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EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D) **AUG 2011 - AUG 2014**
University of Florida (UF), Gainesville, FL.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOINFORMATICS **AUG 2007 - OCT 2008**
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), IL.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH HONORS IN BIOINFORMATICS **JAN 2005 - DEC 2006**
Brigham Young University (BYU), Provo, UT.

ACTIVE GRANTS

NIH/NCI U54 CA233444 (ODEDINA) **\$5,470,124** **SEP 2018 – AUG 2023**
Core Leader/Co-Principal Investigator, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. 1.56 calendar \$313,703

2/3 Florida-California Cancer Research, Education & Engagement (CaRE2) Health Equity Center – The overarching goals of the Florida-California CaRE2 Health Equity Center will be to address cancer health disparities in Black and Latino populations in Florida and California through cutting-edge translational science, training and education of URM scientists and students, and development of culturally-sensitive tools and programs for community initiatives tailored to the needs of Black and Latino populations.

NSF 1838316 (LELE) **\$320,370** **AUG 2018 – JUL 2020**
Co-Investigator, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. 0.72 calendar \$74,075

Rules for cellular adaptation to the mechanical properties of their environment – The goals of this proposal are to use experimental evolution to uncover evolutionary rules underlying the adaptation of eukaryotic somatic cells to the mechanical properties of their environment.

NIH/NIAID P01 AI042288 (ATKINSON) **\$6,614,611** **JUN 2018 – MAY 2023**
Co-Investigator, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. 1.20 calendar \$123,458

Immune Function and the Progression to Type 1 Diabetes – The proposed studies of this P01 are designed to better understand the contributions of the immune system and genetics to T1D development.

HELMSLEY CHARITABLE TRUST 2018PG-T1D071 (BRUSKO) **\$1,783,298** **JAN 2018 – DEC 2021**
Co-Investigator, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. 0.36 calendar \$61,729

Human Atlas of Neonatal Development and Early-Life Immunity – The goal is to acquire key insights into immune system development in peripheral tissues, ultimately leading to novel interventional strategies.

My lab's budget is **\$10,000**

Prostate Cancer Transatlantic Consortium (CaPTC) CPTAC Tissue Source Sites – The purpose of this project is to provide high-quality, clinically annotated primary, untreated tumor specimens and whole or processed blood specimens from prostate cancer patients in West Africa.

Role: Co-Investigator (Training, Monitoring and Evaluation)

PENDING GRANTS

NIH/NCI PI (ODEDINA) **\$199,996** **JUL 2020 – JUN 2021**
 Co-Investigator, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. My lab's budget \$61,729
 Title: *Investigations of Black Ancestry on Pancreatic Cancer Tumor Biology for US-related Cancer Health Disparities*

NIH PI (GEORGE – UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI) **\$2,263,325** **APR 2021 – MAR 2026**
 Co-Investigator, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. My lab's budget \$422,353
 Title: *African Ancestry as Factors in Ovarian Cancer Risk, Etiology and Outcome*

NIH/NCI PI (TREVINO) **\$2,073,917** **APR 2021 – MAR 2026**
 Co-Investigator, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. My lab's budget \$61,729
 Title: *Strategies to Reverse Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma (PC)-Induced Cachexia*

NIH PI (GEORGE – UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI) **\$2,201,043** **APR 2021 – MAR 2026**
 Co-Investigator, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. My lab's budget \$312,813
 Title: *Ovarian Cancer Health Disparities - Role of HRD in High Grade Serous Carcinoma*

FDA PI (OSTROV) **\$699,746** **SEP 2020 – AUG 2022**
 Co-Investigator, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. My lab's budget \$25,000
 Title: *Risk Assessment Algorithm for Severe Adverse Drug Reactions*

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**FORMAL TEACHING***IPPR* – Informatics for Pathology Practice and Research

PROGRAMMING FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH & CLINICAL PRACTICE **SPRING 2020**
 Department of Pathology, Immunology, and Laboratory Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
 Level: Graduate Level
 Credits: 3
 Role: Course Developer and Director

GENOMICS IN CLINICAL PRACTICE: PRECISION ONCOLOGY **FALL 2019**
 Department of Pathology, Immunology, and Laboratory Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
 Level: Graduate Level
 Credits: 1
 Role: Course Instructor

UNIX OPERATING SYSTEMS – IPPR SERIES **SPRING 2018, 2019, & 2020**
 Department of Pathology, Immunology, and Laboratory Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Level: Graduate Level

Credits: 1

Role: Course Developer and Director

PYTHON PROGRAMMING – IPPR SERIES

SPRING 2018, 2019, & 2020

Department of Pathology, Immunology, and Laboratory Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Level: Graduate Level

Credits: 1

Role: Course Developer and Director

BIG DATA ANALYSIS AND VISUALIZATION – IPPR SERIES

SPRING 2018, 2019, & 2020

Department of Pathology, Immunology, and Laboratory Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Level: Graduate Level

Credits: 1

Role: Course Developer and Director

GENETICS

FALL 2011 & SPRING 2013

Department of Biology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.

Level: Undergraduate Level

Credits: 3

Role: Graduate Teaching Assistant

INFORMAL TEACHING WORKSHOPS/TOPICS

- Accessing EHR Data for Research
- Pathology Data Analytics and Reporting
- Clinical bioinformatics experiential training for a cancer survivors/advocates as part of CaRE2 Center's Cancer Citizen Scientists Leadership Program.
 - Dr. Nkafu Bechem Ndemazie – July 19th, 2019

ADVISOR/ADVISING COMMITTEES

Current

- Keesha L. Roach (Advisor, Registered Nurse – Post-doc Fellow, UF)
- Joseph W Dean (Committee Member, PhD in Department of Infectious Disease & Immunology, UF)
- Dylan Thomas Guenther (Committee Member, PhD in Biomedical Sciences, UF)
- Cameron D. Thomas (Advisor, PharmD – Post-doc Fellow, UF)
- Mark W McNeely (Advisor, Medical Student, UF)

Past

- Vektra L. Casler (Advisor, MD – Post-doc Fellow at Pathology, UF, 2019-2020)
- Sasank S Desraj (Advisor, Undergraduate, UF, 2018-2020)
- Vektra L. Casler (Advisor, MD – Pathology Resident, UF, 2018-2019)
- Gerianee Ward (Advisor – ReTOOL program summer trainee, UF, 2019)
 - Won first prize in the final research showcase presentation (competed against 19 participants)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DIRECTOR OF BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS | CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR JULY 2017 TO PRESENT
Department of Pathology, Immunology, and Laboratory Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Clinical Genome Informatics: I am the founder and leader of clinical bioinformatics at UF Health molecular pathology labs, which is a CLIA-certified, CAP-accredited clinical laboratory environment. We develop custom genotyping and next-generation sequencing (NGS) clinical assays, bioinformatics data analysis & management workflows, and solutions for integrating genomic data into lab information systems (LIS) and electronic health records (EHR). Our current precision medicine assays include detection of SNVs, Translocations, CNVs, and MSIs in clinical germline, oncology and pharmacogenomics tests covering gene panels, whole exome sequencing, and whole genome sequencing. My group has developed and is currently adding new functionalities to an in-house web application called “DNAVault”, which houses genomic variant data from UF Health precision oncology tests. DNAVault is currently being used for clinical quality control by our molecular pathologists and clinical staff through a web-based interface for data retrieval. My group plans to expand it further for research purposes after implementing appropriate consenting and de-identification processes. We are also working on a research project involving prototyping HL7 FHIR-enabled Genomic Data Server.

Translational Bioinformatics Research: My research expertise is specifically in the area of Bioinformatics and Genomics, where I have made several original contributions in the areas of alternative splicing, comparative genomics, genome sequencing and annotation, genome evolution, genetic marker development, genetic variant calling, and genome wide association studies. My scientific contributions have been published in high-impact journals, including Science, Nature, PNAS, and Genome Biology, and highlighted by news outlets across the globe. The current focus of my research is in understanding the genetic basis for human cancers and type 1 diabetes using genomics technologies and clinical metadata. Currently at University of Florida (UF), I lead bioinformatics efforts in type 1 diabetes (PO1 Award # AI042288), and NCI-supported cancer disparity grants, Florida-California CaRE² Health Equity Center (U54 Award # CA233444) and NCI-EGRP supported Prostate Cancer Transatlantic Consortium (CaPTC) (<http://epi.grants.cancer.gov/captc/>).

Clinical Laboratory Informatics and Data Interoperability: I provide informatics leadership in development and optimization of informatics processes and workflows at UF Health Pathology Laboratories. This involves (1) implementation of various lab tests and work flows in lab information systems (LIS) – EPIC Beaker, (2) laboratory data exchange interfaces between internal and external electronic health systems, and (3) laboratory data harmonization and data interoperability (using LOINC/CPT/SNOMED/ICD-10 codes). I have formal training in EPIC Beaker (Clinical Pathology module). We also, develop custom clinical laboratory informatics applications to meet unique needs of UF Health Pathology Laboratories.

Data Science & Clinical/Pathology Analytics: My lab uses data science techniques for aggregating and mining pathology laboratory and other relevant clinical data for tracking and improving laboratory test utilization, send-out test management, specimen logistics, clinical testing reimbursements, resource management, test volumes, business opportunities, and quality improvement research. This is achieved by creating centralized interactive dashboards and reports by consolidating data from various UF Health data sources such as EpicCare (EHR), EPIC Beaker (LIS), and others. Tools and technologies that were used are SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence, Tableau, Python, and Linux. Additionally, my work involves machine learning and other data analytic techniques to discover and improve clinical outcomes and diagnosis.

Digital Pathology: I have led the implementation and evaluation of live microscopy, whole slide imaging and remote gross specimen viewing technologies at UF Health. I am currently working on implementing informatics solutions for managing UF pathology image repositories, their integration with clinical data, and enabling their use for research.

Teaching: I have a great passion to lead and train current and next generation of health care professionals and researchers in informatics and precision genomic medicine within the purview of medical practice and research. I teach and offer rotations in pathology and clinical informatics training and courses for pathology residents, fellows, faculty, staff, and graduate students. I have created and implemented an Informatics for Pathology Practice and Research (IPPR) course series in the department of Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Florida. IPPR course series classes currently cover Python Programming Language, Advanced Data Analysis & Visualization, and Unix Operating Systems with plans to include other key informatics courses. This course series has attracted medical students, residents, fellows, staff, and faculty across. I also co-taught "Genomics in Clinical Practice: Precision Oncology" course along with faculty from oncology, pharmacy, and genetic counselors. Apart from teaching formal courses, I also offer workshops in (1) Accessing EHR Data for Research, and (2) Pathology Data Analytics and Reporting. I am currently working on implementing a new "Clinical Bioinformatics" graduate certificate program at UF and also developing four-week pathology resident informatics resident rotation program in my informatics laboratory. In recognition of my creative informatics teaching efforts (especially for medical professionals) I have been awarded as "2019 Exemplary Teacher" by UF College of Medicine.

Informatics Leadership: As the Director of Biomedical Informatics at UF Department of Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine, I serve on several administrative roles both at departmental and university committees. I play a critical role in making decisions in implementing informatics (software and data management) initiatives and improvements pertaining to genomics, pathology, and clinical data needs of UF clinical and research domains.

CLINICAL BIOINFORMATICS FACULTY (ASSISTANT SCIENTIST) **MAY 2016 TO JULY 2017**
Department of Pathology, Immunology, and Laboratory Medicine, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Developed next-generation sequencing clinical assays and data management for **personalized cancer medicine**. Additionally, I conducted research for understating genetic basis for **cancer** and **Type 1 diabetes** using sequencing and array-based genomics technologies.

BIOINFORMATICS SCIENTIST **JANUARY 2014 TO MAY 2016**
Dr. Patrick Concannon's Lab, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

As a Bioinformatics Scientist at University of Florida Genetics Institute in Dr. Patrick Concannon's lab, my research involves bioinformatic analyses of array and sequence-based data sets from several different projects in the laboratory. Below are brief details of the some of the main projects that I impacted.

Identification of genomic sequence variants associated with contralateral breast cancer in WECARE Study

The Women's Environment, Cancer, and Radiation Epidemiology (WECARE) Study was designed to identify genetic and environmental determinants of contralateral breast cancer (CBC). The study I am working on currently involves 1,536 WECARE Study participants, who underwent full mutation screening for cancer related genes *ATM* and *PPM1D* using targeted re-sequencing of these genes. Studying these genetic variations in *ATM* and *PPM1D* will help understand their interactions with cancer treatments and the association with second primary cancers.

Expression quantitative trait loci (e-QTL) to identify associations between genotype and gene expression in human Type 1 diabetes (T1D)

Most of the top SNPs that are associated with human Type 1 diabetes (T1D) in previously published GWAS studies are not located in coding regions. In this project we attempt to identify possible regulatory roles for these mutations. One of these regulatory roles that I am investigating is associations between genotype and gene expression in T1D using genotype and expression arrays derived from various cell types isolated from T1D human patients and controls.

Human exome sequencing in T1D families

In this study we are searching for rare, highly penetrant risk variants by sequencing exomes of 114 probands of high-risk T1D families defined as having three or more siblings diagnosed with T1D at early ages.

Responsibilities include:

- Developed quality control methods and pipelines for NGS, array based genotyping and microarray-based gene expression datasets.
- Performed NGS data alignments using BWA-MEM and implemented post-alignment QC methods.
- Explored and evaluated various variant callers like GATK, FreeBayes, VarScan and bcftools for their effectiveness.
- Developed high-throughput variant calling computational pipelines (in **Python**) for targeted and exome sequencing.
- Implemented variant filtering and annotation pipelines using ANNOVAR, SnpEff, and VEP software.
- Genetic variations and their annotations were explored using integrated database framework called GEMINI.
- Explored and evaluated various e-QTL computational frameworks like eQtlBma, eQTLA, and Matrix eQTL.
- Developed R software programming based visualization scripts.

LEAD BIOINFORMATICIAN (PART-TIME)

AUGUST 2014 TO MAY 2016

RAPiD Genomics, Gainesville, FL

RAPiD Genomics is a DNA genotyping and genetic data analysis company. They provide the full suite of tools and analytical methods to researchers and breeders that wish to characterize genetic variation and/or advance breeding.

Responsibilities include:

- Lead bioinformatics related projects.
- Develop and improve high-throughput and efficient bioinformatics methodologies and pipelines for cost-effective DNA genotyping and probe design.

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

JULY 2011 TO AUGUST 2014

Dr. Brad Barbazuk Lab, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Project: Examine the evolutionary conservation and divergence of alternative splicing (AS)

This study investigated the evolutionary conservation and divergence of AS patterns in genes duplicated by independent whole genome duplication events during the evolutionary histories of flowering plants.

Responsibilities include:

- Transcriptome sequence collection and quality filtering.
- Transcriptome assembly using Trinity, Cufflinks, and Newbler.
- Global AS events identification using PASA.
- Gene orthogrouping using OrthoMCL.
- Investigated correlation between gene methylation patterns and AS events in plants.
- Developed software pipeline for identifying conserved cross species AS events.
- Developed software pipeline for analyzing fate of AS events in duplicated genes from recent WGD.

Project: The *Amborella* Genome Project: Generating a reference sequence for angiosperm evolutionary analysis

This project generated a high-quality genome sequence for the non-model plant *Amborella*, using a **novel and relatively inexpensive genome assembly and validation strategy** facilitated by next-generation sequencing (NGS) technologies, *fluorescence in situ hybridization* (FISH), and Whole Genome Mapping. Until now, extensive genomic resources like genetic and physical maps were essential for generating high-quality genome sequences of species with large and complex genomes, which is a expensive and labor intensive

process. Results from these studies were published as two publications at *Science* journal and are listed above under peer-reviewed publications as *Chamala et al., 2013* and *Amborella Genome Consortium 2013*.

Responsibilities include:

- **Quality filtering and screening** of sequenced data, for organellar contaminants, short read lengths, poor quality, artificial duplicates, and chimeras.
- *De novo* sequence assembly using **Newbler**.
- Monitoring assembly progress.
- Super-scaffolding of *de novo* assembled scaffolds using **OpGen's Genome-Builder™**.
- Evaluation of fidelity of assembly mainly using combination of chromosomal **FISH** (fluorescence in situ hybridization) analysis and **OpGen's whole genome mapping** (optical mapping).
- Evaluating the potential of OpGen's Genome-Builder™ to serve as a surrogate to using long-range PE libraries (like BAC ends) to increase the contiguity of a genome assembly.
- To construct a highly comprehensive training set of well annotated *Amborella* genes, and then use this set to re-train **TWINSKAN *ab initio* gene finder** to accurately identify genes in the *Amborella* whole genome sequence.

BIOINFORMATICS RESEARCH SCIENTIST (PART-TIME)

AUGUST 2013 TO DECEMBER 2013

RAPiD Genomics, Gainesville, FL

RAPiD Genomics is a DNA genotyping and genetic data analysis company. They provide the full suite of tools and analytical methods to researchers and breeders that wish to characterize genetic variation and/or advance breeding.

Responsibilities include:

- Developed high-throughput and efficient bioinformatics methodologies and pipelines for cost-effective DNA genotyping and probe design.
- Improved methods for sequence variant discovery.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENTIST (COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY)

FEBRUARY 2009 TO JUNE 2011

Dr. Brad Barbazuk Lab, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

As a Biological Scientist in computational biology at UF's Genetics Institute in Dr. Brad Barbazuk's lab, I was involved in wide variety of genomic and transcriptomic projects. Below are brief details of the some of the main projects that I impacted.

Project: Computational gene prediction in Tomato Whole Genome

A computational pipeline was developed to construct a highly comprehensive training set of well annotated tomato genes, and then used this set to re-train TWINSKAN *ab initio* gene finder to accurately identify genes in the tomato whole genome sequence. The tomato specific version of TWINSKAN is integrated into the tomato whole genome sequencing project annotation pipeline. This work is published and listed above under peer-reviewed publications as *Tomato Genome Consortium, 2012*.

Project: Strawberry global gene expression

A novel computational approach was developed to obtain comprehensive coverage of the cultivated strawberry (*Fragaria × ananassa* Duchesne) transcriptome. This study led to the identification of large number of **novel expressed genes**, and thus substantially increasing the available expressed sequence information in the genus. Predictions of **cellular localization and function** were made for these expressed genes by using tissue pool tags sequencing information. This information allows the design of molecular markers that can speed development of new cultivars to meet challenges, such as emerging pathogens, high labor and fuel costs, and diminishing water resources, to name a few. This work was published and listed above under peer-reviewed publications as *Folta et al., 2010*.

Project: Genome evolution in natural populations and synthetic lines of *Tragopogon*

This project involved understanding the impact of polyploidization on **genome evolution** and gene function using *Tragopogon* (sunflower family) as a model organism. Computational pipelines were developed to accelerate the identification of differential gene expression, gene loss, and gene gain events in a high-throughput manner in the polyploids compared to their diploid parent. This work was published and listed above under peer-reviewed publications as *Buggs et al., 2010* and *Buggs et al., 2012*.

Responsibilities include:

- **Genome and transcript sequence assemblies.**
- Characterization and **annotation** of genomes and transcriptomes.
- **Polymorphism discovery** and **gene expression analysis.**
- Develop computational pipelines to automate various biological data analysis.
- Review genome annotation, bioinformatics research procedures, literature, and evaluate their impact on research goals.
- Perform scientific experiments for analysis and standardization.
- Prepare written reports of research findings for publication and presentation.
- **Train graduate students** and biologists at UF in the use of new bioinformatics methods.
- Identifying, implementing and maintaining available software packages that will aid our research projects and developing software and analysis methods when required to complete the research.

FUNCTIONAL ARCHITECT (INTERNSHIP)

JUNE TO DECEMBER 2008

Monsanto, Technology Pipeline Solutions, St. Louis, MO

Monsanto is a leading multinational agricultural biotechnology corporation. I worked in Pipeline Management Team (PMT) of **LEADS** project; it's a joint Biotechnology and IT project aimed to develop Integrated Pipeline Reporting (IPR) tool, automate process tracking, and optimize work flow process for Monsanto's Biotechnology pipeline.

Responsibilities include:

- As part of PMT team, served as liaison between Biotechnology and software application development teams to enhance Biotechnology pipeline process.
- Captured and analyzed "**As Is**" business process and proposed improved "**To Be**" business processes using **BEA AquaLogic BPM** suite.
- Calculated **business value** metrics for **Gap Analysis** between "As Is" and "To Be" processes.
- Developed **user interface** (UI) screen flow prototypes using **Axure RP Pro** and presented to end users and development team for feasibility and feedback.
- Translated business requirements into **Test Driven Requirements** (TDR), which were then passed on to software development and testing teams.
- Participated in **Bug bash** meetings and helped in analyzing bugs and prioritizing bug fixes.

BIOINFORMATICS RESEARCH ASSISTANT

AUGUST 2007 TO MAY 2008

Dr. Matthew Hudson Laboratory, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

Responsibilities include:

- Assembly **simulation** of genomic reads produced by Sanger, 454, and Solexa sequencing technologies for **quality** and **cost efficiencies.**
- Short read sequence analysis and functional annotation in *Polistes metricus* (Paper Wasp).
- Developing Sequence annotation pipelines using **distributed processing** and web-based interfaces using Perl, MySQL, PHP.

PROGRAMMER ANALYST

FEBRUARY TO AUGUST 2007

Regal Computer Systems, Consultant for Michigan Information Technology Dept, Lansing, MI

Goal of **BRIDGES** project is to automate eligibility and benefit determination for Michigan's Cash, Medical, Food, and Child Day Care Assistance programs.

Responsibilities include:

- Developed Multi-Tier Web applications using **Java, J2EE, JSP, Servlets, EJB 2.1, JDBC, XML, HTML, JavaScript.**
- Used software revision control tool **Rational ClearCase** and work-flow automation tool **Rational ClearQuest.**
- Worked on **Oracle 10g/9i, SQL, PL/SQL, Stored Procedures, TOAD, PL/SQL Developer.**
- Developed Financial Management reports using **Crystal Report 11.**
- Developed **Shell Scripts** for Batch Programs in **UNIX** environment.
- Scheduled and managed batch jobs using **OPCON 3.11.05** scheduler.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2006

Dr. David Belnap Laboratory, Dept of Chemistry and Biochemistry, BYU, Provo, UT

Responsibilities include:

- Examined the **conserved secondary structure** in RNA of poliovirus.
- This information will help to develop a model for **RNA folding** and also to identify those nucleotides involved in RNA folding. This will be used in conjunction to another project to determine RNA fold by 3D electron microscopy.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

JANUARY 2005 TO DECEMBER 2006

Dr. David McClellan Laboratory, Dept of Integrative Biology, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Responsibilities include:

- Examined specific **single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs)** in the **mtDNA** of the Pima Indian population of the Sonora desert, focusing on genes coding for electron transport chain proteins which affect efficiency of energy metabolism, thereby affecting survival during historical famines and resulting in obesity during extended times of plenty.
- Determined the effect of **natural selection** acting on these residues, and made inferences regarding these mutations as selective adaptations in particular dietary environments.

SOFTWARE PROGRAMMER

NOVEMBER 2005 TO MARCH 2006

Office of Information Technology - Engineering, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Responsibilities include:

- Developed web applications in **C** with embedded **SQL.**
- Debugged and maintained software code written by other software developers.
- Developed web pages using **HTML, DHTML, PHP, CSS.**

RESEARCH TRAINEE

JUNE TO AUGUST 2004

Dr. Satyabrata Nandi Laboratory, Cancer Research Laboratory, University of California, Berkeley, CA

Responsibilities include:

- **RNA extraction** from frozen mammary tissues of various rat groups.
- RNA amplification using real-time **RT-PCR.**
- Staining and labeling of mammary tissue using **Immunocytochemistry** technique.

PUBLICATIONS

† Indicates equal contributions

§ Indicates co-senior author

Total first/co-first author publications: 10

Total first/co-senior author publications: 9

Total: 48

Citations: 3600+

In Preparation

Note: "In Preparation " articles are close to be finished manuscripts that are waiting for review by co-authors or undergoing final revisions.

1. †George, S., †Hakimjavadi, H., Taub, M., Dodds, L., Pearson, J. M., Huang, M., Kobetz, E., Gharaibeh, R., Sowamber, R., Pinto, A., §Chamala, S., & §Schlumbrecht, M. Endometrial cancer diagnosis and cervical microbiome. *In Preparation*.
2. Jiang, J., Hakimjavadi, H., §Chamala, S., and §Schmittgen, T.D. Transcriptional Regulation of Acinar-to-Ductal Metaplasia in Organoid Model of Human Derived Pancreas Cells. *In Preparation*.
3. Chamala, S., Hakimjavadi, H., Jiang, J., Menefee, J. N., Dixit, P., & Fredenburg, K. Expression Pattern of Ultra-Conserved Noncoding RNAs in Head and Neck Cancer: The role of micro RNAs. *In Preparation*.
4. Cameron, M. E., Hakimjavadi, H., Riner, A. N., Herremans, K. M., Underwood, P. W., Judge, A. R., Odedina, F., Carpten, J. D., Wilkie, D. Reams, R. R., Han, B., Agyare, E., §Chamala, S., & §Trevino, J. G. Unique Genetic Signatures Underlie Divergent Biology in Ethnically Diverse Patients with Pancreatic Cancer. *In Preparation*.
5. Chamala, S., Bacher, Rhonda., Perry, D. J., Williams, M., Wasserfall, C., Brusko, T. M., Atkinson, M. A., Haller, M. J., Campbell-Thompson, M., and Concannon, P. Role of genetic factors in determining pancreas weight in type 1 diabetes. *In Preparation*.
6. Gruber-Mösenbacher, U., Casler, V., Neier, E., Jean, B., & Chamala, S. Digital Pathology in Cameroon. *In Preparation*.

Submitted – Under Review

7. †Balasubramani, B., †Newsom, K., Martinez, K., Starostik, P., Clare-Salzler, M., & Chamala, S. Pathology Informatics and Robotics Strategies for Improving Efficiency of COVID-19 Pooled Testing. Submitted and under review at *Academic Pathology*.
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9. Dolin, R., Gothi, S., Boxwala, A., Rao, S., Shalaby, J., Khangar, H., Husami, A., Heale, B., Jones, J., §Chamala, S. & §Alterovitz, G., VCF-2-FHIR: A Utility to Convert VCF Files into HL7 FHIR Format. Submitted and under review at *Bioinformatics*.

10. Purkayastha, P., Pendyala, K., Saxena, A.S., Hakimjavadi, H., Chamala, S., Baer, C.F., & Lele, T.P. Natural selection imposed by mechanical properties of a biomaterial results in novel cellular phenotypes. Submitted and under review at *Biomaterials*.
11. Casler, V. L., & Chamala, S. Implementation and Evaluation of Live Microscopy and Whole Slide Imaging Instruments. Submitted and under review at *Journal of Pathology Informatics*.
12. Chamala, S., Maness, H. T. D., Brown, L., Adams, C. B., & Cogle. Building a Precision Oncology Workforce by Multidisciplinary and Case-Based Learning. Submitted and under review at *Advances in Health Sciences Education*.

Published/Accepted Original Research

13. Williams, M.D., Bacher, B., Perry, D.J., Grace, C.R., McGrail, K.M., Posgai, A.L., Muir, A., Chamala, S., Haller, M.J., Schatz, D.A., Brusko, T.M., Atkinson, M.A., & Wasserfall, C.H. Effect of Genetic Burden and Autoantibody Titers on the Probability of Detecting C-Peptide Following Type 1 Diabetes Diagnosis. In Press at *Diabetes Care*.
14. Weaver, K.D., De Los Santos, Y., Gaffar, M., Zona, M.C., Flax, S., Chamala, S., Seifert, R.P., & Esnakula, A.K. Wrong Tissue in Block: Grossing Gone Wrong can be Made Right with Tailored Informatics Solutions. In Press at *American Journal of Clinical Pathology*.
15. Balzano-Nogueira, L., Ramirez, R., Zamkovaya, T., Dailey, J., Ardrissone, A.N., Chamala, S., Schatz, D., Haller, M., Concanon, P., Triplett, E. W., Conesa1 Ana., & the TEDDY Study Group. Integrative Omics data analysis of TEDDY data reveal ROS, lipid metabolism impairment and inflammatory abnormalities prior to onset of islet autoimmunity Association of the gut microbiota with genetic risk factors for T1D. In Press at *Genome Biology*.
16. Chamala, S., Mishra, S.N., Newsom, K.J., Majety, S., Gothi, R.N., Dolin, R.H., Walton, N.A., and Starostik, P. (2020). Indispensability of Clinical Bioinformatics for Effective Implementation of Genomic Medicine in Pathology Laboratories. *Applied Clinical Informatics Open*.
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43. *Estill, J., Leebens-Mack, J., Ayyampalayam, S., Soltis, D. E., Soltis, P. S., Barbazuk, B., Albert, V. A., Ma, H., Wessler, S., Burnett, J., Chamala, S., Jiao, Y., Wafula, E., Walts, B., Schuster, S. C., Der, J. P., & dePamphilis, C. (2012, January 14-18). A genome browser for the basal angiosperm, *Amborella trichopoda*. Talk presented at the Plant & Animal Genome XX, San Diego, CA, USA.
44. *Chamala, S., Walts, B., Estill, J., Lee, S., Ralph, P., Tomsho, L. P., Yu, Y., Der, J. P., Albert, V. A., dePamphilis, C., Leebens-Mack, J., Ma, H., Palmer, J., Rounsley, S., Schuster, S. C., Soltis, D. E., Soltis, P. S., Wessler, S., Wing, R. A., & Barbazuk, B. (2012, January 14-18). A Whole Genome Reference Sequence of *Amborella*. Poster presented at the Plant & Animal Genome XX, San Diego, CA, USA.
45. *Jordon-Thaden, I., Viccini, L. F., Buggs, R., Chester, M., Chamala, S., Wu, W., Barbazuk, B., Schnable, P. S., Soltis, D. E., & Soltis, P. S. (2012, January 14-18). Using Sequenom to study gene expression and gene loss in natural and synthetic polyploid generations (*Tragopogon*, *Asteraceae*). Poster presented at the Plant & Animal Genomes XX Conference, San Diego, CA, USA.
46. *Chambers, A., Carle, S., Chamala, S., Barbazuk, W. B., Whitaker, V. M., & Foltá, K. M. (2011, November 09-10). Multiplexing eight SSR molecular markers to fingerprint diverse *Fragaria* germplasm. Poster presented at the Florida Genetics 2012, Gainesville, FL, USA.
47. *Neves, L. G., Chamala, S., Davis, J. M., Barbazuk, W. B., & Kirst, M. (2011, November 09-10). Exploring the megagenome of pine by targeted resequencing. Poster presented at the Florida Genetics 2011, Gainesville, FL, USA.
48. *Chamala, S., Walts, B., Chanderbali, A., Albert, V., Ayyampalayam, S., Burnette, J., dePamphilis, C., Der, J., Estill, J., Lan, T., Leebens-Mack, J., Lee, S., Ma, H., Rounsley, S., Schuster, S., Soltis, D., Soltis, P., Tomsho, L., Wessler, S., Wing, R., Yu, Y., & Barbazuk, B. (2011, November 09-10). The *Amborella* Genome Project: generating a reference sequence for angiosperm evolutionary analysis. Poster presented at the Florida Genetics 2011, Gainesville, FL, USA.
49. Chamala, S., *Walts, B., Albert, V., dePamphilis, C., Der, J., Estill, J., Leebens-Mack, J., Lee, S., Ma, H., Rounsley, S., Schuster, S., Soltis, D., Soltis, P., Tomsho, L., Wessler, S., Wing, R., Yu, Y., & Barbazuk, W. B. (2011, November 2-5). The *Amborella* genome project: generating a reference sequence for angiosperm evolutionary analysis. Poster presented at the Genome Informatics 2011, Cold Spring Harbor, New York, USA.
50. Brunings, A., Clancy, M. A., Rosli, H. G., Chamala, S., Carle, S., Varn, F., Civello, M., Babazuk, W. B.,

Davis, T. M., & *Folta, K. M. (2011, September 23-30). Genome-enabled development of new tools to accelerate strawberry (*Fragaria spp*) research. Poster presented at the American Society for Horticultural Science (ASHS) Annual Conference 2011, Waikoloa, Hawaii, USA.

51. *Soltis, D., Buggs, R., Chamala, S., Chester, M., Symonds, V., Tate, J., Mavrodiev, E., Schnable, P., Barbazuk, W. B., & Soltis, P. (2011 July 9-13). *Tragopogon* - A model for recent and recurring allopolyploidy. Talk presented at the Botany 2011 Conference, St. Louis, MO, USA.
52. *Jordon-Thaden, I., Facio, L. V., Buggs, R., Chester, M., Silva, A. V., Chamala, S., Davenport, R., Wu, W., Schnable, P., Barbazuk, B., Soltis, D., & Soltis, P. (2011 July 9-13). Exploring genome evolution and gene expression in natural and synthetic polyploids (*Tragopogon*, *Asteraceae*) based on growth chamber experiments. Talk presented at the Botany 2011 Conference, St. Louis, MO, USA.
53. *Buggs, R. J., Renny-Byfield, S., Chamala, S., Jordon-Thaden, I. E., Viccini, L. F., Leitch, A. R., Schnable, P. S., Barbazuk, W. B., Soltis, P. S., & Soltis, D. E. (2011 July 4-8). Ongoing evolution in allopolyploid genomes examined using next-generation sequencing. Invited Talk presented at the 8th Biennial Meeting of the Systematics Association, Queen's University, Belfast, UK.
54. *Soltis, D. E., Soltis, P. S., Buggs, R. J., Viccini, L. F., Chester, M., Jordon-Thaden, I.E., Silva, A. V. C. D., Tate, J. A., Symonds, V. V., Wu, W., Schnable, P. S., Chamala, S., Davenport, R., & Barbazuk, W. B. (2011 July 23-30). Genetic, karyotypic and genomic evolution in *Tragopogon* allotetraploids. Invited Talk presented at the *International Botanical Congress XVIII*, Melbourne, Australia.
55. *Chamala, S., Walts, B., Albert, V., dePamphilis, C., Der, J., Estill, J., Leebens-Mack, J., Lee, S., Ma, H., Rounsley, S., Schuster, S., Soltis, D., Soltis, P., Tomsho, L., Wessler, S., Wing, R., Yu, Y., & Barbazuk, W. B. (2011, May 18-21). The *Amborella* genome project: generating a reference sequence for angiosperm evolutionary analysis. Poster presented at the 18th Plant Biology Symposium, University Park, Pennsylvania, USA.
56. *Chamala, S., Walts, B., Albert, V., dePamphilis, C., Der, J., Estill, J., Leebens-Mack, J., Lee, S., Ma, H., Rounsley, S., Schuster, S., Soltis, D., Soltis, P., Tomsho, L., Wessler, S., Wing, R., Yu, Y., & Barbazuk, W. B. (2011, January 15-19). The *Amborella* genome project: generating a reference sequence for angiosperm evolutionary analysis. Poster presented at the Plant & Animal Genomes XIX Conference, San Diego, CA, USA.
57. *Barbazuk, W. B., Chamala, S., Brent, M. R., Mueller, L., & Giovannoni, J. (2011, January 15-19). Tomato trained TWINSCAN and *ab initio* gene finding in tomato. Poster presented at the Plant & Animal Genomes XIX Conference, San Diego, CA, USA.
58. *Neves, L. G., Chamala, S., Davis, J. M., Barbazuk, W. B., & Kirst, M. (2011, January 15-19). Whole-Exome Sequencing And Genotyping In The Loblolly Pine (*Pinus taeda*) Megagenome. Talk presented at the Plant & Animal Genomes XIX Conference, San Diego, CA, USA.
59. *Jordon-Thaden, I. E., Viccini, L. F., Buggs, R., Chester, M., Silva, A. V., Chamala, S., Davenport, R., Wu, W., Schnable, P. S., Barbazuk, W. B., Soltis, D. E., & Soltis, P. S. (2011, January 15-19). Exploring Genome Evolution And Gene Expression In Natural And Synthetic Polyploids (*Tragopogon*). Poster presented at the Plant & Animal Genomes XIX Conference, San Diego, CA, USA.
60. *Zuccolo, A., Bowers, J. E., Estill, J. C., Xiong, Z., Luo, M., Sebastian, A., Goicoechea, J. L., Collura, K., Yu, Y., Jiao, Y., Tang, H., Duarte, J., Rounsley, S., Kudrna, D., Paterson, A. H., Pires, J. C., Soltis, D., Chamala, S., Barbazuk, B., Soltis, P., Albert, V. A., Ma, H., Der, J. P., Mandoli, D., Banks, J., Carlson, J., Tomkins, J., dePamphilis, C., Wing, R. A., & Leebens-Mack, J. (2011, January 15-19). A Physical Map For The *Amborella* Genome Sheds Light On The Evolution Of Angiosperm Genome

Structure. Poster presented at the Plant & Animal Genomes XIX Conference, San Diego, CA, USA.

61. *Chambers, A., Chamala, S., Barbazuk, W. B., Whitaker, V. M., & Folta, K. M. (2010, October 27-28). Universal fingerprinting platform for strawberry (*Fragaria* species). Poster presented at the Florida Genetics 2010, Gainesville, FL, USA.
62. *Clancy, M. A., Brunings, A. M., Chamala, S., Barbazuk, W. B., Davis, T. M., & Folta, K. M. (2010, October 27-28). Empirically-designed tools for molecular biology: exploiting a deeply-sequenced transcriptome of octoploid strawberry. Poster presented at the Florida Genetics 2010, Gainesville, FL, USA.
63. *Neves, L. G., Chamala, S., Davis, J. M., Barbazuk, W. B., & Kirst, M. (2010, October 27-28). Towards genome-wide association studies in forest trees. Poster presented at the Florida Genetics 2010, Gainesville, FL, USA.
64. *Clancy, M. A., Brunings, A. M., Chamala, S., Barbazuk, W. B., & Folta, K. M. (2010, July 31-August 4). Empirically-designed tools for molecular biology: exploiting a deeply-sequenced strawberry transcriptome. Poster presented at the Plant Biology 2010 Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
65. *Folta, K. M., Chamala, S., Barbazuk, W. B., Dhingra, A., Brunings, A., Clancy, M. A., Rosli, H. G., Pombo, M., Civello, M., & Davis, T. M. (2010, August 2–5). Tissue and Developmental Transcriptome Differences in strawberry revealed with Next-Gen Technology. Talk presented at the American Society for Horticultural Science (ASHS) Annual Conference 2010, Palm Desert, California, USA.
66. *Chamala, S. (2008, April 4). Developing assembly Strategies for emerging sequencing technologies. Talk presented at the Advanced Seminar in Biomedical Informatics, UIUC, Urbana, IL, USA.
67. *Chamala, S., Beckstead, W. A., Rowe, M. J., & McClellan, D. A. (2006, October 20-21). Evolutionary selective pressure on three mitochondrial SNPs is consistent with their influence on metabolic efficiency in Pima Indians. Talk presented at the Biotechnology and Bioinformatics Symposium, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.
68. *Chamala, S., Beckstead, W. A., Rowe, M. J., & McClellan, D. A. (2006, June 23-27). Evolutionary selective pressure on three mitochondrial SNPs is consistent with their influence on metabolic efficiency in Pima Indians. Poster presented at the Evolution 2006, Society of Systematic Biology, State University of New York-Stony Brook, Stony Brook, New York, USA.
69. *Chamala, S., Beckstead, W. A., Rowe, M. J., & McClellan, D. A. (2006, May 24-28). Evolutionary selective pressure on three mitochondrial SNPs is consistent with their influence on metabolic efficiency in Pima Indians. Poster presented at the Genomes, Evolution, and Bioinformatics 2006, Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, USA.
70. *Chamala, S. (2006, March 18). Contribution of conserved nucleotides for the RNA folding in picornaviruses. Talk presented at the 20th Annual Spring Research Conference 2006, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA.

TECHNICAL SKILLS & EXPERTISE

BIOINFORMATICS SOFTWARES

Genome Annotation: MAKER, FGENESH, TWINSKAN, TWINSKAN_EST
Microarray and Pathway Analysis: Affymetrix Expression and Transcriptome Analysis Console, Bioconductor, DAVID, GSEA, KEGG, GeneSpring, PathVisio
Phylogeny Software: ClustalW, MAFFT, MEGA, MUSCLE, PHYLIP, PAUP*, RAxML
Sequence Assemblers: Arachne, Celera, Newbler, TGICL, Trinity, Phrap, EULER-SG, Velvet, ABySS
Sequence Alignment: BLAT, BowTie, TopHat, FASTA, GMAP, GSNAP, HMMER, MOSAIK, NCBI-BLAST, SOAP WU-BLAST
Variant Discovery and Annotation: BCFtools, FreeBayes, GATK, GEMINI, GigaBayes, Hydra, Lumpy, VarScan, ANNOVAR, SnpEff, and VEP

PROGRAMMING AND SCRIPTING LANGUAGES

Java, JSP, Servlets, EJB 2.1, JDBC, C, C++, Perl, CGI programming with Perl, Python, PHP, Korn Shell Script, Bourne Shell Script, SQL, SAS, R.

APPLICATION/WEB SERVERS

IBM Websphere, Tomcat

DESIGN/VERSION/WORK-FLOW CONTROL TOOLS

BEA AuaLogic BPM, Axure RP Pro, TeamTrack, MS Visio, UML, Rational ClearCase & ClearQuest, CVS, GIT.

DATABASES

MySQL, Oracle, MongoDB, Elasticsearch.

DATA VISUALIZATION

SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence, Tableau, and Python

WEB RELATED

XML, HTML, JavaScript, CSS, Angular JS.

SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGIES

Crystal Report 11, FindBugs, OPCON, Microsoft Office, OpenOffice.

OPERATING SYSTEMS

Linux, Mac OSX, Rocks Cluster Distribution, Windows, Sun Grid Engine, TORQUE Resource Manager, SLURM Resource Manager, UNIX

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SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

2019 Exemplary Teaching Award UF College of Medicine	2019
Travel Award from <i>CaRE2</i> Health Equity Center (7th International African-Caribbean Cancer Consortium Conference)	2019
Travel Award from <i>CaRE2</i> Health Equity Center (12th AACR Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved)	2019
Best graduate student paper award (Honorable Mention), UF, Gainesville, FL	2013
UT-Austin Symposium and Workshop on New Methods for Phylogenomics and Metagenomics	2013
Grinter Fellowship, UF, Gainesville, FL	2011 TO 2013
Travel Award from Graduate Student Council, UF, Gainesville, FL	2012
Travel Award from Celera Assembler User Group Meeting	2012
Travel Award from 18 th Plant Biology Symposium at Penn State	2011
Honors Thesis Research Grant, BYU, Provo, UT	2006
Integrative Biology Research Travel Grant, BYU, Provo, UT	2006
Clarence Cottam Memorial Scholarship, BYU, Provo, UT	2005 AND 2006
Brigham Young Academic Scholarship, BYU, Provo, UT	2005
Honors Academic Merit Award, Berkeley City College, Berkeley, CA	2003 AND 2004