Workshop Attendee Roster

2014 Student Research Workshop, Purdue University

Maurina Loren Aranda
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Graduate Student
Department of Biological Sciences, Purdue University
Major Advisor: Claudio Aguilar
Research Interests: Bladder cancer therapeutics

Frank DeVilbiss
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Graduate Student
School of Chemical Engineering, Purdue University
Major Advisor: Doraiswami Ramkrishna
Research Interests: Metabolic Modeling, Model Selection, Systems Biology, Metabolic Control, Cell Signalling, High Throughput Data

Felix Francisco-Sanchez
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Undergraduate Student
Department of Mathematics, Purdue University
Major Advisor: Stacey Dunderman
Research Interests: I will begin doing statistical/data analysis in cell biology and I wish to learn more before being in Fall.

Mohan Gopaladesikan
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Graduate Student
Department of Statistics, Purdue University
Major Advisor: Mark Daniel Ward
Research Interests: Analysis of algorithms and data structures, statistical modeling, data analysis.

Wen-Chieh Hsieh
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Graduate Student
Department of Biological Sciences, Purdue University
Major Advisor: R. Claudio Aguilar
Research Interests: We are interested in how endocytic adaptors build up endocytic networks.

Minji Kim
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Graduate Student
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Major Advisor: Olgica Milenkovic
Research Interests: My research interest spans broad areas of Bioinformatics and
Computational biology, with an emphasis on metagenomic read compression and gene
prioritization.

Jingling Li
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Undergraduate Student
Departments of Computer Science and Biology, Bryn Mawr College
Major Advisors: Deepak Kumar and Jia Tao
Research Interests: As an undergraduate student who intends to major in Computer Science
and Biology, I believe the two areas inspire each other. I am very interested in interdisciplinary
areas between Computer Science and Biology. General interested areas would be utilizing
machine learning to dig out hidden information among huge sets of biological data and improving
artificial intelligence through learning human beings' thinking and communicating patterns.
Recently, I am working on a summer research to implement a SNP (Single Nucleotide
Polymorphisms) association detection tool and use this tool to find out possible drugs to treat
Medulloblastoma based on corresponding SNPs.

Kayalvizhi Madhivanan
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Graduate Student
Department of Biological Sciences, Purdue University
Major Advisor: R. Claudio Aguilar
Research Interests: Lowe Syndrome (LS) is a lethal genetic disease characterized by cataracts at birth, mental retardation and renal dysfunction. Unfortunately, children affected with LS often die due to renal failure. Although the affected gene, OCRL1, was identified more than 17 years ago, the mechanism by which Ocrl1 defects lead to LS remained unknown. This has been an important obstacle for the development of efficient therapeutic approaches.

Using cells from LS patients we discovered the first cellular defects due to mutations in OCRL1, namely changes in cell area during cell spreading. We are currently doing a drug screen to rescue the cellular abnormalities we discovered in LS cells.

Aravinda Mandli
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Postdoc
School of Chemical Engineering, Purdue University
Major Advisor: Doraiswami Ramkrishna
Research Interests: I have worked on using optimal control theory for understanding the growth of microorganisms during my PhD research. I am interested to learn how the methods of information theory can be used for understanding the behavior of biological systems.

Maryam Masnadi-Shirazi
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Graduate Student
Departments of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Bioengineering, University of California, San Diego
Major Advisor: Shankar Subramaniam
Research Interests: My research interests include Time-varying causal inference of biological networks from high throughput data using statistical learning and information theory approaches.

McKeith Pearson
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Undergraduate Student
Department of Biological Sciences, Purdue University
Major Advisor: R. Claudio Aguilar
Research Interests: My research involves finding which regions of the yeast endocytic protein (Epsin) and the Huntingtin Interacting Protein-1 Homologue (Sla2) interact to mediate cytokinesis through methylene blue-stained microscopy.

Swetha Ramadesikan
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Graduate Student
Department of Biological Sciences, Purdue University
Major Advisor: R. Claudio Aguilar
Research Interests: My area of interest is primarily understanding the role of endocytosis and vesicle trafficking in cells and implications of its misregulation in disease.

Luke Redington
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Graduate Student
Department of English, Purdue University
Research Interests: I am a graduate student in English at Purdue University. I am a staff writer with CSoI, and I will be attending the event to write about the events and the other attendees.

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Priyadharshini Sundararajan Venkatasubramani
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Graduate Student
Electrical and Computer Engineering, Texas A&M University
Major Advisor: Aniruddha Datta
Research Interests: I am a PhD student in the Genomic Signal Processing group at Texas A&M University. I am currently working on metagenomic data analysis of rumen microbiome sequencing data, with a focus on the process of denoising pyrosequencing data. My research interests include statistical inference in biological models and developing validation schemes for cancer diagnosis and intervention.

Sundar Velkur

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Postdoc

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Research Interests: Estimation of rare event probabilities, updating prior models based on observable measurement data, system identification, MCMC simulations, filtering techniques.

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