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1981–1982	Teaching Assistant, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; NMOS and CMOS VLSI, language and automata theory
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1976–1977	President and Engineer, Micronics, Inc., Greenville, NC; microcomputer products
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- [9] USDA: Cattle CARTS: A Coordinated, Auditable, Robust, Traceability System for Beef Industry Data, \$650,000. 06/01/2022 05/30/2026. PI: Robin White. Co-PIs: Vitor Mercadante, Thang Hoang, and Lenwood S. Heath. Personal share: 10%.
- [10] NSF: URoL-EN: Structure-function-metabolism of Microbial N-cycle Communities and Networks in Engineered Wastewater Treatment Plants, \$3,000,000. 01/01/2023 -12/31/2028. PI: Kartik Chandra (Columbia University). Co-PIs: Allison Lopatkin (Barnard University) and Lenwood S. Heath. VT share: \$704,169. Personal share of subcontract: 100%.
- [11] NSF: Collaborative Research: IntBIO: Predicting Resistomes: Machine Learning-enabled Mechanism Discovery of Plasmid Prevalence in Microbial Communities in Drinking Water, \$1,560,611. 08/16/22 08/15/25. Lead PI: Allison Lopatkin, Barnard College. VT PI: Lenwood S. Heath. Co-PIs: Amy Pruden, Marc A. Edwards, Liqing Zhang. Personal share: 40%.
- [12] National Science Foundation: EDGE FGT: ARGnet: Developing a Comprehensive Data and Tool Resource for Identification of Novel and Rare Antibiotic Resistance Genes, \$1,288,785. 10/01/2021 09/30/2024. PI: Liqing Zhang. Co-PIs: Anne M. Brown, Lenwood S. Heath, Amy Pruden, and Peter J. Vikesland. Personal share: 20%. Declined.
- [13] National Science Foundation: Collaborative Research: MIM: Predicting Resistomes: Incorporating Horizontal Gene Transfer into Microbiome Theory using Phylogenetic Networks, \$2,198,275 (VT share). 10/01/2021 09/30/2026. PI: Lenwood S. Heath. Co-PIs: Amy Pruden, Liqing Zhang, and Allison Lopatkin (Barnard College). Personal share: 40%. Declined.
- [14] National Institutes of Health: Viral Genome Comparison, Identification, Naming, and Transmission Paths for Epidemiology, \$400,778. 04/01/2021 03/31/2023. PI: Lenwood S. Heath. Co-PI: Boris Vinatzer. Personal share: 50%. Declined.
- [15] National Science Foundation: Collaborative Research: MTM 2: Predicting Resistomes: Incorporating Horizontal Gene Transfer into Microbiome Theory using Phylogenetic Networks, \$2,021,134 (VT share). 11/01/2020 10/31/2025. PI: Lenwood S. Heath. Co-PIs: Amy Pruden, Liqing Zhang, and Allison Lopatkin (Barnard College). Personal share: 40%. Declined.

- [16] National Science Foundation: AI Institute: Precision Agriculture for Animal Welfare, \$20,000,000. 08/02/20 07/31/25. PI: Prasenjit Mitra, Penn State. VT PI: Naren Ramakrishnan. VT Co-PIs: Erica N. Feuerbacher, Lenwood S. Heath, Bert Huang, Leonie Jacobs, Brian B. Mayer, Srijan Sengupta, Robin White. VT share: \$5,996,818. Personal share: 10%. Declined.
- [17] NSF: TRTech-PGR Transcovery: Identifying Conserved Stress-Responsive Genes and Cisregulatory Modules in Plants, \$2,197,403. 09/01/2019 08/31/2023. PI: Song Li. Co-PIs: Christopher Franck, Takeshi Fukao, Lenwood S. Heath, Sushma Naithani. Personal share: 20%. Declined.
- [18] VT ICTAS Targeted Opportunity for Proposals: Connecting Genomes to Taxonomy, the Literature, and Online Media, \$75,000. 07/01/2019 06/30/2020. PI: Lenwood S. Heath. Co-PIs: Naren Ramakrishnan, Boris A. Vinatzer. Declined.
- [19] VT: Prokaryotic Networks from DNA Sequencing for the Benefit of Human Well-being, \$30,000. 01/01/2019 06/30/2019. A proposal submitted in response to the 2018 Request for Concepts of the Data and Decisions Destination Area of Virginia Tech. PI: Lenwood S. Heath. Co-PIs: Frank Aylward, Liqing Zhang. Declined.
- [20] NSF: Reconciling the Tree of Life and Web of Life with Evolutionary Networks. Two-page NSF Convergence research idea submitted 2018. PIs: Frank Aylward, Lenwood S. Heath, Liqing Zhang. Declined.
- [21] NSF EAGER: Collaborative Research: GenomeRxiv, a Preprint Server for Genomes, \$199,521. 08/01/2018 07/31/2020. PI: Boris A. Vinatzer. Co-PI: Lenwood S. Heath. Personal share: 50%. Declined.
- [22] IARPA: Cryptic and Apparent Genetic Engineering in Mosquitoes and Prokayotes, \$13,566,152. 02/01/2018 07/31/2021. PI: Madhav V. Marathe. Research scientist: Lenwood S. Heath. Personal share: 8%. Declined.
- [23] National Science Foundation: ECA-PGR: Inference, Comparison and Visualization of Stress Response Transcriptome and Regulatory Networks Across Plant Species, \$1,128,233. 06/01/18 05/31/22. PI: Song Li. Co-PIs: Ruth Grene, Lenwood S. Heath. Personal share: 25%. Declined.
- [24] National Science Foundation: TRIPODS: Institute for Data, Models, and Algorithms Across Scales, \$1,498,424. 10/01/17 09/30/20. PI: Mark Embree. Research Scientist: Lenwood S. Heath. Personal share: 6%. Declined.
- [25] ICTAS: Maternal Influence on Colostrum Composition: Novel Use of Machine Learning Tools to Integrate "-omics" Technology, \$79,341. 07/01/17 06/30/19. PI: Rebecca Cockrum. Co-PI: Lenwood S. Heath. Personal share: 20%. Declined.
- [26] Worldwide Cancer Research: Understanding Checkpoint Failures that Lead to Cancer, \$257,456. 01/01/17 12/31/19. PI: Silke Hauf. Co-PI: Lenwood S. Heath. Personal share: 17%. Withdrawn.
- [27] National Institutes of Health: The Mitotic Checkpoint: Linking Gene Expression Control to Function, \$1,912,212. 09/01/16 08/31/21. PI: Silke Hauf. Co-PI: Lenwood S. Heath. Personal share: 13%. Declined.

- [28] Qatar National Research Fund: Predicting Novel Molecular Biomarkers for Cancer, \$300,000 (subcontract). 05/16/16 05/15/18. PI: Lenwood S. Heath. Personal share: 100%. Declined.
- [29] National Science Foundation: RAPID: Evolution of Ebola Genomes: Identification, Naming, and Transmission Paths, \$200,000. 08/10/15 08/09/16. PI: Lenwood S. Heath. Co-PI: Boris A. Vinatzer. Personal share: 60%. Withdrawn.
- [30] National Science Foundation: ABI Development: MetaStorm: A System for the Metagenomics of Built Environment/National Environment Interfaces, \$1,364,244. 05/16/16 05/15/20. PI: Lenwood S. Heath. Co-PIs: Amy J. Pruden-Bagchi, Liqing Zhang. Personal share: 40%. Declined.
- [31] National Science Foundation: Preliminary Proposal: A Genome-Similarity Based Framework for the Phylogenetic Description of Bacterial Diversity, amount TBD. PI: Boris A. Vinatzer. Co-PIs: Lenwood S. Heath, Jeff Newman. Personal share: 30%. Declined.
- [32] National Science Foundation: *III: Small: New Algorithmic Tools for Information Cartography*, \$500,000. PI: Naren Ramakrishnan. Co-PIs: Lenwood S. Heath, Bert Huang. Personal share: 30%. Declined.
- [33] Qatar National Research Fund: Predicting Novel Molecular Biomarkers for Cancer, \$315,000. LPI: Lenwood S. Heath. Co-LPI: Jihad Mohamad Jaam (Qatar University). Personal share: 100%. Declined.
- [34] DARPA: Scaling Up the Assembly and Comprehension of Complex Mechanisms Using Causal Mechanistic Models, \$8,353,225. PI: Naren Ramakrishnan. Co-PIs: Lenwood S. Heath, T. M. Murali, John J. Tyson. Personal share: 10%. Declined.
- [35] Department of Energy: Genomic Networks Underlying Intraspecific Adaptation to Drought in Poplar: A Systems Biology Approach, \$1,495,769. PI: Jason A. Holliday. Co-PIs: Dhruv Batra, Ruth Grene, Lenwood S. Heath, Erik T. Nilsen. Personal share: 20%. Declined.

#### Completed

- [36] National Science Foundation DBI-2018522: BBSRC-NSF/BIO:Collaborative Research: CIBR: genomeRxiv: A Microbial Whole-genome Database and Diagnostic Marker Design Resource for Classification, Identification, and Data Sharing, \$653,114. 08/01/20 07/31/24. PI: Boris A. Vinatzer. Co-PI: Lenwood S. Heath. Personal share: 50%.
- [37] USDA 2017-68003-26498: Developing Computational Tools to Identify Critical Control Points for Mitigating the Spread of Antibiotic Resistance in Agro-ecosystem, \$1,200,000. 05/16/17 05/15/23. PI: Amy J. Pruden-Bagchi. Co-PIs: Lenwood S. Heath, Katharine F. Knowlton, Kang Xia, Liqing Zhang. Personal share: 25%.
- [38] Water Research Foundation: Standardizing Methods with QA/QC Standards for Investigating the Occurrence and Removal of Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria/Antibiotic Resistance Genes (ARB/ARGs) in Surface Water, Wastewater, and Recycled Water, \$200,000. 09/01/2020 12/01/2022. PI: Amy Pruden. Co-PIs: Valerie J. Harwood, Lenwood S. Heath. Personal share: 20%.

- [39] Virginia Tech ICTAS EFO Seed Grant Award: A Unified, Natural, and Computationally Efficient Genome-Based Classification System for All Microbes, \$10,000. 10/17/2022 06/30/2023. PI: Lenwood S. Heath. Co-PI: Boris A. Vinatzer. Personal share: 50%.
- [40] Water Research Foundation: The Use of Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) Technologies and Metagenomics Approaches to Evaluate Water and Wastewater Quality Monitoring and Treatment Technologies, \$300,000. 10/01/2019 09/30/2021. PI: Amy Pruden. Co-PIs: Emily Garner, Peter Vikesland, Linsey Marr, Liqing Zhang. Senior personnel: Lenwood S. Heath, et al. Personal share: 10%.
- [41] USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS): Genome-based Circumscription and Phenotyping of Regulated Microbes, Especially the Select Agent Ralstonia solanacearum, \$261,207. 08/01/19 08/01/21. PI: Kellye Eversole. Co-PIs: Caitilyn Allen, Mohammad Arif, Gwyn Beattie, Lenwood S. Heath, Michael Stulberg (USDA-APHIS), Boris A. Vinatzer (VT-SPES). VT share: \$129,210. Personal share: 50% of VT share.
- [42] IARPA: Integrative Genomics Approach to Computational Assessment of Threats (IGA-CAT), \$12,622,546. 03/01/17 05/31/20. PI: Stephen Eubank. Research Scientist: Lenwood S. Heath. Personal share: 4%.
- [43] National Science Foundation 1545756: PIRE: Halting Environmental Antimicrobial Resistance Dissemination (HEARD), \$3,333,000. 10/01/15 09/30/20. PI: Peter Vikesland. Co-PIs: Pedro Alvarez, Diana Aga, Amy Pruden, Krista Wigginton. Senior Personnel: Lenwood S. Heath, Liqing Zhang, et al. Personal share: 0%.
- [44] Virginia Tech Microbiology at the Nexus of Food, Energy, Water, and Health Systems (MicroFEWHS) concept area: Continued Development and Enhancement of DeepARG, a Web Service for Accurate Annotation of Antibiotic Resistance Genes, \$3,725. 12/01/2019 05/15/2020. PI: Liqing Zhang. Co-PIs: Lenwood S. Heath. Personal share: 50%.
- [45] Virginia Tech Microbiology at the Nexus of Food, Energy, Water, and Health Systems (MicroFEWHS) concept area: Developing ARGminer, a Powerful Web Platform for Crowdsourcing-based Curation of Antibiotic Resistance Genes, \$3,000. 12/01/2018 05/15/2019. PI: Liqing Zhang. Co-PIs: Lenwood S. Heath. Personal share: 50%.
- [46] Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS): *Identifying Select Agents Using a Nanopore Sequencing and Secure Cyberphysical System*, \$20,000. 05/15/2018 12/31/2018. PI: Song Li. Co-PIs: Lenwood S. Heath, Boris Vinatzer. Personal share: 25%.
- [47] National Science Foundation 1238057: GEPR-Evolutionary Gain and Loss of Function in Parasitic Plant Genomes, \$3,406,833. 08/01/13 - 07/31/18. PI: James H. Westwood. Co-PIs: Eva Collakova, Claude W. dePamphilis, Lenwood S. Heath, Aaron Mackey, Michael P. Timko, John I. Yoder. Personal share: 10%. VT share: \$934,389.
- [48] National Science Foundation DBI-1062472: ABI Development: Representation, Visualization, and Modeling of Signaling Pathways in Higher Plants, Advances in Biological Informatics (ABI), \$1,057,337. 04/15/11 03/31/17. PI: Lenwood S. Heath. Co-PIs: Ruth Grene, Andy Pereira. Personal share: 37%.

- [49] National Institutes of Health Grant 1 R25 GM066354-06: VT Post Baccalaureate Research and Education, National Institute of General Medical Sciences. First year: \$275,603; second year: \$276,635; third year: \$277,689; fourth year: \$278,793. 03/01/2009 01/31/2013. PI: Edward J. Smith; Research Mentor: Lenwood S. Heath, et al.
- [50] National Science Foundation ITR-0428344: ITR-(NHS)-(sim): Computational Models for Gene Silencing: Elucidating a Pervasive Biological Defensive Response, Information Technology Research (ITR), \$1,500,000. 09/01/04 8/31/10. PI: Lenwood S. Heath. Co-PIs: Richard F. Helm, Alexey Onufriev, Malcolm Potts, Naren Ramakrishnan.
- [51] National Institutes of Health Grant 1 R25 GM066354-01A1: VT Post Baccalaureate Research and Education, National Institute of General Medical Sciences. First year: \$254,871; second year: \$411,184; third year: \$413,757; fourth year: \$416,407; fifth year: \$419,135. 08/04/2003 07/31/2008. PI: Edward J. Smith; Research Mentor: Lenwood S. Heath, et al.
- [52] Department of Defense Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI), Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency Grant N00014-01-1-0852: Dryophile Genes to Engineer Stasis-Recovery of Human Cells, \$4,532,622: \$2,602,790 (basic 3-year) plus \$1,929,832 (2-year option), 05/01/2001 05/31/2007. Principal investigator: Malcolm Potts. Senior Personnel: Lenwood S. Heath, Richard F. Helm, Naren Ramakrishnan, Thomas O. Sitz (Virginia Tech), Frederic Bloom, Paul Price (Life Technologies), and John Battista (Louisiana State University).
- [53] National Science Foundation Grant ITR-0219322: ITR: Understanding Stress Resistance Mechanisms in Plants: Multimodal Models Integrating Experimental Data, Databases, and the Literature, Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience (BIO/IBN) ITR Small grants, \$499,973. 09/15/2002 08/31/2005. PI: Lenwood S. Heath; Co-PIs: Ruth G. Alscher, Boris I. Chevone, Naren Ramakrishnan, and Layne T. Watson. Supplemental funding of \$70,705 received February, 2005; expiration extended until 12/31/2006.
- [54] National Science Foundation Grant EIA-01903660: A Microarray Experiment Management System, \$600,000. 8/01/2001 8/31/2004. Principal investigators: Naren Ramakrishnan, Lenwood S. Heath, Layne T. Watson, Ruth G. Alscher, and Jennifer W. Weller (VBI).
- [55] Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation (VTSF): Using Molecular Genetics to Target "High Risk" Youth Smokers. Initial participation with the Virginia Tobacco Prevention Research Consortium, in particular, research in furthering the Expresso project and applying it to the needs of the consortium. \$96,000. 3/16/2002 3/15/2002. Principal investigators: Naren Ramakrishnan, Lenwood S. Heath.
- [56] National Science Foundation Grant INT-0000424: U.S.-Brazil Cooperative Research: The Fine Algebraic Structure of Derivations and Hochschild Cohomology. \$24,900, 9/1/00-8/31/03. Principal investigators: Daniel R. Farkas, Edward L. Green, and Lenwood S. Heath.
- [57] National Science Foundation Grant CCR-9732068: A System for Symbolic Computation in Hopf Algebras. \$180,000, 8/16/98-8/31/01. Principal investigators: Edward L. Green and Lenwood S. Heath.

- [58] Arts and Sciences Pilot Research Project Grant: Experimenting With Algorithms for Difficult, Non-numeric Problems. \$3,000, 12/96–12/98.
- [59] National Science Foundation Grant IRI-9116991: A User-Centered Database from the Computer Science Literature (REU Supplement). \$8,000, 5/15/92–5/15/93. Principal investigator. Funding to pay two undergraduates to participate in research.
- [60] National Science Foundation Grant IRI-9116991: A User-Centered Database from the Computer Science Literature. \$443,391, 9/15/91-2/28/95. Equipment supplement \$29,941, 1992. Principal investigators: Edward A. Fox, Lenwood S. Heath, and Deborah Hix.
- [61] National Science Foundation Grant CCR-9009953: Analyzing Parallel Architectures With Algebraic Topology. \$40,000, 7/15/90–12/31/92. Principal investigator.

#### Doctoral Students Supervised

- [1] Xiao Liang, "Computational Insights into Evolutionary Dynamics of Human and Primate Genes," 2024.
- [2] Parul Sharma, "Bacterial Plant Pathogen Identification using Genomics and Metagenomics," 2023.
- [3] Reem Aldaihani, "Identifying The Structure Of Genomic Islands In Prokaryotes," 2022.
- [4] Siddharth Krishnan, "Seeing the Forest for the Trees: New Approaches to Characterizing and Forecasting Cascades," 2018.
- [5] Hanaa A. Torkey, "Machine Learning Approaches for Identifying microRNA Targets and Conserved Protein Complexes," 2017.
- [6] Fatma Elzahraa Sobhy Eid, "Predicting the Interactions of Viral and Human Proteins," 2017.
- [7] Doaa Abdelsalam Ahmed Mohamed Altarawy, "DeTangle: A Framework for Interactive Prediction and Visualization of Gene Regulatory Networks," 2017.
- [8] Haitham Abdulrahman Elmarakeby, "Deep Learning for Biological Problems," 2017.
- [9] Andrew Scott Warren, "Methods for Analysis of Prokaryotic Genome Architecture," 2017.
- [10] Eman Badr, "Identifying Splicing Regulatory Elements with de Bruijn Graphs," 2015.
- [11] Kuan Yang, "Ancestral Genome Reconstruction in Bacteria," 2012. Ph.D. in Genetics, Bioinformatics, and Computational Biology. Co-advisor with João C. Setubal of the Virginia Bioinformatics Institute.
- [12] Nahla A. Belal, "Two Problems in Computational Genomics," 2011.
- [13] Amrita Pati, "Graph-Based Genomic Signatures," 2008.
- [14] Allan A. Sioson, "Multimodal Networks in Biology," 2005.

- [15] Douglas J. Slotta, "Evalutating Biological Data Using Rank Correlation Methods," 2005.
- [16] Craig A. Struble, "Analysis and Implementation of Algorithms for Noncommutative Algebra," 2000. Co-advisor with Edward L. Green of the Department of Mathematics.
- [17] John Paul A. Vergara, "Sorting by Bounded Rearrangements," 1997.
- [18] Benjamin J. Keller, "Algorithms and Orders for Finding Noncommutative Gröbner Bases," 1997. Co-advisor with Edward L. Green of the Department of Mathematics.
- [19] Ramana R. Juvvadi, "Perfect Hashing and Some Related Problems," 1993.
- [20] Sriram V. Pemmaraju, "Exploring the Powers of Stacks and Queues via Graph Layouts," 1992.

### Masters Thesis Students Supervised

- [1] Atul Bharadwaj, "COVID-19 Variant Analyzer through Genomic Sequences and Jaccard Similarities," 2025.
- [2] Chandra Sekhar Nerella, "Comparative Analysis of Genomic Similarity Tools in Species Identification," 2024.
- [3] Sahar Heidari, "Studying Co-occurrences of Eukaryotic Linear Motifs and Point Mutations to Identify Cases of Viral Mimicry in SARs-CoV-2," co-supervisor, University of Bologna, Italy, 2022.
- [4] Aarathi Raghuraman, "Predicting Mutational Pathways of Influenza A H1N1 Virus using Q-learning," 2021.
- [5] Ashkan Nazari, "Machine Learning Application in Energy Storage System's State Estimation: State of Health (SOH)," 2021.
- [6] Jeffrey A. Robertson, "Entropy Measurements and Ball Cover Construction for Biological Sequences," 2018.
- [7] Yanshen Yang, "MCAT: Motif Combining and Association Tool," 2018.
- [8] Rathna Senthil, "IDLE: A Novel Approach to Improving Overlapping Community Detection in Complex Networks," 2016.
- [9] Ying Ni, "A Machine Learning Approach to Predict Gene Regulatory Networks in Seed Development in Arabidopsis Using Time Series Gene Expression Data," 2016.
- [10] Deepti Aggarwal, "Inferring Signal Transduction Pathways from Gene Expression Data using Prior Knowledge," 2015.
- [11] Nidhi Kiranbhai Parikh, "Generating Random Graphs with Tunable Clustering Coefficient," 2011.
- [12] Amrita Pati, "Modeling and Analysis of Regulatory Elements in *Arabidopsis thaliana* from Annotated Genomes and Gene Expression Data," 2005.

- [13] Maulik Shukla, "GeneSieve: A Probe Selection Strategy for cDNA Microarrays," 2004.
- [14] Harsha K. Rajasimha, "PathMeld: A Methodology for The Unification of Metabolic Pathway Databases," 2004.
- [15] Guillermo Averboch, "A System for Document Analysis, Translation, and Automatic Hypertext Linking," 1995.
- [16] Fred L. Drake, Jr., "odb/Tools Project Report," 1995.
- [17] Dennis J. Brueni, "Minimal PMU Placement for Graph Observability: A Decomposition Approach," 1993.
- [18] John Paul A. Vergara, "Edge-packing by Isomorphic Subgraphs," 1990.
- [19] Thurman W. Tunnell, "Development of New Heuristics for the Euclidean Traveling Salesman Problem," 1989.

# PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Computing Machinery, Member ACM Special Interest Group on Algorithms and Computation Theory

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Lifetime Senior Member

IEEE Computer Society, Lifetime Member

Models of Infectious Disease Agent Study (MIDAS) Network, Member

Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM), Lifetime Member SIAM Activity Group on Discrete Mathematics

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2021 Program Committee Member, IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM), 2021.
- 2020 Program Committee Member, IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM), 2020.
- 2017–20 Associate Editor, Mathematical Foundations of Computing (MFOC).
- 2017–25 Managing Editor, Journal of Interconnection Networks (JOIN).
- Guest editor-in-chief of the **Special Issue of the Proceedings of the IEEE on Bioinformatics of DNA**, March, 2017. Other guest editors are Hector Corrada Bravo, Mario Caccamo, and Michael Schatz. "Scanning the Issue: Bioinformatics of DNA," Lenwood S. Heath, Hector Corrada Bravo, Mario Caccamo, and Michael Schatz. Guest editor introduction. Proceedings of the IEEE 105, 2017, 419–421.
- 2013–17 Editor, New Journal of Science.

2011–14 Editor, ISRN Computational Mathematics

Member of program committee of First IEEE Conference on Healthcare Informatics, Imaging, and Systems Biology (HISB) 2011.

2010 Member of program committee of 33rd Annual ACM SIGIR Conference 2010.

2005 Member of program committee of Brazilian Symposium on Bioinformatics 2005.

Moderator for panel on systems biology at the Biomedical Engineering Research and Science Conference, March 4, 2005. Sponsored by the Virginia Tech National Capital Region and College of Engineering and by the Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

2003–16 Editor, Journal of Interconnection Networks (JOIN).

Guest editor, with Naren Ramakrishnan, of the **Special Issue of IEEE Computer on Bioinformatics Software**, July, 2002.

Member of program committee of **High Performance Computing Symposium 2002** (HPC 2002), accepted six papers for two tracks on Bioinformatics Applications.

1995-2000

ACM Special Interest Group on Automata and Computability Theory (SIGACT) Theory Calendar. Maintained WWW calendar of conferences and other events of interest to the theory community. Calendar also appeared as a column four times a year in **SIGACT News.** 

# Reviewer

ACM Computing Surveys

ACM Transactions on Algorithms (TALG)

ACM Transactions on Information Systems

ACM Transactions on Modeling and Computer Simulation

ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA)

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American Mathematical Monthly

Applied Mathematics Letters

Artificial Intelligence in Medicine

Bioinformatics

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Communications of the ACM

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Conference on Information and Knowledge Management

Digital Libraries '94

Discrete and Computational Geometry

Discrete Applied Mathematics

Discrete Mathematics

Electronic Journal of Combinatorics

Foundations of Software Technology & Theoretical Computer Science

Frontiers in Genetics

Frontiers in Molecular Biosciences

Fund for Scientific Research (F.R.S.-FNRS), Belgium

Genetics

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IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics

**IEEE Computer** 

IEEE Transactions on Computers

IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering

IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems

**IEICE** 

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Information and Control

Information Sciences

International Journal of Computational Geometry and Applications

International Journal of Computer Science and Applications

International Parallel Processing Symposium and Symposium on Parallel and Distributed Processing

Information Processing Letters

ISRN Computational Mathematics

Joint Summer Research Conferences

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Journal of the ACM

Journal of Combinatorial Optimization

Journal of Combinatorial Theory

Journal of Complexity

Journal of Computational Biology

Journal of Computer and System Sciences

Journal of Computer Science & Systems Biology

Journal of Graph Algorithms and Applications

Journal of Graph Theory

Journal of Interconnection Networks (JOIN)

Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing

Journal of Supercomputing

Journal of Universal Computer Science

Management Science

Mathematical Systems Theory

Mathematics of Operations Research

National Institutes of Health

National Science Foundation

Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO)

**NETWORKS** 

Parallel Processing Letters

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PLOS Computational Biology

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SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics

SIAM Journal on Mathematics of Data Science

SIGIR Conference

Symposium on Applied Computing

Theoretical Computer Science

Transactions on Algorithms

United States Department of Agriculture

University of Queensland, Australia

## Honors and Awards

Department of Computer Science, Virginia Tech, Outstanding Department Contributor Award for Exemplary Faculty Service, 2019

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Lifetime Senior Member, 2018

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Senior Member, 1999

Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society, 1991

Board of Governor's Fellowship in Science and Technology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1984

Archibald Henderson Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate in Mathematics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1975

Phi Beta Kappa, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1973

Jackson Tuition Scholarship, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1971

National Merit Scholarship, 1971

Westinghouse Science Talent Search winner, 1971

National Science Foundation Student Science Training Program, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Summer 1970; first in mathematics class

Governor's School, Winston-Salem, NC, Summer, 1969