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Education

B.S. in Probability and Statistics	Sep 1990 – Jun 1994
Peking University	Beijing, China
M.S. in Statistics	Sep 1995 – Jun 1997
University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI
Ph.D. in Statistics	Sep 1995 – Jun 2000
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Professional experience

Graduate Student Instructor	Sep 1995 – May 1999
Department of Statistics	
University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI

<p>Graduate Student Research Assistant Department of Statistics and Management Science University of Michigan Business School</p>	<p>Sep 1998 – May 1999 Ann Arbor, MI</p>
<p>Visiting Research Assistant Department of Statistics Stanford University</p>	<p>Aug 1999 – Sep 1999 Stanford, CA</p>
<p>Graduate Student Research Assistant Center for Statistics Consulting and Research University of Michigan</p>	<p>Sep 1999 – Aug 2000 Ann Arbor, MI</p>
<p>Postdoctoral fellow Department of Statistics, Advisor: Jun S. Liu Harvard University</p>	<p>Sep 2000 – Aug 2003 Cambridge, MA</p>
<p>Assistant Professor Center for Statistical Genetics, Department of Biostatistics University of Michigan</p>	<p>Sep 2003 – Jul 2010 Ann Arbor, MI</p>
<p>Core Member of Long Program Workshop on Mathematical and Computational Approaches on High Throughput Genomics Institute of Pure and Applied Mathematics University of California at Los Angeles,</p>	<p>Sep 2011 – Dec 2011 Los Angeles, CA</p>

Research Funding

Active grants:

R01 CA 077337-11 “Genesis and Consequences of Aberrant DNA Methylation”

PI: Vertino

04/01/12 - 03/31/17

Role: Co-investigator

P01 GM085354 “Understanding Mechanisms of hESC Self-Renewal and Cell Fate Commitment”

PI: Dalton (U of Georgia),

07/01/14-02/28/19

Role: Bioinformatics Core director

R03 AI11396-01 “Epigenome-wide Association Study of Asthma in Populations of African Descent”

PI: Hu

08/01/14-07/31/16

Role: Co-Investigator

R01 HL104608-01A1 “*New Approaches for empowering Studies of Asthma in Populations of African Descent*”

PI: Barnes (Johns Hopkins),

09/28/11 – 09/30/16

Role: Emory Subcontract PI

Completed PI or co-PI grants:

University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School Interdisciplinary workshop. “*New Statistical Methods in Molecular Biology*”. 2004-2008.

University of Michigan Center for Computational Medicine and Biology 2006 pilot grant “*Joint Modeling of OMICS Data to Prioritize Drug Target Genes in B. anthracis*”.

Multiple PIs: Qin, Bergman

The Genetics and Genomics 2008 Pilot Feasibility Grant. University of Michigan Center for Genomics Health and Medicine “*Targeted Resequencing Study of Seven New Psoriasis Candidate Genes*”.

Career Development Research Project. The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center Prostate SPORE “*Model-based Methods to Analyze Massive Parallel Sequencing Data with Application to Prostate Cancer Progression*”. 2008 – 2010

The Genetics and Genomics 2008 Pilot Feasibility Grant. University of Michigan Center for Genomics Health and Medicine “*Use of ChIP-Seq to identify target genes in a novel, regulated transcriptional repressor-activator relationship*”.

Multiple PIs: Schwartz, Qin

The Genetics and Genomics 2010 Pilot Feasibility Grant. University of Michigan Center for Genomics Health and Medicine “*ChIP-Seq Analysis of Transcriptional Coactivator PGC-1 α in the Control of Circadian Energy Metabolism in the Liver*”.

Multiple PIs: Lin, Qin

R01HG005119-01 “*Model-based Methods for Analyzing ChIP Sequencing Data*”

PI: Qin

07/22/09 – 06/30/13

R21HG004751-01A2 “*Statistical Methods for Analyzing Resequencing Data*”

PI: Qin

09/21/10 – 07/31/12

DMS1000617 “*Spatial Model-Based Methods for RNA-seq Data Analysis*”

Multiple PIs: Zhu (Purdue University), Qin

10/01/10 – 09/30/13

Completed co-I grants (selected)

Department of Defense W81XWH-08-1-0110 “A Search for Gene Fusions/ Translocations in Breast Cancer” (PI: Chinnaiyan).
Role: Co-investigator.

American Diabetes Association 7-09-BS-168 “Role of transcriptional repressor Bcl-6 in GH-induced insulin resistance”. (PI: Schwartz).
Role: Co-investigator.

1 R56 AI091827-01A1 “Genetics of Vancomycin Intermediate Resistance in *S. Aureus*”
PI: Read
08/01/11 – 07/31/12
Role: Co-investigator

R01 HL104608-01S1 “New Approaches for empowering Studies of Asthma in Populations of African Descent” (Administrative Supplement)
PI: Barnes (Johns Hopkins),
09/29/14 – 09/30/15
Role: Emory Subcontract PI

Peer reviewed journal, conference and book chapter publications

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Chen L, **Qin ZS**, Liu JS. (2001) Exploring Hybrid Monte Carlo in Bayesian Computation. *Bayesian Methods with Application to Science, Policy and Official Statistics*. 71-80.

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Book published

Advances in Statistical Bioinformatics: Models and Integrative Inference for High-Throughput Data. (2013) Edited by Vannucci M, Do K and **Qin ZS**. Cambridge University Press.

Other publications

Qin ZS, Damien P, Walker S. (2003) Scale Mixture Models with Applications to Bayesian Inference. *The Monte Carlo Methods in the Physical Sciences: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Metropolis Algorithm*, Los Alamos, New Mexico 2003. Gubernatis JE (Ed) American Institute of Physics. 394-395.

Qin ZS. (2008) Book Review: *Data Analysis and Graphics Using R: An Example-Based Approach*, Second Edition. John Maindonald and John Braun *Brief Bioinform.* **9** 258-259.

Zhu D, **Qin ZS** (2014) Systems biology and metagenomics: a showcase of Chinese bioinformatics researchers and their work. *Science China Life Science.* **57**: 1051-1053.

Oral presentations (within 7 years)

Keynote lecture

Model-based Methods for Analyzing NGS Data. Mini Conference—Research and Collaboration Forum for Southeastern Researchers in Mathematical Modeling of Biological Systems. Augusta, GA. March 28-29, 2012.

Invited/selected conference presentations

Bayesian Model-based Methods for Analyzing ChIP Sequencing Data. *ENAR 2010* Spring meeting. New Orleans, LA. March 20-24, 2010.

Bayesian Model-based Methods for Analyzing RNA-Seq Data. *ENAR 2011* Spring meeting. Miami, FL. March 20-23, 2011.

Do chromosomes have “consensus” 3D structures? -- Statistical clues from Hi-C data. Cold Spring Harbor Asia Conferences series 2011: High Throughput Biology. Suzhou, China, April 19-23, 2011.

Bayesian Model-based Methods for Analyzing RNA-seq Data. Sixth International Conference on Dynamic Systems and Applications, Atlanta, GA. May, 25-28, 2011

Bayesian Model-based Methods for Analyzing RNA-seq Data. 2011 International Research Symposium on Frontiers of Statistics. Hefei, China. July 13-18, 2011.

Inference of correlated hidden Markov models with application to genome-wide studies. Banff International Research Station Workshop on Current challenges in statistical learning. Banff, Alberta, Canada. December 11-16, 2011.

Statistical Models for Analyzing Sequencing Applications. *ENAR 2012* Spring meeting. Washington D C., April 1-4, 2012.

Inference of correlated hidden Markov models with application to genome-wide studies. Conference on Statistical Learning and Data Mining. Ann Arbor, MI. June 5 - 7, 2012.

Inference of correlated hidden Markov models with application to genome-wide studies. Second Joint Biostatistics Symposium, Beijing China, July 7-9, 2012.

Towards the understanding of the three-dimensional genome organization, statistical challenges and opportunities for analyzing Hi-C data. Barcelona BioMed Conference on Bayesian methods in Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Barcelona, Spain, December 17-19, 2012.

Towards the understanding of the three-dimensional genome organization, statistical challenges and opportunities for analyzing Hi-C data. The Second Workshop on Biostatistics and Bioinformatics. Atlanta, GA. May 10 - 12, 2013.

An Alternative to the Bayesian Hierarchical Model and its Application to Microarray Gene Expression Data. The Ninth ICSA International Conference: Challenges of Statistical Methods for Interdisciplinary Research and Big Data. December 20-23, 2013. Hong Kong Baptist University.

Extensions to Hidden Markov Models and Their Application to Integrated Analysis of Multiple Chromatin Immunoprecipitation Data. ENAR 2014, March 16-19, 2014. Baltimore, MD.

Inference of Correlated Hidden Markov Models with Application to ChIP-Seq Compendium Data. The 2014 Workshop on Genomic Signal Processing and Statistics (GENSIPS'14), December 3-5, 2014. Atlanta, GA.

Base-resolution methylation patterns accurately predict transcription factor bindings in vivo. The 2014 International Conference on Intelligent Biology and Medicine (ICIBM 2014), December 4-6, 2014. San Antonio, TX.

Omicseq—A genomics BigData search engine and knowledge discovery system. Tsinghua Sanya International Mathematical Forum on BigData. December 26-29, 2014. Sanya, Hainan, China.

Webinar presentations: A genomics BigData search engine and knowledge discovery system. bioCADDIE (NIH BD2K funded Center of Excellence) December 11, 2014.

Invited workshop tutorial: A genomics BigData search engine and knowledge discovery system. BIO-IT 2015, Boston MA. April 21-23, 2015.

Statistical challenges in analyzing methylation and long-range interaction data. Beyond Bioinformatics Transition Workshop. Research Triangle Park, NC. May 11-13, 2015.

An Alternative to the Bayesian Hierarchical Model and its Application to Microarray Gene Expression Data. International Statistics Workshop. Beijing, China. June 22-26, 2015.

A Machine learning approach for predicting transcription factor binding. Joint Statistical Meeting 2015. Seattle, WA, August 7-13, 2015.

Accurate identification of disease-specific non-coding risk variants based on multi-omics profiles. ENCODE Research Applications and Users Meeting. Stanford, CA. June 6-9, 2016.

traseR: linking genomic intervals to phenotypes using trait-associated GWAS SNPs. International Conference of Translational Bioinformatics (ICBTI-2016). June 23-25, 2016. Guiyang, China.

Improving Hierarchical models using historical data. The Second International Symposium on Data Driven Health and Medicine. June 29-July 2, 2016. Shanghai, China.

Chromosomal interaction patterns across multiple human cell types. Joint Statistical Meeting 2016. July 30 – August 4, Chicago, IL.

Invited departmental seminars (selected)

Model-based Methods for Mining Large Scale Genomic Data, Department of Statistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana-Champaign, IL, November 8, 2007.

HPeak: A Model-Based Algorithm for Defining Read-Enriched regions. Department of Human Genetics, University of Michigan. Next-Generation Sequencing Seminar Series. Ann Arbor, MI. July 14, 2008.

Detection and Refinement of Transcription Factor Binding Sites Using Hybrid Monte Carlo Method. Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology. University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. March 2, 2010.

Detection and Refinement of Transcription Factor Binding Sites Using Hybrid Monte Carlo Method. Department of Computer Science, University of New Orleans. New Orleans, LA. March 22, 2010.

Detection and Refinement of Transcription Factor Binding Sites Using Hybrid Monte Carlo Method. Institute of Computational Biology, Weill Cornell Medical College. New York, NY. March 25, 2010.

Detection and Refinement of Transcription Factor Binding Sites Using Hybrid Monte Carlo Method. Statistical Bioinformatics Center, Department of Statistics, Purdue University. West Lafayette, IN. March 30, 2010.

Bayesian model-based methods for analyzing ChIP sequencing data. Computational Systems Biology Laboratory, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. October 14, 2010.

Statistical Modeling of RNA-seq Data. Division of Biostatistics, Department of Preventive Medicine, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL. October 25, 2010.

Bayesian model-based methods for analyzing ChIP sequencing data. Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Genomics, School of Biology, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA. November 23, 2010.

Bayesian model-based methods for analyzing RNA-Seq data. Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA. March 18, 2011.

Using model-based methods to quantify exon-level gene expression from RNA-seq data. Department of Biomathematics, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. September 29, 2011.

Model-based methods for analyzing NGS data. Department of Statistics, Yale University, New Haven, CT. October 17, 2011.

Model-based methods for analyzing NGS data. Department of Molecular and Computational Biology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. November 3, 2011.

Model-based methods for analyzing NGS data. Department of Biostatistics, the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX. December 7, 2011.

Inference of correlated hidden Markov models with application to genome-wide studies. Virginia Tech Research Center, Arlington, VA. April 4, 2012.

Towards the understanding of the three-dimensional genome organization, statistical challenges and opportunities for analyzing Hi-C data. Department of Statistics and Biostatistics, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ. October 24, 2012.

Towards the understanding of the three-dimensional genome organization, statistical challenges and opportunities for analyzing Hi-C data. Computational Systems Biology Laboratory, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. November 8, 2012.

How chromosomes fold? What sequencing and Bayesian modeling can tell us about the three-dimensional organization of mammalian genomes. H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA. November 27, 2012.

How chromosomes fold? What sequencing and Bayesian modeling can tell us about the three-dimensional organization of mammalian genomes. CAS-MPG Partner institute for Computational Biology, Shanghai Institute for Biological Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences, December 27, 2012.

Improving hierarchical model for analyzing high throughput genomics data. Department of Bioinformatics Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Georgetown University Medical Center, Washington DC. March 22, 2013.

How does the chromosome fold? Bayesian model-based inference of three dimensional mammalian genome organization. Seminar given at computer science seminar series of Middle Tennessee State University. January 24, 2014.

What to do when you have a million genomic datasets? Department of Biomedical Informatics, UC San Diego, May 22, 2015.

Improving hierarchical model using historical data. Department of Biostatistics and medical Informatics. University of Wisconsin, Madison. November 20, 2015.

Improving hierarchical model using historical data. School of Life Sciences. Peking University. Beijing, China. December 23, 2015.

Base-resolution methylation patterns accurately predict transcription factor bindings in vivo. Institute of Bioinformatics. Tsinghua University. December 24, 2015.

Poster presentations

MotifOrganizer: A Scalable Multi-stage Model-based Clustering Approach for Grouping Conserved Non-coding Elements in Mammalian Genomes. Presented at the Conference on Emerging Design and Analysis Issues in genomics Studies in Population Sciences. Boston, MA. October 11-12, 2007.

Molecular Cross-talk of Androgen Receptor and TMPRSS2:ERG Gene Fusion Product in Prostate Cancer, co-presented with Dr. Jindan Yu. 2008 Cold Spring Harbor Meeting on System Biology: Global Regulation of Gene Expression. Cold Spring Harbor, NY. March 27-30, 2008.

Detection and Refinement of Transcription Factor Binding Sites Using Hybrid Monte Carlo Method. Pacific Symposium on Biocomputing (PSB) 2010. Hawaii, HI. January 4-8, 2010.

Detection and Refinement of Transcription Factor Binding Sites Using Hybrid Monte Carlo Method. 2010 Cold Spring Harbor Meeting on System Biology: Global Regulation of Gene Expression. Cold Spring Harbor, NY. March 23-27, 2010.

Detection and Refinement of Transcription Factor Binding Sites Using Hybrid Monte Carlo Method. Frontiers in Mathematical Biology: NSF-NIH PIs Meeting 2010. College Park, MD. April 26-27, 2010

Discovering combinatorial patterns of chromatin marks using advanced Hidden Markov models. Cold Spring Harbor Asia Meeting on Epigenetics, Chromatin & Transcription. Su Zhou, China. April 23-27, 2012.

Omicseq—A novel framework for mining genomics big data. Biological Data Science, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, November 6-9, 2014.

A novel framework for mining genomics big data. Big Data Symposium, Athens, GA, October 12, 2015.

RefEditor: building personalized diploid reference genome to improve read mapping and genotype calling in next generation sequencing studies. Cold Spring Harbor Asia Conference on Big Data, Computation and Systems Biology in *Cancer*. Suzhou, China. December 2-5, 2015.

Software developed

- **EM-DeCODER** (haplotype phasing using EM algorithm).
- **HAPLOTYPER** (haplotype phasing using Partition-Ligation and Gibbs Sampler).
- **PL-EM** (haplotype phasing using Partition-Ligation and EM algorithm).
- **BMC** (putative binding motif clustering using Gibbs Sampler).
- **FESTA** (tagSNP selection based on pairwise LD) With Shyam Gopalakrishnan.
- **tripleM** (PL-EM for phasing trios).
- **CRC** (model-based clustering algorithm for gene expression microarray data).
- **OperonHMM** (a hidden Markov model for predicting operon structure using only sequence data). Co-developed with Dr. Nick Bergman.
- **CRCView** (point-and-click web server for clustering, visualizing and interpreting microarray gene expression data). Co-developed with Zuoshuang Xiang and Yongqun He.
- **BEST** (query large scale microarray compendium datasets using model-based Bayesian approach with variable selection). Developed by Ming Hu.
- **HPeak** (A hidden Markov model-based algorithm for calling ChIP-enriched peaks using ChIP-seq data).
- **ChIP-meta** (hierarchical hidden Markov model-based algorithm for inferring ChIP-enriched regions using both ChIP-seq and ChIP-chip data). Developed by Hyung Won Choi.
- **HMS** (a hybrid Monte Carlo-based *de novo* motif discovery tool designed specifically for analyzing ChIP-Seq data). Developed by Ming Hu.
- **POME** (Poisson mixed-effects model for quantification expression in RNA-Seq data). Developed by Ming Hu in collaboration with Michael Yu Zhu.
- **GPUMotif** (*de novo* motif finding and motif scan using GPU). Developed by Pooya Zandevakili.
- **Methylphet** (predict TF binding in vivo from base-level methylome profiling data). Developed by Tianlei Xu, Ben Li and Meng Zhao.
- **RefEditor** (customize reference genome using individual's known mutation profile). Developed by Shuai Yuan.
- **IPBT** (detect differentially expressed genes with informative prior obtained from historical data). Developed by Ben Li.
- **traseR** (to perform trait associated SNP enrichment analysis). Developed by Li Chen.
- **DIVAN** (provide disease-specific annotation on noncoding variants using epigenomic profiles). Developed by Li Chen.

Professional services

Editorial board

Plant Cell. 2011 – 2015

Statistics in BioScience, 2015 – present

PLoS ONE. 2016 – present

Review editor board

Frontier in Statistical Genetics and Methodology (a specialty of Frontiers in Genetics). 2011 -present

Statistical Advisor

PLoS ONE. 2013 – present

Guest editor

Science China Life Science. A special issue on Bioinformatics. 2014

Reviewer for journals:

American Journal of Human Genetics, Annals of Applied Statistics, Annals of Human Genetics, Bayesian Analysis, Bioinformatics, Biostatistics, BMC Bioinformatics Biometrics, Biometrika, BioTechniques, Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention, Cancer Informatics, Cancer Research, Circulation, Computational Statistics, Diabetes, Frontiers in Biosciences, Genetics, Genetic Epidemiology, Genome Biology, Genome Research, Genomics, Human Genetics, Human Molecular Genetics, Human Heredity, IEEE IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, The International Journal of Bioinformatics Research and Applications, Journal of the American Statistical Association, Journal of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, Journal of Clinical Oncology, Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics, Mammalian Genome, Nature Communications, Nucleic Acids Research, Pharmacogenomics, PLoS Computational Biology, PLoS Genetics, PLoS ONE, PLoS Physiology, Proceedings of National Academy of Science, Scandinavian Journal of Statistics, Scientific Reports, Statistica Sinica, Statistical Application in Genetics and Molecular Biology, Statistical Analysis and Data Mining, Statistics in Biosciences.

Reviewer for conference:

RECOMB 2007, RECOMB-Regulatory Genomics 2007, The International Conference on Bioinformatics (InCoB) 2007, Life System Modeling and Simulation (LSMS) 2007, Bioinformatics Research and Development (BIRD) 2008, ISMB/ECCB 2009, ISMB 2010, BIBM 2011, ECCB 2012. ICSA 2016.

Reviewer for book proposal:

Springer.

Grant review:

Ad hoc biostatistics reviewer, NIH study section CICS, 2005-2011, 2013, 2014.
Ad hoc biostatistics reviewer, NIH study section HEMT-D, 2008.
Ad hoc reviewer, NIH study section VH-E 90S, 2009.
Ad hoc reviewer NIH study section ZRG1 HDM-S (02) 2011.
Ad hoc reviewer NIH study section ZCA1 SRB-X (J1) 2015.
Mail reviewer, NIH RC1 and RC4 grants 2009, 2010.
Ad hoc reviewer NIH study section BDMA, 2011.
A hoc reviewer NIH study section on Big Data K01 mentored research grants, July 2015.
Reviewer, Wellcome Trust Research Career Development Fellowship 2004-2005.
Reviewer, NSF 2005, 2006.
Reviewer, South Carolina EPSCoR/IDeA Program 2012.
Reviewer, Human Frontier Science Program 2012.
Reviewer, University of Michigan CCMB Pilot Grant. 2006 - 2008.

Conferences organization committee

The First Wuxi International Statistics Forum, July 17-19, 2011, Wuxi, China.

Ga Tech/Emory Bioinformatics Conference. November 10-12, 2011, Atlanta, GA.

BIBM 2011 Workshop on Next-generation Sequencing Analysis. November 12, 2012, Atlanta, GA.

BIBM 2012 Workshop on Data Mining of Next-generation Sequencing. October 4-7, 2012, Philadelphia, PA.

The Second Taihu International Statistics Forum, July 6-8, 2013, Su Zhou, China.

ACM-BCB 2015. September 9-12. Ga Tech, Atlanta, GA.

The Third Taihu International Statistics Forum, July 9-11, 2016, Shanghai, China.

Conference program participation

Organized an invited session “Bayesian methods applied to genomics and genetics” in Eastern North American Region/International Biometric Society (ENAR) 2012, April 1-4, 2012, Washington D.C.

Organized an invited session “Statistical method in high throughput biology” for the International Chinese Statistical Association (ICSA) Applied Statistics Symposium, June 23-26, 2012, Boston MA.

Organized an invited session “Recent advanced in statistical genetics and genomics” in IMS-China 2013, June 30-July 4, 2013, Chengdu, China.

Participated in the planning committee of SAMSI Bioinformatics planning meeting. May 31 2013, Research Triangle Park, NC.

Served on the student travel award committee of the ACM-BCB 2015. September 9-12. Ga Tech, Atlanta, GA.

University-wide committee:

Computational Life Sciences faculty search committee 2011.

Big Data/Data Science Working Group 2015.

Teaching

At Emory University

BIOS 710 Probability Theory II

Fall 2016 (enrollment: 13).

BIOS 760R Special Topics in Biostatistics: Bayesian Nonparametrics.
Spring 2012 (enrollment: 7).

BIOS 738 Bayesian and Empirical Bayes Methods
Spring 2013 (enrollment 18).
Fall 2015 (enrollment 15).
Spring 2017 (enrollment 23).

BIOS 516 Introduction to Large-scale Biomedical Data Analysis.
Co-taught with Hao Wu, Tianwei Yu and Yijuan Hu.
Fall 2014 (Enrollment: 10).

At University of Michigan

BIOSTAT 601 Probability and Distribution Theory.
Fall 2006 (enrollment: 57 (2 sessions)),
Fall 2008 (enrollment: 41),
Fall 2009 (enrollment: 40).

BIOSTAT 646 / STAT 545 / BIOINFO 545 Data Analysis in Molecular Biology (inaugural class
designed by myself):

Winter 2004 (enrollment: 25),
Winter 2005 (enrollment: 25),
Winter 2008 (enrollment: 14),
Winter 2009 (enrollment: 18).

BIOSTAT 666 Statistical Models and Numerical Methods in Human Genetics.
Winter 2008 (enrollment: 14).

BIOSTAT 682 Applied Bayesian Inference.
Winter 2005 (enrollment: 16),
Winter 2006 (enrollment: 27).

BIOSTAT 830 Special Topics in Statistical Genetics.
inaugural class designed by myself:
Winter 2006 (enrollment: 9).

Postdoctoral fellows supervised

Meng Zhao (2011 - 2013)
Rendong Yang (2011 - 2014)
Li Li (2011- 2016)
Rich Johnston (2012 – 2016)
Axel Poulet (2016-present)

Doctoral committee service

At Emory University

Committee chair or co-chair:

Shuai Yuan (2014)
Li Chen (2017)
Tianlei Xu (2017)
Ben Li (2017)
Xiaobo Sun (2017)

Committee member:

Hesen Peng (2012)
Brooke Weckbelblatt, Human Genetics (2015)
Yunxuan Jiang (2017)
Jung-Ting Chien, MathCS (2017)
Sumeet Sharma, Medical School (2017)
Peizhou Liao (2017)
Qing He (2017)
Qingpo Cai (2017)
Zhuxuan Jin (2017)

At University of Michigan and other institutes

Committee chair or co-chair:

Jihao Zhou, Biostatistics (co-chair with Lang Li 2007)
Hyung Won Choi, Biostatistics (co-chair with Debashis Ghosh 2008)
Ming Hu, Biostatistics (2010)
Shyam Gopalakrishnan, Biostatistics (2012)

Committee member:

Lei Xu, Biostatistics (2007)
Xiaoxi Zhang, Biostatistics (2007)
Dongxiao Zhu, Bioinformatics (2006)
Ji Chen, Bioinformatics (2006)
Yili Chen, Bioinformatics (2007)
Xing Li, Bioinformatics (2008)
Shankar Subramanian, Bioinformatics (2008)
Ben-Yang Liao, EEB (2008)
Hokeun Sun, Statistics (2008)
Victorya Strumba, Bioinformatics (2009)
Jinyao Zhang, Physics (2009)
Jin Zheng, Biostatistics (2009)
Zhi Wang, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (2010)
Grace Lin, Cellular and Molecular Biology (2012)
Douglas D. Baumann (Department of Statistics, Purdue University, 2012)

Bioinformatics doctoral preliminary examination committee service

Jung Hei Kim (2004)
Andrew Hodges (2006)
Jenna Vanliere (2007)
Sirarat Sarntivijai (2007)
Gang Su (2008)
Junguk Hur (2008)
Youngsheng Huang (2008)
Yu-Hsuan Lin (2008)
Ryan Welch (2008)
Arun Manoharan (2008)
Yasin Senbabaoglu (2008)
Erin R. Shellman (2009)
Chunchao Zhang (2009)
Lee Sam (2009)
Yan Zhang (2009)