

Yanli Wang

M.D., Ph.D.

I am an aspiring physician scientist who hopes to become a clinical geneticist. With robust and extensive computational skills and through multidisciplinary collaborations with other researchers, I hope to understand the functions of unknown genes as well as the effects of genetic variants of unknown significance.

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EDUCATION

M.D./Ph.D. Bioinformatics and Genomics

🏛 Penn State College of Medicine 📅 2010-2020 📍 Hershey, PA

- MD completed in Dec 2020
- PhD Thesis: "Identification and Visualization of Regulatory Elements and 3D Genome Structure"
- Doctoral advisor: Feng Yue, PhD

B.Sc. Computer Science & Biological Sciences

🏛 University of Pittsburgh 📅 2016-2019 📍 Pittsburgh, PA

- Graduated *summa cum laude*

PHD RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Constructing the 3D Genome Browser

- The 3D Genome Browser (<http://3dgenome.org>) is a web-based genome browser used to visualize the spatial organization of the vertebrate genome. It has several modes to illustrate interactions from cis-regulatory contacts, to topologically associating domains (TADs), to interchromosomal interactions. Furthermore, the browser integrates tracks from well-known genome browsers such as the WashU Epigenome Browser and UCSC Genome Browser to facilitate the functional annotation of genomic elements, giving insight into the function of non-coding elements and effects of non-coding genetic variants.
- Role: Served as the original main architect, first-author
- The browser has over 1 million hits as of Oct 2020; the paper received **High Attention Score** by Altmetric.

Exploring the Epigenomics and 3D Genome Structure of Zebrafish

- We performed a variety of next-generation sequencing-based assays (RNA-seq, ATAC-seq, ChIP-seq, bisulfite sequencing, and Hi-C) on several adult and embryonic zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) tissues in an effort to functionally annotate its genome via transcriptomes, map of cis-regulatory elements, heterochromatin, methylome, 3D genomic structure and evolutionary analyses.
- Role: Served as supporting computational analyzer, original main analyser (graduated before project completion).

Utilizing Supervised Machine Learning to Identify Biomarkers in Asthma

- In this collaboration with my fellow MD/PhD student at Penn State College of Medicine, we sought to identify the role of circulating microRNAs in the pathogenesis of asthma. Utilizing supervised machine learning (random forest classification), we were able to identify six circulating microRNAs whose levels were highly predictive of having asthma and therefore could serve as viable biomarkers for the disease.
- Role: Applied supervised machine learning.

AWARDS

Pathology Honors Society

Penn State University College of Medicine, 2013

Judith S. Bond Award (MD/PhD)

Penn State University College of Medicine, 2011 and 2012

Madeline K. Dietz Memorial Scholarship

Penn State University College of Medicine, 2011 and 2012

University Scholar

University of Pittsburgh, 2010

University Honors College Full Tuition Scholarship

University of Pittsburgh, 2006-2009

National Merit Scholarship Finalist

2006

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Yang, H., Luan, Y., Liu, T., Lee, H.J., Fang, L., **Wang, Y.**, ...14 authors...Gerhard, G.S., Hardison, R.C., Wang, T., Cheng, K.C. & Yue, F. A map of cis-regulatory elements and 3D genome structures in zebrafish. *Nature*. 2020, Dec; 588(7837): 337-343.

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- Panganiban, R.P., **Wang, Y.**, Howrylak, J., Chinchilli, V.M., Craig, T.J., August, A., & Ishmael, F.T. Circulating MicroRNAs as Biomarkers in Allergic Rhinitis and Asthma. Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. 2016, Mar; 137(5): 1423-32.
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- Pope, B.D., Ryba, T., Dileep, V., Yue, F., Wu, W., Denas, O., Vera, D.L., **Wang, Y.**, ...6 authors... Snyder, M., Stamatoyannopoulos, J.A., Taylor, J., Hardison, R.C., Kahveci, T., Ren B., & Gilbert, D.M. Topologically-associating domains are stable units of replication-timing regulation. Nature. 2014, Nov; 515(7527): 402-5.
- Yue, F., Cheng, Y., Breschi, A., Vierstra, J., Wu, W., Ryba, T., Sandstrom, R., Ma, Z., Davis, C., Pope, B.D., Shen, Y., ...103 authors... , **Wang, Y.**, ...20 authors... Gilbert, D.M., Hardison, R.C., Beer, A.M., Ren., B. A comparative encyclopedia of DNA elements in the mouse genome. Nature. 2014, Nov; 515(7527): 355-64.
- Ananda, G., Hile, S.E., Breski, A., **Wang, Y.**, Kelkar, Y., Makova, K.D., & Eckert, K.A. Microsatellite Interruptions Stabilize Primate Genomes and Exist as Population-Specific Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms within Individual Human Genomes. PLoS Genetics. 2014 Jul 17;10(7):e1004498.
- Kuppaswamy, U., Ananthasubramanian, S., **Wang, Y.**, Balakrishnan, N., & Ganapathiraju, M.K. Predicting gene ontology annotations of orphan GWAS genes using protein-protein interactions. Algorithms for Molecular Biology. 2014, 9(1):10.

CONFERENCES AND ABSTRACTS

- **Wang, Y.**, Zhang, B., Zhang, L., Wang, T. & Yue, F. Visualizing three-dimensional organization and long-range interactions of the mammalian genome with the 3D Genome Browser. Oral Presentation. RECOMB/ISCB RSG DREAM Conference 2015, Philadelphia, PA, USA.
- **Wang, Y.**, Zhang, B., Zhang, L., Wang, T. & Yue, F. Visualizing three-dimensional organization and long-range interactions of the mammalian genome with the 3D Genome Browser. Poster Presentation. ISMB/ECCB 2015, Dublin, Ireland.
- **Wang, Y.** & Yue, F. ENCODE element browser and the 3D genome browser. Oral Presentation. ENCODE 2015: Research Applications and Users Meeting, Potomac, MD, USA.

SKILLS

UNIX Environment

LAMP Stack

HTML5

CSS

JavaScript/JQuery

Python/Matplotlib

Perl

Java

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C++

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