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**CITIZENSHIP** United States of America

**FIELD** Systems and synthetic biology; Genome engineering; Microbial communities; Evolutionary biology; Functional genomics

## EDUCATION

- 2010 **Harvard University**  
Ph.D. in Biophysics
- 2010 **Harvard-MIT Health Sciences and Technology**  
Joint-Ph.D. in Medical Engineering Medical Physics (MEMP)
- 2005 **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
B.S. in Physics, B.S. in Applied Mathematics, minor in Biomedical Engineering

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 3/2013 – present Assistant Professor of Systems Biology  
Department of Systems Biology  
Department of Pathology & Cell Biology  
Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, USA
- 2010 – 2013 Wyss Technology Development Fellow (PI status)  
Instructor, Department of Systems Biology, Harvard Medical School  
Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering, Harvard University.  
*Faculty mentors:* Jim J. Collins (BU), George M. Church, Don E. Ingber (HMS)  
*Projects:* Functional metagenomic reprogramming of the human microbiome; Engineered cooperativity in synthetic ecosystems.
- 2005 – 2010 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship  
NDSEG Graduate Research Fellowship  
Department of Genetics, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA  
*Ph.D. thesis advisor:* George M Church,  
*Thesis committee:* Jack Szostak (HMS), Jon Beckwith (HMS), David Liu (Harvard). Ron Weiss (MIT), Jim Hogle (HMS)  
*Ph.D. thesis title:* “Multiplex Automated Genome Engineering (MAGE) for the Optimization of Metabolic Pathways, Construction of New Genetic Codes, and Evolution of Synthetic Organisms.”
- 2008 Medical Clerkship, Mount Auburn Hospital, Cambridge, MA  
*Advisor:* Dr. Valerie Pronio-Stelluto  
*Description:* 3 month internal medicine rotation through HST MEMP

## PUBLICATIONS

\* denote shared first authorship, † denote co-corresponding authorship

33. Boeke JD, Church GM, Hessel A, Kelly NJ, et al. *The Genome Project-Write*. Science. DOI: 10.1126/science.aaf6850 (2016).
32. Gomes ALC, **Wang HH**. *The Role of Genome Accessibility in Transcription Factor Binding in Bacteria*. PLoS Comput Biol. DOI:10.1371/journal.pcbi.1004891 (2016). PMID: 27104615

31. Utrilla J, O'Brien EJ, Chen K, McCloskey D, Cheung J, **Wang HH**, Armenta-Medina D, Feist AM, Palsson BO. *Global Rebalancing of Cellular Resources by Pleiotropic Point Mutations Illustrates a Multi-scale Mechanism of Adaptive Evolution*. Cell Systems. 2:260-271 (2016). PMID: 27135538
30. Johns NI, Tomasz Blazejewski T, Gomes ALC, **Wang HH**. *Principles for designing synthetic microbial communities*. Curr Opin Microbiol. 31:146–153 (2016). PMID: 27084981
29. Widder S, Allen RJ, Pfeiffer T, Curtis TP, ... **Wang HH**, et al., *Challenges in microbial ecology: building predictive understanding of community function and dynamics*. The ISME Journal. doi: 10.1038/ismej.2016.45 (2016). PMID: 27022995
28. Sheth RU, Cabral V, Chen SP, **Wang HH**. *Manipulating Bacterial Communities by in situ Microbiome Engineering*. Trends in Genetics. 32:189-200, (2016).
27. Tasoff J, Mee MT, **Wang HH**. *An Economic Framework of Microbial Trade*. PLoS One 10(7):e0132907. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0132907 (2015). PMID: 26222307.
26. Freedberg DE, Toussaint NC, Chen SP, Ratner AJ, Susan Whittier S, Wang TC, **Wang HH**<sup>†</sup>, Abrams JA<sup>†</sup>. *Proton Pump Inhibitors Alter Specific Taxa in the Human Fecal Microbiome: Results of a Crossover Trial*. Gastroenterology 149:883-5 (2015). PMID: 26164495.
25. Young SJ, Deng L, Li N, Braff JL, Liu Q, Church GM, Bry L, **Wang HH**<sup>†</sup>, Gerber GK<sup>†</sup>. *Improving microbial fitness in the mammalian gut by in vivo temporal functional metagenomics*. Mol Sys Biol 11:788 (2015). PMID: 26148351.
24. Munck C, Gumpert HK, Nilsson AI, **Wang HH**, Sommer MOA. *Resistance development against drug combinations is predicted by the evolutionary responses to the component drugs*. Sci Transl Med 262:262ra156 (2014). PMID: 25391482.
23. Orena Y, Smith MB, Johns NI, Zeevia MK, Birand D, Rond EZ, Corander J, Wang HH, Alm EJ, Pupko T. *Transfer of noncoding DNA drives regulatory rewiring in bacteria*. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA. 111(45):16112-17 (2014). PMID: 25313052.
22. Mee MT, Collins JJ, Church GM, **Wang HH**. *Syntrophic Exchange in Synthetic Microbial Communities*. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 111(20): E2149-56 (2014). PMID: 24778240.
21. Bonde MT, Kosuri S, Genee HJ, Sarup-Lytzen K, Church GM, Sommer MOA, **Wang HH**. *Direct Mutagenesis of Thousands of Genomic Targets using Microarray-derived Oligonucleotides*. ACS Synthetic Biology 4(1):17-22 (2014). PMID: 24856730.
20. Bonde MT, Klausen MS, Anderson MV, Wallin AIN, **Wang HH**<sup>†</sup>, Sommer MOA<sup>†</sup>. *MODEST: A Web-based Design Tool for Oligonucleotide-mediated Genome Engineering and Recombineering*. Nucleic Acids Res. W408-15. DOI:10.1021/sb5001565 (2014) PMID: 24838561.
19. Young S, **Wang HH**. "Recent progress in engineering human-associated microbiomes." in *Engineering and Analyzing Multicellular Systems*, Methods Mol Biol 1151:3-25 (2014). PMID: 24838875.
18. Esvelt K, **Wang HH**. *Genome-scale engineering for systems and synthetic biology*. Mol Sys Biol 9:641, (2013) PMID: 23340847.
17. DiCarlo JE, Conley AJ, Penttilä M, Jäntti J, **Wang HH**<sup>†</sup>, Church GM, *Yeast Oligo-mediated Genome Engineering (YOGE)*, ACS Synth Bio. 2(12):741-9. (2013) PMID: 24160921.
16. **Wang HH**, Mee MT, Church GM. "Applications of Engineered Synthetic Ecosystems" in *Synthetic Biology: Tools and Applications*. Editor: Huimin Zhao, Elsevier, p. 317-325. (2013).
15. Lajoie MJ, Rovner AJ, Goodman DB, Aerni H, Mercer JA, **Wang HH**, Carr PA, Schultz PG, Jacobson JM, Rinehart J, Church GM, Isaacs FJ. *Genomically Recoded Organisms Impart New Biological Functions*. Science 342(6156):357-60 (2013). PMID: 24136966.
14. Mosberg JA, Gregg CJ, Lajoie MJ, **Wang HH**, Church GM. *Improving Lambda Red Genome Engineering via Rational Removal of Endogenous Nucleases*. PLoS One 7(9): e44638. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0044638, (2012). PMID: 22957093.

13. Mee M, **Wang HH**. *Engineering ecosystems and synthetic ecologies*. Mol Biosys 8(10):2470-83 (2012). PMID: 22722235.
12. **Wang HH**, Kim HB, Cong L, Jeong JH, Bang D, Church GM. *Genome-scale Promoter Engineering by Co-Selection MAGE*. Nat Methods 9: 591-3 (2012). PMID: 22484848.
11. Carr PA\*, **Wang HH\***, Sterling B\*, Isaacs FJ, Xu G, Kraal L, Bang D, Jacobson J, Church GM. *Enhanced Multiplex Genome Engineering through Cooperative Oligonucleotide Co-selection*. Nucleic Acids Res 40(17):e132. DOI: 10.1093/nar/gks455, (2012). PMID: 22638574.
10. **Wang HH**, Huang P, Xu G, Marbelstone A, Li J, Forster T, Jewett MC, Church GM. *Multiplexed in vivo tagging of enzyme ensembles with MAGE for in vitro single-pot multi-enzyme catalysis*. ACS Synth Biol 1: 43-52 (2012). PMID: 22737598.
9. Isaacs FJ\*, Carr PA\*, **Wang HH\***, Lajoie MJ, Sterling B, Kraal L, Tolonen AC, Gianoulis TA, Goodman DB, Reppas NB, Emig CJ, Bang D, Hwang SJ, Jewett MC, Jacobson JM, Church GM. *Precise manipulation of chromosomes in vivo enables genome-wide codon replacement*. Science 333: 348-53 (2011). PMID: 21764749.
8. **Wang HH**, Xu G, Vonner AJ, Church G. *Modified bases enable high-efficiency oligonucleotide-mediated allelic replacement via mismatch repair evasion*. Nucleic Acids Res 39(16): 7336-47 (2011). PMID: 21609953.
7. **Wang HH**, Church GM. *Multiplexed genome engineering and genotyping methods applications for synthetic biology and metabolic engineering*. Method Enzymol 498: 409-26 (2011). PMID: 21601688.
6. **Wang HH**. *Synthetic Genomes for Synthetic Biology*. J Mol Cell Biol 2(4): 178-179, (2010).
5. **Wang HH**, Isaacs FJ, Carr PA, Sun ZZ, Xu G, Forest CR, Church GM. *Programming cells by multiplex genome engineering and accelerated evolution*. Nature 460: 894-8, (2009). PMID: 19633652.
4. **Wang HH**, Menezes NM, Zhu MW, Ay H, Koroshetz WJ, Aronen HJ, Karonen JO, Liu Y, Nuutinen J, Wald LL, Sorensen AG. *Physiological noise in MR images: an indicator of the tissue response to ischemia?* J Magn Reson Imaging 27(4): 866-71 (2008). PMID: 18383248.
3. **Wang HH**, Wang XF. "Analytical methods of atherosclerosis research." in *Current Development in Atherosclerosis Research*, 33-66, Nova Science Publishing, NY (2006).
2. **Wang HH**, Wang XF. "Modeling atherosclerosis." in *Trends in Atherosclerosis Research*, 279-311, Nova Science Publishing, NY, (2004).
1. **Wang HH**. *Analytical model of atherosclerosis*. Atherosclerosis 159: 1-7 (2001). PMID: 11689200

## Manuscripts

1. Stockman VB, Ghamsari L, Cabrera GL, Honig B, Shapira SD, **Wang HH**. *A High-throughput Strategy for Dissecting Mammalian Genetic Interactions*. In revision PLoS One (2016).
2. Kelsic ED, Chung H, Cohen N, Park J, **Wang HH\***, Kishony R\*. *Optimal codon choice throughout a gene*. In revision Cell Systems (2016).

## INVITED TALKS

- "Synthetic and Systems Biology Approaches to Study and Manipulate Horizontal Gene Flow" NYBIG 2016, Keynote, NYU, NY, USA (May 2016)
- "Mammalian synthetic biology through engineering the human microbiome" Human Genome Project-Write Workshop, Harvard Medical School, MA, USA (May 2016)

- “*Synthesizing a Prototrophic Human Genome*” Human Genome Project-Write Workshop, Harvard Medical School, MA, USA (May 2016)
- “*Combinatorial CRISPR Screens*” Columbia University CRISPR Workshop, Columbia University, NY, USA (Nov 2015)
- “*Genome-scale Engineering of Microbial Cells and Communities*” BioTechnology Institute Seminar Series, University of Minnesota, MN, USA (Oct 2015)
- “*Genome-scale Engineering of Microbial Cells and Communities*” 7<sup>th</sup> Copenhagen Bioscience Conferences on Cell factories and Biosustainability, Copenhagen, Denmark (June 2015)
- “*Engineering the Human Microbiome with Synthetic Biology*” Genspace Seminar Series, Brookline, NY, USA (May 2015)
- “*Microbial Genome Engineering of Cells and Communities*” Horizons Seminar Series, Dupont USA, Wilmington, DE, USA (December 2014)
- “*Engineering Metabolic Exchange in Synthetic Microbial Communities*” Understanding Microbial Communities Workshop, Isaac Newton Institute, Cambridge, UK (November 2014)
- “*Massively Parallel Mutagenesis and Genome Engineering using Oligonucleotide Libraries*” Synthetic Biology Engineering, Evolution, and Design Conference, California, USA (July 2014)
- “*Syntrophic Exchange in Synthetic Microbial Communities*” 1<sup>st</sup> ASM Conference on Experimental Microbial Evolution, Washington DC, USA (June 2014)
- “*Multiplex Genome-scale Engineering*” National Academies of Science. *Industrialization of Biology*, Washington DC, USA (May 2014)
- “Multiplex Genome Engineering to Reprogram the Human Microbiome” Weill Cornell Institute for Computational Biomedicine (ICB) Seminar. New York, USA (Feb 2014)
- “Programming Cells and Microbial Communities by Multiplexed Genome Engineering” Towards Next Generation Synthetic Biology Workshop, Warwick Centre for Integrative Synthetic Biology (WISB), University of Warwick, Coventry, UK. (Nov 2013)
- “Metagenomic Synthetic Biology Systems for Microbiome Engineering” 2013 Frontiers in Mucosal Immunology Symposium, Boston, USA. (Oct 2013)
- “*Multiplexed Genome Engineering: methods and applications*” Cold Spring Harbor Synthetic Biology Course, Cold Spring, NY, USA (Aug 2013)
- “*Engineered Cooperativity in Synthetic Ecosystems*” Cold Spring Harbor Asia, Suzhou, China (Nov 2011)
- “*Construction of Synthetic Organisms through Large-scale Genome Engineering*” 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society, Boston, MA, USA (Sept 2011)
- “*Recoding Genomes for Synthetic and Orthogonal Biology*” 2011 International Union of Microbiological Societies, Sapporo, Japan (Sept 2011)
- “*Implications of Engineered Biological Chassis on Safety and Security*” Workshop on Genome Engineering, Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), Springfield, VA, USA (2010 Oct)
- “*Whole Genome Construction by Multiplexed Engineering and Automation*” Bio International Convention, Chicago, IL, USA (2010 May)
- “*Fast-pace Genome Engineering of Synthetic Organisms*” 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Microbial Genomics Conference, Rocky Gap, MD, USA (2009 Oct)
- Wang, HH. “*Engineering, Evolving, and Editing Genomes for Bioenergy Applications*” Joint Bioenergy Institute, UC-Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, USA (2009 Sept)
- “*Synthetic biology, accelerated evolution, and exploring diversity in biological systems.*” (Keynote) IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation, Trondheim, Norway (2009 May)
- “*Synthetic biology, accelerated evolution, and exploring diversity in biological systems.*” BBN Technologies, Boston, MA, USA (2009 April)

## PATENT APPLICATIONS

- *Multiplex Automated Genome Engineering*. Church GM, Wang HH, Isaacs FJ. WO2008/052101A2
- *Wang HH. High-Throughput functional Selection of Microbiome Metagenomes. US Application No.: 61/905,530 (Provisional): CU14197*
- *Wang HH, Shapira SS, Stockman, V. A High-throughput Strategy for Combinatorial Targeting of CRISPR/Cas9 to multiple genetic loci. US Application No.: 62/199,291(Provisional)*

## SELECTED AWARDS

2015-2017	ONR Young Investigator Program (\$510,000)
2015-2016	Sloan Research Fellowship (\$50,000)
2015	Gen9 G-Prize (\$120,000)
2014-2019	NSF CAREER Award (\$700,000)
2012	Forbes 30 under 30 in Science
2011-2016	NIH Director's Early Independence Award (\$2,112,500)
2011-2013	Wyss Technology Development Fellowship (\$210,000)
2009	Collegiate Inventors Competition Grand Prize Winner, National Inventors Hall of Fame (\$30,000)
2009	Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center, Harvard University
2008-2010	National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship (\$121,500)
2006-2008	National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship (\$152,642)
2002	Exceptional Summer Student at NINDS
2001	Paul E. Gray UROP Researcher
2001	National Merit Scholar (\$2,500)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

2011-2016	American Society of Microbiology
2011-2016	American Chemical Society
2011-2016	American Association for the Advancement of Science

## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- Journal reviewer for *Nature Biotechnology*, *Nature Methods*, *BMC Systems Biology*, *Nucleic Acids Research*, *ACS Synthetic Biology*, *Molecular Systems Biology*, *PLoS Computational Biology*, *Biotechnology Journal*.
- Grant reviewer for NIH, ARO, DOE (JGI), NSF, NUS (Singapore).
- Visiting Fellow at the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Science on Program on Understanding Microbial Communities (Cambridge, UK, 2014).
- Development of a Synthetic Biology course for public education with Genspace, a pioneer Do-It-Yourself Biology organization in Brooklyn, NY (2014-2016).
- Organizer of International Genetically Engineered Machines (iGEM) teams at Harvard University and Columbia University (2007, 2015, 2016).
- Organizer of Student Leadership Council for the NSF Synthetic Biology Engineering Research Center (Boston, USA, 2006-2010).
- Participant of Congressional Visit Day (CVD) to advocate increasing science funding in both House of Representatives and Senate chambers (Washington DC, USA, 2006).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2016      *Lecturer, Weill Cornell Medical School*

Summer 2016 Course: *ACLS International Summer School*  
Course organizer and instructor, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories

Summer 2015 Course: Synthetic Biology Summer Course  
Instructor: Harris Wang, Vincent Noireaux, Mary Dunlop, Mo Khalil, Chase Biesel  
Lecturer, Columbia University Medical Center

Fall 2014 Course: Molecular Genetics (G level) [Cell Biology G4150x]  
Lecturer, Columbia University Medical Center

Fall 2013 Course: Molecular Genetics (G level) [Cell Biology G4150x]  
Lecturer, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories

-2014 Course: Synthetic Biology Summer Course  
Instructor: Jeff Tabor, Julius Lucks, David Savage, Karmella Haynes

2009 Teaching Fellow, Harvard University (awarded *Certificate of Distinction in Teaching*)  
Fall Course: Biophysics 101 Genomics, Computing, and Economics (U/G level)  
Instructor: George Church, Department of Genetics, Harvard Medical School

### **GRADUATE STUDENTS THESIS COMMITTEE**

- Andy Yao Zong Ng (Chemistry), Advisor: V. Cornish, thesis & quals committee
- Jamie Yang (MD/PhD), Advisor: S. Tavazoie, qualifying committee
- James Brisbois (Chemistry), Advisor: V. Cornish, qualifying committee
- Nathan Jaffe (Biology), Advisor: Ruben Gonzales, thesis committee
- Mariam Konate (Graduated 2014, C2B2), Advisor: D. Vitkup, thesis committee

### **GRADUATE STUDENTS MENTORSHIP**

- Nathan Johns (G4, Integrated/C2B2 Program) – current
- Sway Chen (G3, MD/PhD) – current
- Tom Blazejewski (G3, Integrated/C2B2 Program) – current
- Jimin Park (G3, Integrated Program) – current
- Ravi Sheth (G2, Integrated/C2B2 Program) – current
- Frank Cusimano (G2, Nutritional and Metabolic Biology Program) – current
- Ross McBee (G2, Biological Sciences Program) – current
- Victoria Stockman (Integrated/C2B2 Program) – graduated
- Emily Groopman (MD/PhD rotation), Summer 2015
- Julian Berger (Integrated Program rotation), Spring 2015
- Zach Baker (Integrated Program rotation), Fall 2014
- Tal Lorberbaum (Integrated Program rotation), Fall 2013
- John Szymanski (Integrated Program rotation), Fall 2013

### **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS MENTORSHIP**

- Jacky Cheung (Columbia U2, Summer 2014-current) [CS major]
- Supawat Kongthong (Columbia) Spring 2015-current) [Biology major]
- Sam Magaziner (Columbia), Summer 2015-Spring 2016) [Biochemistry major]
- Anthony Yang, (Columbia), Summer/Winter 2013 [BME major]
- Daniel Huang, (Columbia), Summer 2013 [BME major]

### **POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS MENTORSHIP**

- Antonio Gomes (BU, Bioinformatics) 1/15/2014 - present
- Hsing Ho (Baylor, Microbiology) 9/1/2015 - present
- Carlotta Ronda (DTU, Microbiology) 1/15/2016 – present

- Sung Sun Yim (KAIST, Synthetic Biology/Microbiology) 10/12/2016 - present
- Vitor Cabral (Institut Pasteur, Microbiology) 9/1/2014 – 4/30/2016

## FUNDING AWARDED

- 1DP5OD009172-01 (PI: Harris Wang) 9/01/11 – 8/31/16  
*National Institutes of Health, Director's Early Independence Award* \$2,112,500  
 Title: Functional Metagenomic Reprogramming of Human Microbiome through Mobilome Eng.  
 Description: Development of methods to engineer human-microbiome *in vivo* using new synthetic biology and genome manipulation approaches.
- MCB-1453219 (PI: Harris Wang) 1/01/15 – 12/31/19  
*National Science Foundation, CAREER Award, Division of MCB* \$700,000  
 Title: A Systems Approach to Study Horizontal Acquisition of Regulatory DNA  
 Description: Development of methods and systematic analysis of determinants of horizontal transmission of mobile DNA.
- FR-2015-65795 (PI: Harris Wang) 9/15/15 – 9/14/17  
*Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Research Fellowship* \$50,000  
 Title: Evolutionary Drivers of Horizontal Gene Flow  
 Description: Development of computational and experimental techniques to dissect governing principles that drive horizontal gene flow in microbial communities.
- W911NF-15-2-0065 (PI: Harris Wang) 7/1/15 – 6/30/17  
*Defense Advance Research Project Agency* \$1,616,064  
 Title: In situ Genome Engineering of Unculturable Microbes and Genomic Recoding to Limit the Robustness of the Genetic Code  
 Description: Development of methods to engineer unculturable microbes in the GI tract and recode genes to reduce genetic code robustness
- 1U01GM110714-01 (PI: Sean Brady, Co-I Harris Wang) 7/1/15 – 6/30/20  
*National Institutes of Health, NIGMS* \$1,993,000 (Wang)  
 Title: A minimally invasive synthetic bio-driven approach for natural products discovery  
 Description: Development of tools to engineer pathways for natural product synthesis.
- N00014-15-1-2704 (PI: Harris Wang) 6/1/15 – 5/31/18  
*Office of Naval Research Young Investigator Program* \$524,398  
 Title: A Foundational Synthetic Biology Toolbox for Engineering Human Gut Microbiota towards Enhancing Warfighter Capabilities  
 Description: Development of genome manipulation, transformation, and plasmid acquisition methods for GI microbes for microbiome augmentation
- 1U54CA209997-01 (PI: Andrea Califano, Co-I: Harris Wang) 8/8/16 – 8/7/21  
*National Institutes of Health, NCI* \$589,680 (Wang)  
 Title: Centers for Cancer Systems Therapeutics (CAST)  
 Description: Application of computational and experimental systems biology approaches to dissect cancer drivers and generate therapeutic methodologies.