

Curriculum Vitae
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A. Education

Ph.D. Applied Science & Technology, University of California, Berkeley, 2008.
B.A. Mathematics, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2000.

B. Honors and Awards

Honors in Major and College Honors (GPA 4.0) Mathematics, Univ. Calif., Santa Cruz, 2000.
K99/R00 NIH Pathway to Independence Award. NHGRI. 2012-2017.

C. Appointments

05/05-12/08 Graduate Student Researcher, Applied Science & Technology, University of California, Berkeley, CA (part-time, supervised by Professor Peter Bickel)
01/06-12/07 Graduate Student Instructor, Dept. of Statistics, University of California, Berkeley, CA
12/08-09/13 Postdoctoral Fellow, Statistics, University of California, Berkeley, CA (Bickel Group)
12/09-09/13 Postdoctoral Guest Scholar, Genome Dynamics Department, Life Sciences Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA (Celniker Lab)
09/13-present Staff Scientist, Genome Dynamics Department, Life Sciences Division, LBNL, Berkeley, CA
09/14-present Adjunct Assistant Professor, Dept. of Statistics, University of California, Berkeley, CA, USA

D. Professional Memberships

2008-2012 Member, ENCODE Project Data Analysis Center and Analysis Working Group
2009-2012 Member, modENCODE Project Data Analysis Center and Analysis Working Group
2009-present Member, Berkeley Drosophila Transcription Network Project
2011-present Member, FANTOM5 Project
2012-present Member, ENCODE3 Project Consortium Analysis Working Group
2012-present Member, Berkeley Drosophila Genome Project
2012-present Member, AAAS
2013-present Member, Genetics Society of America
2014-present Member, CHARGE Consortium
2014-present Member, Microbes to Biomes Project
2014-present Integrative Analysis Lead, Consortium for Environmental Omics and Toxicology
2015-present Member, FANTOM6 Project

E. Invited Seminars

2011 Roslin Institute, Job talk. Statistical challenges in computational biology
2011 Center for Genomic Regulation, Barcelona, Seminar. Statistical challenges in computational biology
2011 MIT, Job talk. On mapping short read sequence data
2011 Yale, Seminar. Imputing the co-associations of genomic features
2012 Illumina, Scientific Summit. Messages from ultra-deep, tissue-specific, stranded RNA-seq
2012 European Bioinformatics Institute, Seminar. Interpreting RNA-seq and related transcriptomics data
2012 Roslin Institute, Seminar. Interpreting RNA-seq and related transcriptomics data
2012 Cold Spring Harbor, Biology of Genomes. Deep, stranded, tissue-specific RNA sequencing in *Drosophila melanogaster* reveals the complexity of an animal transcriptome
2013 Univ. of Mass. Medical Center. The dynamic and ecoresponsive genome of *Drosophila melanogaster*
2013 Univ. of Indiana, Bloomington. The dynamic and eco-responsive genome of *Drosophila melanogaster*
2014 KAUST, Computational Bioscience Research Center Inauguration. Lessons from the modENCODE
2015 ZENCODE Consortium planning meeting. Lessons from modENCODE
2015 Keystone Symposium, Plenary Seminar. Long Noncoding RNAs and Adaptive Responses to Environmental Stressors

2015 The Royal Society, Long non-coding RNAs: evolution of new epigenetic and post-transcriptional functions, Invited Plenary Seminar.

F. Community Service

2015 Co-organizer, Long Noncoding RNAs: From Evolution to Function (C7-2015), Keystone Symposia, Keystone, CO
2014 Community Outreach: Science at the Theater. LBNL Sponsored Theater Event. Short Talk. "Enhancing Human & Planetary Health Through Innovation"
2014-present Associate Editor, BMC Genomics
2011-present Reviewer, Genome Research
2011-present Reviewer, Proceedings of the National Academy of Science
2011-present Reviewer, BMC Genomics
2012-present Reviewer, PLOS Computational Biology
2012-present Reviewer, Nucleic Acids Research
2015-present Reviewer, Translational Psychiatry (Nature Publishing Group)

G. Teaching Experience

2006-2008 Graduate Student Instructor, Introduction to Statistics. Department of Statistics

H. Publications (I have published 27 peer reviewed papers. H-index 16).

Stoiber MH, May G, Duff M, Obar R, Artavanis-Tsakonas S, **Brown JB***, Graveley BR, Celniker SE. "Extensive cross-regulation in Drosophila post-transcriptional regulatory networks". *Genome Research*. 2015. Provisionally Accepted. *co-senior author, corresponding author, Stoiber is Brown Lab.

Brown JB, Celniker SE. "Lessons from modENCODE". *Annual Reviews of Genomics and Human Genetics*. 2015, In Press, available online: DOI: 10.1146/annurev-genom-090413-025448

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Gerstein MB, Rozowsky J, Yan KK, Wang D, Cheng C, **Brown JB***, Davis CA, Hillier L, *et al.* "Comparative analysis of the transcriptome across distant species". *Nature*. 2014. (512)445-8. PMID: 25164755. *co-first author.

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Fisher WW, Li JJ, Hammonds AS, **Brown JB**, Pfeiffer BD, Weiszmann R, MacArthur S, Thomas S, Stamatoyannopoulos JA, Eisen MB, Bickel PJ, Biggin MD, Celniker SE. "DNA regions bound at low occupancy by transcription factors do not drive patterned reporter gene expression in *Drosophila*". Proc Natl Acad Sci USA. 2012 Dec 26;109(52):21330-5. doi: 10.1073/pnas.1209589110.

Yip KY, Cheng C, Bhardwaj N, **Brown JB**, Leng J, Kundaje A, Rozowsky J, Birney E, Bickel P, Snyder M, Gerstein M. "Classification of human genomic regions based on experimentally determined binding sites of more than 100 transcription-related factors." Genome Biol. 2012 Sep 5;13(9):R48.

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Hoskins RA*, Landolin JM*, **Brown JB***, Sandler JE, Takahashi H, Lassmann T, Yu C, Booth BW, Zhang D, Wan KH, Yang L, Boley N, Andrews J, Kaufman TC, Graveley BR, Bickel PJ, Carninci P, Carlson JW, Celniker SE. Genome-wide analysis of promoter architecture in *Drosophila melanogaster*. Genome Research, 2010, 21(2):182-92. *contributed equally to this work

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MacArthur S, Li XY, Li J, **Brown JB**, Chu HC, Zeng L, Grondona BP, Hechmer A, Simirenko L, Keränen SV, Knowles DW, Stapleton M, Bickel P, Biggin MD, Eisen MB. Developmental roles of 21 *Drosophila* transcription factors are determined by quantitative differences in binding to an overlapping set of thousands of genomic regions. Genome Biology. 2009. 10(7):R80

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genome by the ENCODE pilot project." *Nature*. 2007. 447(7146):799-816.

Margulies EH, *et al.* Analyses of deep mammalian sequence alignments and constraint predictions for 1% of the human genome. *Genome Research*. 2007. 17(6):760-74.

I. Book Chapters

Xiong H, **Brown JB**, Boley N, Bickel PJ, Huang H. 2014. DE-FPCA: Testing Gene Differential Expression and Exon Usage through Functional Principal Component Analysis. In S. Datta and D. Nettleton, editors, "Statistical Analysis of Next Generation Sequence Data (Frontiers in Probability and Statistical Science)." Springer. New York. (ISBN-13: 978-3319072111 ISBN-10: 3319072110)

J. Grant Support (current)

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Department of Energy/LBNL

Reinventing preclinical and environmental testing paradigms

The long-term goal of this laboratory-directed research and development project is to reduce the costs of drug development and biological risk assessment by developing new approaches to translating genomes through functional studies on complex populations, including techniques in experimental design, dimension reduction, and data integration.

R00 HG006698-01 Brown 9/17/2015-9/16/2017 NIH NHGRI

Nonparametric methods for functional and translational genomics

This application for a Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00) includes a 2-year mentoring phase at University of California Berkeley with Doctors Peter Bickel, Susan Celnicker (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory), and Ewan Birney (European Bioinformatics Institute) followed by three years of independent research support. Dr. Brown proposes to develop statistical methods and tools for the characterization of functional elements of the genome encompassing steps in the genomics pipeline from base-calling to integrative analysis. Dr. Brown's long term research career goal is the study of genetic elements and how they direct and coordinate phenotype in humans.

Total Funding: \$103,000 per year for two years (K99), \$250,000 per year for 3 additional years (R00)

Role: PI

U01 HG007031 Bickel 7/1/2012 – 6/30/15 NIH/NHGRI

Removing Statistical Bottle-Necks in Data Analysis for the Encode Consortium

The goal for this project is applying high-throughput bioinformatics and statistical techniques to interrogate all consortium data, per the direction of the AWG. However, as the dimensionality of the data increases geometrically, existing tools for integrative analysis will become less useful and new techniques and software will need to be developed.

Role: Key Personnel

Additional grants on which I am key personnel:

P01 GM099655-01 Biggin 12/1/11 - 11/30/16 NIH/NIGMS

Quantitative Modeling of Transcriptional Information in the Drosophila Genome

This Program Project will integrate computational modeling and wet laboratory methods to learn how genomic sequence information is read by transcription factors to produce patterns of gene expression within the context of regulatory networks in developing embryos to support the belief that only quantitative, predictive mathematical models that have been validated experimentally can provide the rigorous understanding required. Our project will provide uniquely detailed datasets and modeling strategies for studying the developmental control of transcription, including extensive experimental testing and validation of the models predictions.