## Curriculum Vitae

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#### PERSONAL PROFILE

- US Citizen
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### **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

- Accomplished scientist in data science, genomics, computational biology and bioinformatics, with expertise spanning computer science, machine learning, statistics and biology.
- Extensive experience in the development of effective undergraduate and graduate training programs, courses and curricula in Data Science and bioinformatics.
- Proven ability in writing successful grant proposals to support university research and training objectives.

### SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE

- **Machine learning algorithms** including clustering, hidden Markov models and other statistical models, information theory
- **Bioinformatics and biological applications**: whole genome annotation, protein structure prediction, automatic protein function prediction, protein-protein interaction, evolutionary tree estimation, ortholog identification, multiple sequence alignment, homology clustering, plant disease resistance, operon evolution

#### **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. Computer Science, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1997
- **B.A. Computer Science**, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1993

#### **POSITIONS AND EMPLOYMENT**

- **Professor Emeritus,** Department of Bioengineering and Department of Plant and Microbial Biology, University of California, Berkeley, 2018-Present
- **Professor**, Department of Bioengineering and Department of Plant and Microbial Biology, University of California, Berkeley, 2012-2017
- **Associate Professor**, Department of Bioengineering and Department of Plant and Microbial Biology, University of California, Berkeley, 2006-2012
- **Assistant Professor**, Department of Bioengineering, University of California, Berkeley, 2001-2006
- **Principal Scientist**, Protein Informatics, Celera Genomics, California, 1999-2001
- Chief Scientist, Molecular Applications Group, Palo Alto, California, 1997-1999

#### **SELECTED HONORS**

- 1993 Elected to Phi Beta Kappa
- 1993 National Science Foundation Three-Year Graduate Research Fellowship
- 1996 Program in Mathematics and Molecular Biology Fellowship
- 2003 National Science Foundation CAREER Award
- 2004 National Science Foundation Presidential Early Career Award in Science and Engineering (PECASE)

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

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- 11. Magnani, E., Sjölander, K. and Hake S., "From endonucleases to transcription factors: evolution of the AP2 DNA-binding domain in plants", Plant Cell, 2004 Sep;16(9):2265-77. Selected by the Faculty of 1000 as a "Must Read".
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- 15. Sjölander, K., "Phylogenomic inference of protein molecular function: advances and challenges," Bioinformatics 2004 (20)2:170-179.
- 16. Nandini Krishnamurthy and Kimmen Sjölander, "Basic protein sequence analysis". Current Protocols in Protein Science, Unit 2.11, 2005.
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Woo-Suk Chang, Manuel Ferrer, Iddo Friedberg, Michael Y. Galperin, Julien Gobeill, Daniel Haft, John Hunt, Peter Karp, William Klimke, Carsten Krebs, Dana Macelis, Ramana Madupu, Maria J. Martin, Jeffrey H. Miller, Claire O'Donovan, Bernhard Palsson, Patrick Ruch, Aaron Setterdahl, Granger Sutton, John Tate, Alexander Yakunin, Dmitri Tchigvintsev, Germán Plata, Jie Hu, Russell Greiner, David Horn, Kimmen Sjölander, Steven L. Salzberg, Dennis Vitkup, Stanley Letovsky, Daniel Segrè, Charles DeLisi, Richard J. Roberts, Martin Steffen, Simon Kasif. "The COMBREX Project: Design, Methodology, and Initial Results," PLoS Biol 11(8): e1001638. doi:10.1371/journal.pbio.1001638

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# **BOOK CHAPTERS:**

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- Nandini Krishnamurthy, Jim Leebens-Mack, Kimmen Sjölander, "Structural Phylogenomic Inference of Plant Gene Function" (Chapter 17) in The Handbook of Plant Functional Genomics: Concepts and Protocols. Edited by Dr. Günter Kahl and Dr. Khalid Meksem, Wiley Online. Published Online: 11 JUN 2008. DOI: 10.1002/9783527622542.ch17
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# PATENT HELD:

• Sjölander, K. (2000) U.S. Patent No. 6,128,587: Method and apparatus using Bayesian subfamily identification. (Licensed by Celera Genomics for the functional annotation of the human genome reported in Venter et al, Science 2001.)

# CURRICULUM AND COURSE DEVELOPMENT

As a professor at UC Berkeley, I developed bioinformatics and data science curricula and courses for both undergraduate and graduate students in diverse programs and departments. Some of the courses were aimed at students in the life sciences while others were developed for students from engineering and maths backgrounds. Many classes combined students from both backgrounds; these were the most challenging, as the gaps in student training and understanding (as well as their interests and goals) seldom overlapped.

### BIO ENG 144 Introduction to Protein Informatics (undergraduate) BIO ENG 244 Introduction to Protein Informatics (graduate)

This course will introduce students to the bioinformatics algorithms used by biologists to identify homologs, construct multiple sequence alignments, predict protein structure, estimate phylogenetic

trees, identify orthologs, predict protein-protein interaction, and build hidden Markov models. The focus is on the algorithms used, and on the sources of various types of errors in these methods.

**Course Objectives:** This course is designed to provide a theoretical framework for protein sequence and structure analysis using bioinformatics software tools. Students completing this course will be prepared for subsequent in-depth studies in bioinformatics, for algorithm development, and for the use of bioinformatics methods for biological discovery. It is aimed at two populations: students in the life sciences who need to become expert users of bioinformatics tools, and students in engineering and mathematics/computer science who wish to become the developers of the next generation of bioinformatics methods. As virtually all the problems in this field are very complex, there are many opportunities for research and development of new methods.

**Student Learning Outcomes:** Students completing this course are likely to find several potential areas of research of interest, which they may want to work on as independent study projects during undergraduate work, or take on as Master's or Ph.D. thesis topics for advanced work.

**Prerequisites:** Prior coursework in algorithms. No prior coursework in biology is required. This course includes no programming projects and prior experience in programming is not required

## BIO ENG 144L Protein Informatics Laboratory (undergraduate) BIO ENG 244L Protein Informatics Laboratory (graduate)

This course is intended to provide hands-on experience with a variety of bioinformatics tools, web servers, and databases that are used to predict protein function and structure. This course will cover numerous bioinformatics tasks including: homolog detection using BLAST and PSI-BLAST, hidden Markov model construction and use, multiple sequence alignment, phylogenetic tree construction, ortholog identification, protein structure prediction, active site prediction, cellular localization, protein-protein interaction and phylogenomic analysis. Some minimal programming/scripting skills (e.g., Perl or Python) are required to complete some of the labs.

**Prerequisites:** One upper-division course in molecular biology or biochemistry and Python programming and experience using command-line tools in a Unix environment

### BIO ENG 145 Intro to Machine Learning in Computational Biology (undergraduate) BIO ENG 245 Intro to Machine Learning in Computational Biology (graduate)

This course will review the fundamentals of Data Science and data mining techniques. We will begin by reviewing Data Science across the disciplines, including guest lectures from data scientists on campus. As the semester progresses, we will focus increasingly on data science techniques in computational biology and bioinformatics, illustrating major methods and issues from these fields. Finally, we will discuss ethical issues related to data from biomedical research and genomics.

**Course Objectives:** This course aims to equip students with a foundational understanding of machine learning techniques used in genomics and computational biology. Desired Course Outcomes: Students completing this course should have stronger programming skills, the ability to apply simple machine learning techniques to complex biosequence and genomics data, and an understanding of some of the challenges in genomics and bioinformatics.

**Student Learning Outcomes:** Students completing this course should have stronger programming skills, the ability to apply simple machine learning techniques to complex biosequence and genomics data, and an understanding of some of the challenges in genomics and bioinformatics.

**Prerequisites:** Strong programming skills, and one or more courses in algorithms, data structures, statistics and/or discrete math.

## **GRANT SUPPORT (US FEDERAL FUNDING AGENCIES):**

National Science Foundation, Presidential Early Career Award in Science and Engineering (PECASE) Program, DBI-0238311,

Title: "CAREER: Investigation of Disease-Resistance Proteins in Flowering Plants." PI: Kimmen Sjölander. Project Period: 2/1/2003 - 1/31/2008; Total award: \$698,619

NIH, National Human Genome Research Institute R01HG02769 Title: "High throughput phylogenomic analysis of animal proteins." PI: Kimmen Sjölander Project Period: 09/30/2003 - 06/30/2008; Total award: \$1,802,976

National Science Foundation/USDA CSREES, Microbial Genome Sequencing Program Title: "EF-0626651 The Berkeley-TIGR Phylogenomic Encyclopedia of Microbial Protein Families." PI: Kimmen Sjölander. Project Period: 11/1/2006 – 10/31/2007; Total award: \$239,326

National Science Foundation: Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences Title "MCB-0732065 The PhyloFacts Phylogenomic Encyclopedia of Microbial Protein Families." PI: Kimmen Sjölander Project Period: 11/1/2008-10/31/2010; Total award: \$1,899,499

Department of Energy, Division: Biological and Environmental Research Grant number: DE-SC0004916 Title: "Phylogenomic tools and web resources for the Systems Biology Knowlegebase." PI: Kimmen Sjölander Project duration: 2010-2013; Total award: \$1,412,313

National Science Foundation, Division: Information & Intelligent Systems, Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering Title: "EAGER: Towards a self-organizing map and hyper-dimensional information network for the human genome" PI: Kimmen Sjölander Grant number: #1355632 Project duration: 2013-2015; Total award: \$250,000