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## EDUCATION

*The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Medicine*

**Ph.D. in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, 2018–2023**

Advisor: Douglas H. Phanstiel

*The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, College of Arts and Sciences*

**B.S. in Biology and B.A. in Chemistry, 2012–2016**

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

### Scripting Languages

- R, Python, bash, Julia, C++, C#, Java  
(<https://github.com/stars/EricSDavis/lists/projects>)

### Software & Web Development

- R/Bioconductor package development  
(<https://github.com/stars/EricSDavis/lists/r-bioconductor-packages>)
- Interactive data visualization with D3.js & Node.js  
(<https://github.com/stars/EricSDavis/lists/interactive-data-visualization>)
- R Shiny web applications  
(<http://phanstiel-lab.med.unc.edu/lure/>)
- .NET Core web applications with Microsoft SQL Server database  
(<https://github.com/stars/EricSDavis/lists/net-core>)

### Bioinformatic Pipelines

- Snakemake and Nextflow pipelines for Hi-C, Micro-C, RNA/ATAC/ChIP some using Docker/Singularity.  
(<https://github.com/stars/EricSDavis/lists/bioinformatic-pipelines>)

### Cloud Computing

- High-performance computing environments (HPC) on Linux with SLURM
- Amazon Web Services (AWS)

## GRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Phanstiel Lab, Graduate Research Assistant

SPRING | 2019 – PRESENT

- Developed the lab's computational infrastructure including data processing pipelines, data organization, and analytical methodology.
- Led multiple research projects focused on understanding 3D chromatin structure, gene regulation, and human disease resulting in over 20 co-authored publications in high impact journals such as *Nature*, *Genetics*, *Cell Reports*, and *Bioinformatics*.
- Developed and contributed to 3 R/Bioconductor packages and 2 R Shiny applications.
- Highly collaborative with external research groups including ENCODE.
- Presented research at major national and international conferences earning multiple awards.
- Directly mentored graduate students, postdocs, and visiting research professors.

### Dominguez Lab, Rotation Student

WINTER, 14 WEEKS | 2019

- Used computational and wet-lab techniques to explore the autoregulatory interactions between the intrinsically disordered, phase-separation domains of proteins and their precursor mRNA structures.

### Vincent Lab, Rotation Student

FALL, 10 WEEKS | 2018

- Conducted statistical analysis of metastatic melanoma microarray data to determine prognostically favorable tumor microenvironments in metastatic brain melanoma patients resulting in a 2<sup>nd</sup> author publication in *Frontiers in Oncology*.
- Assessed the efficacy of chitosan-IL12 and neoantigen-derived vaccine combination immunotherapy in a bladder cancer mouse model. Began building a computational model to investigate tumor cell survival dynamics.

## PREVIOUS RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Research Technician

2016-2018

Marsico Lung Institute/UNC Cystic Fibrosis Research Center

- Generated data for and led multiple research projects under Robert Tarran, Ph.D. resulting in 7 co-authored publications.
- Designed, built, and managed an online e-liquid safety database in collaboration with *Deep Green Software* (<https://www.eliquidinfo.org>).
- Personally mentored undergraduate, graduate, and rotation students.
- Developed novel protocols for exposure of cultured cells to e-liquid aerosol.
- Performed a variety of specialized techniques including high-throughput screening, Ussing chambers, confocal microscopy, rodent surgery, and cell culture.

**Undergraduate Researcher** 2015-2016

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- Conducted independent research projects under Dr. Robert Tarran, Dr. Robert Fellner, and Dr. Tongde Wu.
- Investigated electrophysiological responses of primary airway epithelial cell cultures to treatments with peptide inhibitors.
- Used confocal microscopy to assess the ability for peptides to inhibit STORE-operated calcium release in HEK293 cells.

**INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE**

**Front-end Developer (part-time consultant)** 2022-2023

Exemplar Health

- Developed business applications using .NET Core and C# with a Microsoft SQL server database.

**GRANTS & FUNDING**

**Bioinformatics & Computational Biology T32 Training Grant** 07|2019 – 06|2020

Partial stipend, tuition and health insurance coverage

**Graduate Student Transportation Grant** SPRING|2019

\$1,000 Travel award

**HONORS & AWARDS**

**Best Innovative Poster Idea Award** 08|2021

BioC2021: Bioconductor Conference

**NSF Honorable Mention** 04|2020

Graduate Research Fellowships Program

**Poster Presentation Award** 09|2019

UNC Department of Genetics Retreat

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Predoctoral Poster Award** 05|2017

Visiting Pulmonary Scholars Symposium

**Dean's List Academic Honors** 08|2012 - 05|2016

Eight semesters

**TEACHING & MENTORING**

**Computational Office Hour** 09|2022 – PRESENT

Informal and unstructured computational mentorship. We meet weekly for an hour at a local bar or café to discuss computational-oriented problems and how to solve them.

**Leadership Team Member – Computational Biosciences Club** 09|2021 – PRESENT  
The Computational Biosciences Club (CBC) serves as an inclusive network of students centered around computational-first science. CBC connects students across programs by the methods and tools we use, rather than the biological topics we study. Our focus is to improve core computational skillsets, form a network for career development with academia and industry, and engage in outreach with our local community.

**First Year Group (FYG) Peer Mentor** 08|2019 – 04|2021  
FYG peer mentors meet with first year UNC graduate students and advise students about choosing rotations, selecting dissertation labs, and on having a successful graduate student experience.

**Teaching Assistant, BCB720: Introduction to Statistical Modeling** FALL|2019  
Responsibilities include teaching a class introducing/reviewing R, latex, calculus, and linear algebra, holding regular office hours, and grading homework assignments.

**Teacher for How to Learn to Code** SUMMER|2019  
How to Learn to Code (HTLTC) is a student-led summer program designed to introduce the fundamentals of coding to biological researchers (students/postdocs/faculty/staff). HTLTC offers classes in beginning, and intermediate programming in both R and python.

**Instructor for DNA Day** 04|2019  
DNA day commemorates the completion of the Human Genome Project in 2003 and the discovery of DNA structure in 1953. On DNA day, UNC sends graduate students, postdocs, faculty and staff to high schools around North Carolina to teach about genomic research.

## ORAL PRESENTATIONS

**BioC2023 Workshop (90 minutes)** 2023  
Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA.  
“Mariner: Explore the Hi-Cs”  
Invited

**Keystone Symposia: Chromatin Architecture in Development and Human Health** 2023  
Victoria, BC, Canada  
“Mariner: Explore the Hi-Cs”

**Thurston Arthritis Research Day** 2022  
Friday Center, UNC-Chapel Hill  
“3D chromatin structure in chondrocytes identifies putative osteoarthritis risk genes”

**UNC Department of Genetics Annual Retreat 2022** 2022  
Wilmington, NC  
“Mariner: Explore the Hi-Cs”

<b>BioC2022 Workshop (45 minutes)</b> Seattle Children's Hospital, Seattle, WA. "Nullranges: Modular Workflow For Overlap Enrichment"	2022
<b>BioC2021 Lightning Talk</b> Virtual Conference "Using nullranges::matchRanges() with BentoBox "	2021
<b>TCORS Annual Retreat</b> Rizzo Conference Center, UNC-Chapel Hill "The Physio-Chemical Properties of E-liquids"	2017
 <b>POSTER PRESENTATIONS</b>	
<b>Keystone Symposia: Chromatin Architecture in Development and Human Health</b> Victoria, BC, Canada "Mariner: Explore the Hi-Cs"	2023
<b>BioC2021: Bioconductor Conference</b> Virtual Conference "Covariate-matched null-hypothesis ranges with nullranges::matchRanges()"	2021
<b>CSHL: Epigenetics &amp; Chromatin</b> Virtual Conference Attended – no poster presentation	2020
<b>UNC Department of Genetics Annual Retreat 2019</b> Wilmington, NC "Lure: A Probe Design Tool for Hybrid Capture Hi-C (Hi-C <sup>2</sup> )"	2019
<b>Keystone Symposium 3D Genome: Gene Regulation and Disease</b> Banff, AB, Canada "LURE: Automated probe design for Hybrid Capture Hi-C (Hi-C <sup>2</sup> )"	2019
<b>TCORS National Conference</b> NIH Campus, Bethesda, MD "Physio-chemical Properties of E-liquids as Biomarkers of Harm"	2017
<b>Visiting Pulmonary Scholars Symposium</b> Friday Center, UNC-Chapel Hill 1 <sup>st</sup> place in the predoctoral category	2017
<b>TCORS National Conference</b> NIH Campus, Bethesda, MD "Evaluating E-liquid Toxicity with an Open-source High-throughput Screening Method"	2016
<b>TCORS Annual Retreat</b> Rizzo Conference Center, UNC-Chapel Hill "Evaluating Toxicity and Electrophysiological Effects of E-liquids"	2016

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