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### POSITIONS

2019- **Member**, Computational and Systems Biology Program, Sloan Kettering Institute  
2018- **Professor (status only)**, Molecular Genetics (Medicine); Computer Science (A&S),  
University of Toronto  
2018- **Canada CIFAR Artificial Intelligence Chair**  
2017- **Faculty (on leave)**, Vector Institute for Artificial Intelligence

### PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2018-2021 **Professor**, Donnelly Centre, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto  
2018-2021 **Associate Investigator**, Ontario Institute for Cancer Research  
2017-2018 **Visiting Scholar**, New York University, Department of Biology  
2014-2018 **Volunteer**, Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, Toronto  
2013-2014 **Visiting Researcher**, Centre de Regulació Genòmica (CRG), Barcelona, Spain  
2011-2018 **Associate Professor**, Donnelly Centre, Faculty of Medicine, cross-appointed  
Molecular Genetics (Medicine); Computer Science (A&S) and Electrical and  
Computer Engineering (Applied Sciences), University of Toronto  
2011-2016 **Director of Collaborative Graduate Program in Genome Biology and  
Bioinformatics**, University of Toronto  
2005-2010 **Assistant Professor**, Banting & Best Department of Medical Research, Faculty  
of Medicine, cross-appointed Molecular Genetics and Computer Science,  
University of Toronto

### ACADEMIC AND TRAINING BACKGROUND

2003-2005 **Post-Doctoral Fellow**, Banting & Best Department of Medical Research and  
Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Toronto  
2002-2003 **Post-Doctoral Fellow**, Ontario Cancer Institute, Princess Margaret Hospital  
1996-2002 **PhD in Computational Neuroscience**, in Department of Brain and Cognitive  
Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA  
1999-2001 **Graduate training and research in machine learning**, Gatsby Computational  
Neuroscience Unit, University College London, England  
1991-1996 **Honours B.Sc.**, Computer Science, University of Toronto

## **PUBLICATIONS**

H-index 60, 22,773 citations, 12,496 since 2016, source: [Google Scholar](#)

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### Manuscripts in review or revision

1. Kimberly Skead, Armande Ang Houle, Sagi Abelson, Mawusse Agbessi, Vanessa Bruat, Boxi Lin, David Soave, Liran Shlush, Stephen Wright, John Dick, **Quaid Morris**†, and Philip Awadalla†. *Interacting evolutionary pressures drive mutation dynamics and health outcomes in aging blood* (in review for Nature Communications)

### Peer-reviewed journal articles (105)

1. Stefan C. Dentro\*, Ignaty Leshchiner\*, Kerstin Haase\*, Maxime Tarabichi\*, Jeff Wintersinger\*, Amit G. Deshwar\*, Kaixian Yu\*, Yulia Rubanova\*, Geoff Macintyre\*, [33 co-authors], Wenyi Wang†, **Quaid D. Morris**†, David C. Wedge†, Peter Van Loo†, PCAWG Evolution and Heterogeneity Working Group, PCAWG network. *Characterizing genetic intra-tumor heterogeneity across 2,658 human cancers*. Cell 2021  
Contributions: My lab co-led the project, produced subclonal reconstructions for ~3,000 tumours, and developed new principled probabilistic methods to: (i) optimally combine subclonal and copy number reconstructions from 6-11 different independent methods, (ii) correct for winner's curse in variant allele estimates, (iii) use read pairs spanning multiple SNV loci, (iv) track changes in mutation signature exposure over evolutionary time (see TrackSig below)
2. Ha KCH, Sterne-Weiler T, **Morris Q**, Weatheritt RJ, Blencowe BJ. *Differential contribution of transcriptomic regulatory layers in the definition of neuronal identity*. Nat Commun. 2021 Jan 12;12(1):335. doi: 10.1038/s41467-020-20483-8. PMID: 33436550; PMCID: PMC7804943.
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5. Linda K Sundermann, Jeff Wintersinger, Gunnar Rätsch, Jens Stoye, **Quaid Morris**, *Reconstructing tumor evolutionary histories and clone trees in polynomial-time with SubMARine*. PLoS Computational Biology, 2021
6. Liu LY, Bhandari V, Salcedo A, Espiritu SMG, **Morris QD**, Kislinger T, Boutros PC, *Quantifying the influence of mutation detection on tumour subclonal reconstruction*. Nat Commun. 2021 Jan 15
7. Kosti A, de Araujo PR, Li WQ, Guardia GDA, Chiou J, Yi C, Ray D, Meliso F, Li YM, Delambre T, Qiao M, Burns SS, Lorbeer FK, Georgi F, Flosbach M, Klinnert S, Jenseit A, Lei X, Sandoval CR, Ha K, Zheng H, Pandey R, Gruslova A, Gupta YK, Brenner A, Kokovay E, Hughes TR, **Morris QD**, Galante PAF, Tiziani S, Penalva LOF, *The RNA-binding protein SERBP1 functions as a novel oncogenic factor in glioblastoma by bridging cancer metabolism and epigenetic regulation*. Genome Biol. 2020 Aug 6
8. Arttu Jolma, Jilin Zhang, Estefania Mondragón, Teemu Kivioja, Yimeng Yin, Fangjie Zhu, **Quaid Morris**, Timothy R. Hughes, L. James Maher III, Jussi Taipale. *Binding specificities of human RNA binding proteins towards structured and linear RNA sequences*. Genome Research 2020 Jul
9. Mojca Mattiazzi Usaj\*, Nil Sahin\*, Helena Friesen, Carles Pons, Matej Usaj, Myra Paz Masinas, Ermira Shuteriqi, Aleksei Shkurin, Patrick Aloy, **Quaid Morris**†, Charlie Boonet†, and Brenda Andrews†, *Exploring endocytic*

*compartment morphology with systematic genetics and single cell image analysis*. Molecular Systems Biology 2020 Feb

Contributions: My lab is the main computational lead and we developed the cell image classification pipeline.

- Stephanie M. Dobson, Robert J. Vanner, Esmé Waanders, [Jeffrey Wintersinger](#), [19 co-authors] **Quaid Morris**, Charles G. Mullighan, and John E. Dick, *Latent diagnosis subclones in acute B leukemia are drug tolerant and initiate evolution to relapse*. Cancer Discovery 2020 Feb 21

Contributions: My lab is the main computational lead and we developed new cancer evolution reconstruction algorithms.

- Moritz Gerstung\*, Clemency Jolly\*, Ignaty Leshchiner\*, Stefan C. Dentre\*, Santiago Gonzalez, Thomas J. Mitchell, [Yulia Rubanova](#), Pavana Anur, Daniel Rosebrock, Kaixan Yu, Maxime Tarabichi, [Amit Deshwar](#), [Jeff Wintersinger](#), [28 co-authors], **Quaid D. Morris**, Paul T. Spellman†, David C. Wedge†, Peter Van Loo†, PCAWG Evolution and Heterogeneity Working Group, PCAWG network. *The evolutionary history of 2,658 cancers*. Nature 2020 Feb 5

- [Yulia Rubanova](#), [Ruian Shi](#), [Roujia Li](#), [Jeff Wintersinger](#), [Nil Sahin](#), [Amit Deshwar](#), **Quaid Morris**, PCAWG-11 working group. *TrackSig: reconstructing evolutionary trajectories of mutation signature exposure*. Nat Commun. 2020 Feb 5

- [Wei Jiao\\*](#), [Gurnit Atwal\\*](#), Paz Polak\*, Rosa Karlic, Edwin Cuppen, Alexandra Danyi, Jeroen de Ridder, Carla van Herpen, Martijn P Lolkema, Neeltje Steeghs, Gad Getz, **Quaid D Morris**†, Lincoln D Stein†, PCAWG Pathology & Clinical Correlates Working Grp, ICGC/TCGA Pan-cancer Analysis of Whole Genomes Net. *A deep learning system can accurately classify primary and metastatic cancers based on patterns of passenger mutations*. Nat Commun. 2020 Feb 5

Contributions: My lab developed the deep neural network that the system is based on.

- Adriana Salcedo\*, Maxime Tarabichi\*, Shadrielle Melijah G Espiritu\*, [Amit G Deshwar\\*](#), Matei David, Nathan M Wilson, Stefan Dentre, [Jeff A Wintersinger](#), [18 co-authors], Kyle Ellrott†, David C Wedge†, **Quaid D Morris**†, Peter Van Loo†, Paul C Boutros†, DREAM SMC- Het Participants. *Creating Standards for Evaluating Tumour Subclonal Reconstruction*. Nat Biotechnol. 2020 Jan

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### **SUPERVISORY ACTIVITIES**

(Co-supervisor indicated in parentheses, unless otherwise noted, school is University of Toronto).

#### Current

##### *PhDs*

**Tam, Cyrus** – Computational Biology and Medicine (CBM), Weill-Cornell Med School (WCMC) -- 2021  
**Darmofal, Madison** – CBM, WCMC – 2021 (M Berger)  
**Lyudovyyk, Olga** – CBM, WCMC – 2021 (B Greenbaum)  
**Shi, Ruian (Ian)**– Computer Science – 2021  
**Harrigan, Caitlin**– Computer Science – 2021 (K Campbell)  
**Qiao, Jingping** – Molecular Genetics (Computational Biology track) – 2019 (L. Stein)  
**von Krosigk, Nik** – Molecular Genetics (Computational Biology track) – 2019 (L. Stein)  
**Barber, Jarry** – Molecular Genetics (Computational Biology track) – 2019 (P. Awadalla)  
**Laverty, Kaitlin** – Molecular Genetics – 2017 (T. Hughes)  
**Sasse, Alexander** – Molecular Genetics (Computational Biology track) – 2017  
**Wintersinger, Jeff** -- Computer Science – 2016  
**Sahin, Nil** – Molecular Genetics – 2016 (B. Andrews)  
**Niu, Kun** -- Molecular Genetics – 2015

##### *PDFs*

**Bretschneider, Hannes** – Donnelly Centre, University of Toronto -- 2019 (B Blencowe)

*Not shown: Undergraduates and non-research staff, incl. software developers and system administrators*



Completed  
(current status indicated)

*PhDs*

- Atwal, Gurnit** – Molecular Genetics (Computational Biology track) – 2017-2021 (G. Bader)  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, USA
- Rubanova, Yulia** – Computer Science – 2016-20  
Research Scientist, Deep Mind, London, England
- Cremer, Chris** – Computer Science – 2016-20 (D. Duvenaud)  
Research Intern, Facebook AI, Pittsburgh
- Eng, Simon** – Immunology – 2011-18 (R. Yeung)  
Research Associate in Yeung lab at SickKids, Toronto
- Ha, Kevin** -- Molecular Genetics – 2012-18 (delay due to medical leave) (B. Blencowe)  
Data Scientist, BioSymetrics, Toronto
- Deshwar, Amit** – Electrical and Computer Engineering – 2012-18 (delay due to multi-year leave)  
Research Scientist, Deep Genomics
- Radfar, Mohammed (Martin) Hossein** – Electrical and Comp Eng – 2008-13 (W. Wong)  
Research Assistant Professor in Computer Science, Stony Brook University
- Li, Xiao** – Molecular Genetics – 2007-13 (H. Lipshitz)  
Assistant Professor, Case Western University
- Kazan, Hilal** – Computer Science – 2007-12  
Associate Professor, Computer Science, Antalya Bilim University
- Quon, Gerald** – Computer Science – 2006-12  
Assistant Professor in Computer Science at University of California Davis
- Mostafavi, Sara** – Computer Science – 2006-11  
Associate Professor, Computer Science, University of Washington, Canada CIFAR AI chair

*MSc*

- Shi, Ruian (Ian)**– Computer Science – 2019-21  
PhD student, University of Toronto
- Harrigan, Caitlin**– Computer Science – 2019-21  
PhD student, University of Toronto
- Young, Adamo**– Computer Science – 2018-20  
PhD student, University of Toronto
- Ahmadi, Amir** – Electrical and Computer Engineering – 2018-20 (B. Frey)  
Research Scientist, Autodesk AI lab
- Cremer, Chris** – Computer Science – 2014-16  
Research Intern, Facebook AI, Pittsburgh
- Wintersinger, Jeff** – Computer Science – 2014-16  
PhD student, University of Toronto
- Deshwar, Amit** – Electrical and Computer Engineering – 2010-12  
Research Scientist, Deep Genomics
- Jiao, Wei** – Molecular Genetics – 2011-3 (L. Stein)  
Research Scientist at Ontario Institute for Cancer Research
- Warde-Farley, David** – Computer Science – 2007-09  
Research Scientist at DeepMind, London, England
- Mavandadi, Sepand** – Electrical and Computer Engineering – 2006-08  
Software engineer at Amazon.com

*PDF*

- Goldenberg, Anna** – Computer Science – 2008-11 (incl. maternal leave) (T. Hughes)  
Senior Scientist in Genetics and Genome Biology, SickKids, Toronto  
Associate Professor in Computer Science, Univ Toronto  
Associate Director for Health Research, Vector Institute
- Vembu, Shankar** – Computer Science – 2011-2017 (part-time)  
Founder: argmix a technology consulting firm specializing in machine learning
- Gray, Gavin, PhD** – Computer Science – 2019-2020  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Vector Institute

**Sundermann, Linda**, PhD – Computer Science – 2019-2021

Research Scientist, Silicon Valley start-up

**Selega, Alina**, PhD – Computer Science – 2019-2021

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Lunenfeld Research Institute, Toronto

**Jolma, Arttu**, PhD – Molecular Biology – 2016-2018 (T. Hughes)

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Hughes Lab, Toronto

*Research Associates*

**Razasi, Rozita**, PhD – Molecular Biology – 2017-2019 (T. Hughes)

**Ray, Debashish**, PhD – Molecular Biology – 2011-2019 (T. Hughes)

*Not shown: Non-research staff, incl. software developers and system administrators (>10), undergraduate researchers (>30)*

## ACTIVITIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

### Selected Awards:

Canada CIFAR chair, 2018-present  
Clarivate Highly Cited Researcher, 2018-present  
Early Researcher Award, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation, 2010-14  
Information Processing Laboratory Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2002-03  
NSERC PDF Fellowship, 2003-05

### Invited Seminar & Conference Presentations (out-of-date, only shown up to 2017):

*Keynote 1 hour seminars:* RECOMB Cancer Computational Biology (2017), EBI Functional Genomics workshop, Hinxton (2014), RECOMB AS-SIG (2014), McGill-Toronto Bioinformatics Workshop (2013), ORNL Bioinformatics conference (Memphis, Tennessee) (2011), RECOMB Cancer Computational Biology (2011)

*Invited 1 hour seminars (>75):* in Canada, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, India, and Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, USA, and UK including European Bioinformatics Institute, Fields Institute Toronto, Broad Institute, Crick Institute, UC Berkeley, Harvard Medical School, Yale, UPenn/CHOP, CMU, Weill-Cornell Medical School, CRG Barcelona, University of Edinburgh, University of Freiburg, University of Washington, Microsoft Research Redmond and Cambridge

*Invited conference or workshop presentations:* RECOMB Cancer Computational Biology (2015), Pacific Symposium on Biocomputing (2012, 2014), RECOMB Regulatory Genomics satellite (2010, 2011, 2012), Riboclub Sherbrooke (2010), ISMB AS-SIG (2009, 2010), ISMB Techtrack (2010), ISMB Workshops (2013 x2), McGill Barbados Bioinformatics Conference (2005, 2008, 2012-2017), ISMB (2007, 2014), Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory mRNA processing conference (2009, 2013), CIHR integrating physical and biological sciences workshop (2008), NHGRI Proteomic Sequence & Function Workshop (2008)

Editorial and Advisory Boards: Deputy Editor: PLoS Computational Biology (2018-present), Associate Editor: PLoS Computational Biology (2013-2018), BMC Bioinformatics (2010-2013); Guest Associate Editor: PLoS Computational Biology (2009); Co-editor of BMC Bioinformatics Special Issue (2006); Scientific Advisory Board: Univ of Sherbrooke Genome Canada project (2007-2009)

Grant Review Panels: NIH GCAT (Feb 2018); CIHR (guest 2008, full member 2009-present); NSF (2007, 2013); Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, Panel A (Feb 2012); Ad hoc reviewer: NSERC (various); Burroughs Wellcome Fund, W.M. Keck, Israel Research Fund, MITACS

Symposium and Workshop Organization (out-of-date, only shown to 2017): Co-organizer: RNA regulation @ Pacific Symposium on Biocomputing (2015), Personalized medicine session @ Pacific Symposium on Biocomputing (2012-2014), Machine Learning in Computational Biology workshop @ NIPS (2006-2008), Post-transcriptional regulation workshop @ Pacific Symposium on Biocomputing 2009, Session Chair: International Conference on Machine Learning 2006

Reviewing for Journals and Conferences (>250 manuscripts): Nature, Science, Nature Biotechnology, Nature Structural and Molecular Biology, Nature Genetics, Nature Methods, Molecular Systems Biology, Genome Biology, Genome Research, PLoS Computational Biology, Bioinformatics,

BMC Bioinformatics, IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence. Conferences include Pacific Symposium on Biocomputing (PSB), International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB), Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS), Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS), International Conference of Machine Learning (ICML), RECOMB regulatory genomics and systems biology satellite.

*Outreach:* Faculty lecturer for Canadian Bioinformatics Workshop (1 or 2 workshops / year since 2008 in Toronto, and Vancouver), faculty lecturer for Cold Spring Harbor Workshops (1 / year, 2016-19)

### **RESEARCH FUNDING (OUT OF DATE)**

#### Ongoing

*Comprehensive Analysis of RNA binding proteins and their cellular function.*

**Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR)**

Total funding: \$1.1 million; Period: 2020-25

Role: PI; co-investigator: Timothy Hughes.

*Machine learning and biology*

**National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)**

Total funding: \$210,000; Period: 2019-25

Role: PI

*Translating genomic test to the clinic*

**MITACS**

Total funding: \$120,000; Period: 2019-2021

Role: PI

*Computational models of cancer evolution*

**Ontario Institute of Cancer Research Associate Investigator Award**

Total funding: \$1.4 million; Period: 2018-23

Role: PI

*UCAN CAN-DU: Canada-Netherlands Personalized Medicine Network in Childhood Arthritis.*

**CIHR & Netherlands Org for Health Research & Dutch Arthritis Foundation**

Total funding: \$8 million; Period: 2017-22

Role: Co-investigator; co-PIs: Rae Yeung and Nico Wulffraat

*Improving cancer treatment by reconstructing the evolutionary history of tumours*

**Compute Canada's Resources for Research Groups**

Total funding: ~\$750,000 (cloud compute services, estimated value); Period 2015-21

Role: PI

*Systematic characterization of unconventional RNA binding proteins*

**National Institutes of Health R01 HG008613**

Total Funding: \$1.59 million; Period 2015-20 (NCE)

Role: Co-investigator, computational lead; PI: Timothy Hughes

#### Completed

*The eukaryotic RNA-protein recognition code.*

**Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR)**

Total funding: \$1.4 million; Period: 2013-20 (NCE)

Role: PI; co-investigator: Timothy Hughes.

*Canadian Centre for Computational Genomics (C3G).*

**Genome Canada**

Total funding: \$7.05 million; Period: 2017-20

Role: Co-investigator, Cancer genomics pipeline development and research; co-PIs: G Bourque and M Brudno

*Regulatory network control of neural stem cells for endogenous repair.*

**Canada First Research Excellence Funding**

Total funding: \$240,000; Period: 2017-19

Role: PI

*Pathways to enhance the clinical utility of hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.*

**Canada First Research Excellence Funding**

Total funding: \$224,000; Period: 2017-19

Role: PI

*Post-transcriptional gene regulatory modules that control stem cell differentiation.*

**Canada First Research Excellence Funding**

Total funding: \$100,000; Period: 2017-19

Role: PI

*Systematic analysis of cooperativity between RNA-binding proteins.*

**Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR)**

Total funding: \$100,000; Period: 2016-18 (NCE)

Role: PI; co-investigator: Timothy Hughes

*Machine learning to support biological discovery.*

**Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)**

Total funding: \$280,000; Period: 2011-17 (NCE)

Role: PI

*Medicine-by-design: Cell population analysis. Transitional funding*

**Canada First Research Excellence Funding**

Total funding: \$70,000; Period: 2016-17

Role: PI

*CGEP: Computationally optimized characterization of cancer genes, proteins, their structure, function and interactions*

**Ontario Research Fund**

Total funding: \$10 million; Period 2010-16

Role: Co-investigator, GeneMANIA development. co-PIs: Igor Jurisica, Gary Bader.

*Computer-assisted cancer diagnosis and treatment planning.*

**Ontario Research Fund: Early Researcher Award**

Total funding: \$140,000 (with UToronto match); Period 2010-14

Role: PI

*Determining the sequence and structure specificities of RNA-binding proteins.*

**National Institutes of Health 1R01HG005700 – 01**

Total funding: \$1.19 million; Period 2010-13

Role: Co-investigator, computational lead; PI: Timothy Hughes

*Deciphering the cis-regulatory code of Drosophila mRNA regulation using integrative computational and biochemical genomic analyses.*

**Canadian Institutes of Health Research**

Total funding: \$556,686; Period 2009-13

Role: PI; co-investigator: Timothy Hughes

*Software tools to simplify gene function prediction.*

**Genome Canada & Ontario Research Fund**

Total funding: \$1.43 million; Period 2008-10

Role: co-PI; co-PI: Gary Bader

*Integrative Biology Team Grant.*

**Genome Canada**

Total funding: \$55 million; Period: 2007-10

Role: Co-investigator; Principal Investigator: Brenda Andrews

*Enabling systems biology through machine learning: intelligent software to automatically summarize and combine large-scale biological databases.*

**Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)**

Total funding: \$72,000; Period: 2006-10

Role: PI



*Start-up funding.*

**University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine**

Total funding: \$250,000; Period: 2005-10

Role: PI

*Systems biology through machine learning: adaptive computer programs for denoising, interpreting, and integrating large-scale biological databases.*

**Canadian Foundation for Innovation & Ontario Research Fund**

Total funding: \$257,746 (equipment grant); Period: 2006-09

Role: PI

*Not shown:* Grants < \$50,000 total funding incl. various 1-year grants and industrial fellowships