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EDUCATION

- University of California**, Berkeley, CA 2004–2009
Ph.D., Biophysics with a designed emphasis in Computational and Genomic Biology
Advisor: Montgomery Slatkin
Dissertation: Unbiased population genetic inference from high-throughput sequencing data.
- Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA 1997–2001
A.B., Computer Science and Biology, with Honors
Advisor: George Church
Thesis: Higher order hidden Markov models for DNA-binding site identification.

POSITIONS

- University of Maryland**, College Park, MD 2023–
Associate Professor, Department of Biology
- University of Maryland**, College Park, MD 2015–2023
Assistant Professor, Department of Biology
- Emory University**, Atlanta, GA 2009–2014
Postdoctoral fellow
Advisor: Rustom Antia
- National Center for Biotechnology Information**, Bethesda, MD 2001–2004
Senior systems analyst

PUBLICATIONS

1. Hsu AP, Paul S, Kwan JL, **Johnson PLF**, Lack J, Szymanski EP, Lovell J, Foruraghi L, Palmer C, Zerbe CS, Daub JR, Davis J, Hickstein DD, Calvo KR, and Holland SM. (2026). GATA2 at 14: genotype-phenotype correlations. *Haematologica*.
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3. Xiao W, Weissman JL, and **Johnson PLF**. (2024). Ecological drivers of CRISPR immune systems. *mSystems*, page e0056824.
4. Rasband SA, Bolton PE, Fang Q, **Johnson PLF**, and Braun MJ. (2023). Evolution of the growth hormone gene duplication in passerine birds. *Genome Biology and Evolution*, 15.
5. **Johnson PLF**, Bergstrom CT, Regoes RR, Longini IM, Halloran ME, and Antia R. (2022). Evolutionary consequences of delaying intervention for monkeypox. *Lancet*, 400:1191–3.

6. Whittier CA, Nutter FB, **Johnson PLF**, Cross P, Lloyd-Smith JO, Slenning BD, and Stoskopf MK. (2021). Population structure, intergroup interaction, and human contact govern infectious disease impacts in mountain gorilla populations. *American Journal of Primatology*, page e23350.
7. Zarnitsyna VI, Akondy RS, Ahmed H, McGuire DJ, Zarnitsyn VG, Moore M, **Johnson PLF**, Ahmed R, Li KW, Hellerstein MK, and Antia R. (2021). Dynamics and turnover of memory CD8 T cell responses following yellow fever vaccination. *PLoS Computational Biology*, 17:e1009468.
8. Weissman JL, Dogra S, Javadi K, Bolten S, Flint R, Davati C, Beattie J, Dixit K, Peesay T, Awan S, Thielen P, Breitwieser F, **Johnson PLF**, Karig D, Fagan WF, and Bewick S. (2021). Exploring the functional composition of the human microbiome using a hand-curated microbial trait database. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 22:306.
9. Yiu HH, Schoettle LN, Garcia-Neuer M, Blattman JN, and **Johnson PLF**. (2021). Selection influences naive CD8+ TCR- β repertoire sharing. *Immunology*, 162:464–75.
10. Zarnitsyna VI, **Johnson PLF**, Blattman JN, and Antia R. (2021). Modeling immunopathology during persistent viral infections. In C Molina-París and G Lythe, editors, *Mathematical, Computational and Experimental T Cell Immunology*, pages 109–20. Springer International Publishing, Cham. ISBN 978-3-030-57204-4.
11. Weissman JL, Stoltzfus A, Westra ER, and **Johnson PLF**. (2020). Avoidance of self during CRISPR immunization. *Trends in Microbiology*, 28:543–53.
12. Weissman JL and **Johnson PLF**. (2020). Network-based prediction of novel CRISPR-associated genes in metagenomes. *mSystems*, 5.
13. Weissman JL, Fagan WF, and **Johnson PLF**. (2019). Linking high GC content to the repair of double strand breaks in prokaryotic genomes. *PLoS Genetics*, 15:e1008493.
14. Weissman JL, Laljani RMR, Fagan WF, and **Johnson PLF**. (2019). Visualization and prediction of CRISPR incidence in microbial trait-space to identify drivers of antiviral immune strategy. *The ISME Journal*, 13:2589–602.
15. Weissman JL, Yiu HH, and **Johnson PLF**. (2019). What bacteria do when they get sick. *Frontiers Young Minds*, 7.
16. Weissman JL, Fagan WF, and **Johnson PLF**. (2018). Selective maintenance of multiple CRISPR arrays across prokaryotes. *The CRISPR Journal*, 1:405–13.
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18. Weissman JL, Holmes R, Barrangou R, Moineau S, Fagan WF, Levin B, and **Johnson PLF**. (2018). Immune loss as a driver of coexistence during host-phage coevolution. *The ISME Journal*, 12:585–97.
19. Akondy RS*, **Johnson PLF***, Nakaya HI, Edupuganti S, Mulligan MJ, Lawson B, Miller JD, Pulendran B, Antia R, and Ahmed R. (2015). Initial viral load determines the magnitude of the human CD8 T cell response to yellow fever vaccination. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*, 112:3050–5.

20. Schroeder H, Ávila Arcos MC, Malaspinas AS, Poznik GD, Sandoval-Velasco M, Carpenter ML, Moreno-Mayar JV, Sikora M, **Johnson PLF**, Allentoft ME, Samaniego JA, Haviser JB, Dee MW, Stafford TW, Salas A, Orlando L, Willerslev E, Bustamante CD, and Gilbert MTP. (2015). Genome-wide ancestry of 17th-century enslaved Africans from the Caribbean. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*, 112:3669–73.
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23. **Johnson PLF**, Goronzy JJ, and Antia R. (2014). A population biological approach to understanding the maintenance and loss of the T-cell repertoire during aging. *Immunology*, 142:167–75.
24. Prüfer K, Racimo F, Patterson N, Jay F, Sankararaman S, Sawyer S, Heinze A, Renaud G, Sudmant PH, de Filippo C, Li H, Mallick S, Dannemann M, Fu Q, Kircher M, Kuhlwilm M, Lachmann M, Meyer M, Ongyerth M, Siebauer M, Theunert C, Tandon A, Moorjani P, Pickrell J, Mullikin JC, Vohr SH, Green RE, Hellmann I, **Johnson PLF**, Blanche H, Cann H, Kitzman JO, Shendure J, Eichler EE, Lein ES, Bakken TE, Golovanova LV, Doronichev VB, Shunkov MV, Derevianko AP, Viola B, Slatkin M, Reich D, Kelso J, and Pääbo S. (2014). The complete genome sequence of a Neanderthal from the Altai Mountains. *Nature*, 505:43–9.
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31. **Johnson PLF** and Hellmann I. (2011). Mutation rate distribution inferred from coincident SNPs and coincident substitutions. *Genome Biol Evol*, 3:842–50.
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TEACHING

- Statistics and Modeling for Biologists (BIOL705/BIOL709F/BIOL609-1195)** Spring 2018–
Graduate course
- Population & evolutionary genetics (BSCI405/BSCI339J/BIOL709C)** Spring 2016–7; Fall 2018–
Advanced undergraduate / graduate course
- Introduction to R/RStudio for Life Science Majors (BSCI238C)** Fall 2020
Undergraduate Student Initiated Course (STIC); mentored student instructor Michelle Fang.
- Seminar on Statistical Learning in Ecology and Evolution (BIOL608J)** Fall 2018, Spring 2019
Graduate seminar
- Introduction to BEES (BEES608A)** Fall 2016, 2018, Spring 2021
Mutation & neutrality lecture

SERVICE

- Reviewer**, National Institute of Justice Graduate Research Fellowship 2016–2018, 2020, 2023
- Reviewer**, National Institute of Justice Forensic Biology/DNA panel 2016–
- Member**, graduate admissions committee for BISI-MOCB track at UMD 2024–2025
- Member**, graduate admissions committee for BISI-CBBG track at UMD 2016, 2017, 2019–23
- Member**, Biology Department HR Director search committee 2020
- Member**, graduate admissions committee for BISI-BEES track at UMD 2016, 2024
- Member**, Dept of Biology Faculty Advisory Committee 2016–2018
- Member**, University of Maryland Hockmeyer fellowship review committee 2016, 2017

Coordinator of weekly Behavior, Ecology, Evolution, and Systematics (BEES) seminar series	Fall 2015–2018
Member , CDC Nex-StoCT Working Group to develop guidelines for next-generation sequencing technology applied to clinical testing.	2011
Reviewer for the following journals: <i>Bioinformatics</i> , <i>eLife</i> , <i>Genetics</i> , <i>Genome Research</i> , <i>Journal of the Royal Society Interface</i> , <i>Molecular Biology and Evolution</i> , <i>Molecular Ecology</i> , <i>Molecular Ecology Resources</i> , <i>Nature Communications</i> , <i>PLoS Computational Biology</i> , <i>PLoS Genetics</i> , <i>PLoS One</i> , <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i> , <i>Proceedings of the Royal Society B</i>	2009–

MENTORING

Ridwan Bello, ANSC graduate student (co-adviser)	2023–
Arvind Jaya Shankar, CBBG graduate student (on-campus adviser)	2021–
Thomas Pranzatelli, CBBG graduate student (on-campus adviser)	2020–
Nicholas Rachmaninoff, CBBG graduate student (on-campus adviser)	2020–
Shauna Rasband, BEES graduate student (on-campus adviser)	2018–
Wei Xiao, CBBG graduate student	2018–
Can Liu, MOCB graduate student (on-campus adviser)	2017–
Hao Yiu, BEES graduate student	2016–
Jake Weissman, BEES graduate student	2015–2019
Rohan Laljani, undergraduate	Fall 2017–2019
Vinay Veluvolu, undergraduate	Summer 2018–2019
Aidan Bissel-Siders, undergraduate	Fall 2017–2019
Brian Liu, undergraduate	Summer 2016–Spring 2017

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Cancer Data Science Laboratory, NIH/NCI, July 2021	
UMD Bioscience Day, Nov 2019	
Immunity Across Scales workshop prior to EEID meeting, May 2018	
MOCB Concentration Area, University of Maryland, College Park, Apr 2018	
Phylopizza, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, May 2017	
Laboratory for Physical Sciences, University of Maryland, College Park, Mar 2017	
Institute for Genome Sciences Seminar, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Jan 2017	
U Penn Math-Biology Seminar, Oct 2016	
Penn State Theoretical Biology Seminar, Dec 2015	
Modeling the spread and control of Ebola in W. Africa, January 2015	
Centre for Geogenetics, University of Copenhagen, February 2014	
Dept of Biology, University of Maryland, College Park, February 2013	
Dept of Biology, University of Rochester, January 2013	
Southeastern Branch, American Society of Microbiology annual meeting, October 2012	
Neanderthal Consortium Planning Meeting, Opatija, September 2011	
Dept of Evolutionary Genetics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, August 2009	
Evolutionary Genetics: the impact of next gen sequencing technologies, Wittenberg, March 2009	
Workshop on Bacterial Genomics, Oxford, September 2007	