
Wendy Wu, intern, 2019-2020
Chinaza Ezinne, intern, 2020-2021
Corey Wang, summer intern, 2021
Justin Tubilla, intern, 2021-2022
Nishat Olayiwola, intern, 2022-2023
Adam Bregman, intern, 2024
Michael Bielec, intern, 2024-2025

Undergraduate

Elaine Nsoesie. Summer intern, 2006
Christopher Hill. 2007 – Spring 2010 (currently engineer at Google)
Dan Sugarman. Fall 2008 – Fall 2009
Matt Thomas, Spring 2009
Carl Albach, Spring 2009 – Spring 2011
Sebastian Angel, Spring 2009 – Summer 2011 (currently faculty at U. Penn)
Joshua Wetzel, Summer 2010
Petar Stojanov, Summer 2010 (co-advised with Liliana Florea)
Joseph Paulson, Spring 2010 – Summer 2010
Howard Huang, Summer 2013 (co-advised with Chris Hill)
Andrew Consroe, Fall 2014 – Spring 2016
Amelia Bateman, Fall 2016
Matthew Myers, Spring 2015 – 2017
Samina Hussain, Spring 2017

Marcus Fedarko, Fall 2016 – 2018
Larry Feldman, Summer 2018
Hope Winovitch, Fall 2018
Amnah Mahmood, Fall 2018
Dylan Taylor, 2018 -2019
Dmitry Leontyev, Spring 2019
Marie Crane, Summer 2019
Marwan Alshehri, Spring 2021 - Fall 2021
Sho Takeshita, Summer 2021
Alex Lee, Summer 2021
Alyssa Pratt, Summer 2021
Cece Zhao, Summer 2021
Lucy Mettee, Summer 2022
Adam Levav, Summer 2022
Sarah Blankespoor, Summer, Fall 2023
Raunak Vijay, Summer, Fall, 2023
Noam Fox, Fall 2023, Spring 2024
Vivek Agarwal, 2023-2024
Ipsa Mitra, 2023-2024
Jake Jasmer, Summer 2024
Genelle Jenkins, Summer 2024
Althea Gonzales, 2024 - 2025
Eliza Furtak, 2024 - 2025
Michael Tran, Summer 2025
Aditri Gadigi, Spring 2024 - present
Anning Cui, Spring 2024 - present
Manasa Annavaram, Spring 2025 - present

Master's

Benjamin Langmead (CMSC) Spring 2008 – Summer 2009 (co-advised with Steven Salzberg.
Ben is currently an assistant professor of Computer Science at Johns Hopkins University)
Maya Zuhl (CMSC) Fall 2008 – Summer 2009
Aiswarya Suriaprakash – Spring 2024 - Fall 2024
Jenny Yarmovski - Summer 2024 - Spring 2025 ; Jenny is currently a post-bac at NIH

Doctoral

Current

Shiva Mehravaran (BISI), 2021 -
Nakyung Lee (CS), 2022 -
Rain Haworth (CS), 2022 -
Nathalie Bonin (CS), 2023 -

Adena Collens (BISI/BEES), 2024 -

Yuelin Liu (CS), 2021 – (co-advised with S. Cenk Sahinalp, NCI)

Ataberk Donmez (CS), 2022 - (co-advised with Michael Kolmogorov, NCI)

Alumni

James White (AMSC) 2007 – 2010 (James is now a freelance bioinformatician)

Bo Liu (CBMG/CS) 2007 – 2012 (Bo has joined Square Inc.)

Sergey Koren (CS) 2007 – 2012 (after graduation Sergey joined NBACC and is currently a
scientists at NIH/NHGRI)

MohammadReza Ghodsi (CS) 2008 – 2012 (Mohammad has joined Google)

Mike Schatz (CS) 2009 – 2010 (co-advised with Steven Salzberg. Mike joined Cold Spring Harbor
Laboratories as an assistant professor and then joined Johns Hopkins University as
an associate professor in Computer Science)

Brianna Lindsay (Epidemiology) 2010 – 2014 (co-advised with O. Colin Stine, after graduation
Brianna was a scientist at Merck and then joined the University of Pennsylvania as a
senior project coordinator)

Joseph Paulson (AMSC) 2010 – 2015 (co-advised with Héctor Corrada Bravo, was postdoctoral
fellow at Dana Farber Cancer Institute then joined Genentech)

Chris Hill (CS) 2010 – 2015 (was postdoctoral fellow at U. of Washington and has then joined
Google)

Lee Mendelowitz (AMSC) Summer 2011 – 2015 (Lee has joined the Washington Nationals
baseball team as an analyst)

Jay Ghurye (CS), 2015 – 2018 (Jay has joined Dovetail Genomics)

Victoria Cepeda Espinoza (CS), 2014 – 2020 (postdoctoral fellow at Stanford)

Brian Brubach (CS), 2016 – 2020 (co-advised with Aravind Srinivasan) (now assistant professor
at Swarthmore College)

Nidhi Shah (CS), 2016 – 2021 (now at Amazon Web Services)

Seth Commichaux (BISI), 2017 – 2022 (now at the FDA)

Domenick Braccia (BISI), 2020 – 2022 (co-advised with Brantley Hall)

Kiran Javkar (CS), 2017 – 2022 (now at Illumina)

Harihara Muralidharan (CS), 2019 - 2024 (now at LatchBio)

Tu Luan (CS), 2019 - 2024 (now at a biotech company)

Graduate rotation/advisory committees

Apratim Mitra (ANSC) 2008 – Graduate Advisory Committee member

Yuan Lee (CBMG) Spring 2009. rotation student

Albert Yu (BISI) 2009-2014 – Graduate Advisory Committee member

Carly Muletz (BISI) 2013 – Graduate Advisory Committee member

Steve Smith (BISI) 2014 – Graduate Advisory Committee member

Reynold Yu (BISI) 2019-2023 – Graduate Advisory Committee member

Dietrich Epp Schmidt (ENST) 2019-2023 – Graduate Advisory Committee member

Dongze He (BISI) 2021-2024 – Graduate Advisory Committee member

Diksha Klair (PLSA) 2024 - - Graduate Advisory Committee Member

Zhezhen Wang (BISI) 2025 - - Graduate Advisory Committee Member

Post-doctoral

Current

Marcus Fedarko (Ph.D. UC San Diego) 2025 -

Alumni

Niranjan Nagarajan (Ph.D. Cornell University) 2007—2009. (Niranjan is now a senior research scientist in computational and mathematical biology at the Genome Institute of Singapore)

Todd Treangen (Ph.D. Technical University of Catalonia) 2010-2011 (Todd is an assistant professor at Rice University)

Henry Lin (Ph.D. UC Berkeley) 2010 – 2012 (Henry is currently a senior data scientist at Ancestry)

Irina Astrovskaya (Ph.D. Georgia State University) 2011-2014 (currently a Bioinformatics Engineer at the Flatiron Institute in New York)

Mathieu Almeida (Ph.D. Université Paris-Sud Orsay) 2013 – 2017 (currently a researcher at INRA, Jouy-en-Josas, France)

Jackie Meisel (Ph.D. U. Penn) 2017 – 2020 (currently a researcher at the US FDA)

Service

Professional

- 2008-2013. Chair, Maize Genome Database Working Group
- 2009. Life Sciences Advisory Board for Opgen Inc (Gaithersburg, MD).
- 2009-2010. Member, DOE Systems Biology Knowledgebase Advisory Committee.
- 2011-2012. Co-lead, Data Analysis Working Group, Human Microbiome Project
- 2011-2012. Lead, Assembly subgroup, Human Microbiome Project
- 2012. Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD. External reviewer of the Bioinformatics Program
- 2013 – INRIA Team Evaluation Expert Panel (France)
- 2013. Newton Institute, Cambridge UK. Member of Scientific Advisory Committee for Metagenomics Programme
- 2015-2018. NIH/NIAID Genomic Centers for Infectious Disease Steering Committee
- 2016-2018. Scientific Advisory Board. Metacardis Project. European Union project studying the underlying causes of metabolic disease, obesity, and heart disease.
- 2015-2018. Scientific Advisory Board. Resist'Eaume Project. Suez, France.
- 2020. Scientific Advisory Board. National Center for Genome Analysis Support. University of Indiana, Bloomington, IN, USA
- 2021. Poster judge. Tapia celebration of diversity in computing (Tapia)
- 2021. Poster judge. Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists (ABRCMS)
- 2022. Poster judge. Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists (ABRCMS)

- 2023. Poster judge. Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists (ABRCMS)
- 2022-2024. Member of Fellows selection committee, International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB).
- 2020 - . Scientific Advisory Board. Takeda USA
- 2020 - . Scientific Advisory Board. Integrative Phenomics, Paris, France
- 2021 - . Scientific Advisory Board. DYNAMITE Project, Rice University, Houston, TX, USA
- 2023 - . External Advisory Board. Codes for Life NRT, Rutgers University, Camden, NJ, USA
- 2024 - . Chair, Fellows nominations committee, International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB)
- 2024 - . Member. Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research, committee developing a microbiome strategy for the foundation
- 2025 - . committee member. Romanian bioinformatics cluster. (review of resources proposed for incorporation in the EU Elixir network)
- 2025 - . member, NLM Board of Regents (BR) Working Group on Sequence Read Archive (SRA) Strategic Transformation.

Grant review (past 5 years)

- Standing member on BDMA study section for the National Institutes of Health (2017-2021)
- NIH NIAID study section for the HIPC network (2021)
- US Department of Energy (2021)
- NIH New Innovator Award Program study section (2022)
- NIH K99/R00 study section (2023)

Meetings organized

- 2005. *Co-organizer* of the Fifth Annual RECOMB Satellite Meeting on DNA Sequencing Technologies and Computation. 2005, Stanford University, CA.
- 2008. *Co-organizer* for InformaticsMaryland 2008. Rockville, MD. January 2008.
- 2009. *Poster co-chair* for IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM), Washington, DC. November 1-4, 2009.
- 2010. *Member, organizing committee*. Human Microbiome Research Conference. St. Louis, MO. August 31-September 2, 2010.
- 2012. *Program co-chair*. ICCABS 2012. Las Vegas, NV. February 23-25, 2012
- 2012. *Track co-chair*. ACM BCB 2012. Orlando, FL. October 7-10, 2012.
- 2013-2014. *Conference chair*. RECOMB Seq 2014. Pittsburgh, PA, April 2014.
- 2015. *Program co-chair*. WABI 2015. Atlanta, GA, September 2015.
- 2016. *Co-organizer*. Mid-Atlantic Microbiome Meet-up. College Park, MD< November 2016
- 2016. *Co-organizer*. Dagstuhl seminar on next generation sequencing - Algorithms and Software for Biomedical Applications. Dagstuhl, Germany, September 2016.
- 2017. *Co-organizer*. Mid-Atlantic Microbiome Meet-up/CAMI joint meeting. College Park, MD, May 2017.
- 2018. *Co-organizer*. Mid-Atlantic Microbiome Meet-up on Biodefense and Pathogen detection, College Park, MD, January 2018.

- 2018. *Program co-chair*. ACM BCB 2018. Washington, DC, August 2018
- 2022. *Co-organizer*. Mid-Atlantic Microbiome Meet-up on the Interaction between Academia, Industry, and Government, College Park, MD, April 2022
- 2024. *Organizer*. Symposium on Microbiome Research at the Interface of Environment, Health, and Agriculture. College Park, MD, January 2024
- 2024. *Area co-chair*. ISMB 2024. Montreal, QC, Canada, July 2024
- 2025. Area co-chair. ISMB 2025. Liverpool, UK, July 2025
- 2026. General co-chair. ISMB 2026. Washington, DC, July 2026

Departmental committees (past 5 years)

2018 – present – Member, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

2021-2022 – Chair, sub-committee on Research and Scholarship for CS department unit review

College/Campus Committees (past 5 years)

2020 – member, Future of Research at the University of Maryland in the post-COVID 19

2021 – member, University of Maryland strategic planning committee (subcommittee on strategic partnerships)

2022-2023 – chair, Search committee for Assistant Dean for Diversity and Strategic Initiatives

2020-2024 – member, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences Council on Diversity and Inclusion

2024 – chair, Search committee for director of IBBR

2024-2025 – member, BISI/CBBG graduate admissions committee

2025 – member, search committee for Graduate School Associate Dean for Student Success

2025 – present – member, NextGen Academic Advisory Group

Candidacy and defense committees (last 3 years)

(in Computer Science unless otherwise marked)

Spring 2022 – Chair, PhD Defense Committee for Seth Commichaux (BISI)

Summer 2022 – Chair, PhD Defense Committee for Kiran Javkar

Summer 2022 – PhD Defense Committee for Domenick Braccia (BISI)

Winter 2023 – PhD Defense Committee for Caroline Castleton (Music)

Winter 2023 – PhD Defense Committee for Dietrich Epp Schmidt (ENST)

Summer 2023 – PhD Defense Committee for Reynold Yu (BISI)

Spring 2023 – PhD Defense Committee for Dongze He (BISI)

Spring 2023 – Preliminary exam committee for Yuzhu Mao (Civil & Environmental Engineering)

Fall 2024 – PhD Defense Committee for Jamshed Khan

July 2024 – PhD Defense Committee for Yihui Lai (Physics)

Summer 2024 – Chair, PhD Defense Committee for Tu Luan

Summer 2024 – Chair, PhD Defense Committee for Harihara Muralidharan

Spring 2025 – PhD Defense Committee for Noor Singh

Spring 2025 – PhD Defense Committee for Rana Khalil

External candidacy and defense committees

Spring 2024 - PhD Defense Committee for Aya Kutbi (Morgan State University)