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**Research Interests**        computational evolutionary genomics, population genetics, biological theory, bioinformatics, biology education

**Education**

Ph.D. Genetics                 University of Georgia, 2006

B.S. Genetics                  *cum laude* with honors, University of Georgia, 2000

A.B. Latin                        *cum laude* with honors, University of Georgia, 2000

**Faculty Appointments**

Jan. 2012–                      Assistant Professor of Genomics, Evolution, and Bioinformatics  
School of Life Sciences  
Center for Evolutionary Medicine and Informatics  
The Biodesign Institute  
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ USA

Jan. 2011–Jan. 2012         Huxley Faculty Fellow  
Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology  
Rice University, Houston, TX USA

**Education and Training**

Aug. 2009–Jan. 2011         Research Associate II with Dan Graur  
Department of Biology and Biochemistry  
University of Houston

Aug. 2006–Aug. 2009         Postdoctoral Research Associate with Jeffrey. L. Thorne  
Bioinformatics Research Center  
Department of Genetics  
North Carolina State University

Aug. 2001–Aug. 2006         Graduate Student with Marjorie Asmussen  
Department of Genetics  
University of Georgia

Spring 2006	Graduate Lab Assistant BIOL 1108L—Principles of Biology II Lab
Fall 2006	Graduate Teaching Assistant GENE 3000—Evolutionary Biology
Fall 2002	Graduate Teaching Assistant GENE 3200—Genetics
Jan. 2001–Aug. 2001	Research Technician with Marjorie Asmussen Department of Genetics University of Georgia

## Publications

- Active Papers Hufford MB, Xu X, van Heerwaarden J, Pyhäjärvi T, Chia JM, **Cartwright RA**, Elshire RJ, Glaubitz JC, Guill KE, Kaeppler S, Lai J, Shannon LM, Song C, Springer NM, Swanson-Wagner RA, Tiffin P, Wang J, Zhang G, Doebley J, McMullen MD, Buckler ES, Ware D, Yang S, and Ross-Ibarra J (submitted). Genome-wide effects of domestication and improvement in landraces and modern maize.
- Papers **Cartwright RA**, Hussin J, Keebler J, Awadalla P, and Stone EA (2012). A family-based probabilistic method for capturing de novo mutations from high-throughput short-read sequencing data. *Statistical Applications in Genetics and Molecular Biology*, **11**:6.
- Conrad DF, Keebler JE, DePristo MA, Lindsay SJ, Zhang Y, Cassals F, Idaghdour Y, Hartl CL, Torroja C, Garimella KV, Zilversmit M, **Cartwright RA**, Rouleau G, Daly M, Stone EA, Hurles ME, and Awadalla P (2011). Variation in genome-wide mutation rates within and between human families. *Nature Genetics*, **43**:712–714.
- Cartwright RA**, Lartillot N, and Thorne JL (2011). History can matter: Non-Markovian behavior of ancestral lineages. *Systematic Biology*, **60**:276–290.
- Cartwright RA** and Graur D (2011). The multiple personalities of Watson and Crick strands. *Biology Direct*, **6**:7.
- Price\* N, **Cartwright RA\***, Sabath N, Graur D, and Azevedo RBR (2011). Neutral evolution of robustness in *Drosophila* microRNA precursors. *Molecular Biology and Evolution*, **28**:2115–2123.
- Lücking R, Hodkinson B, Stamatakis A, and **Cartwright RA** (2011). PICS-Ord: unlimited coding of ambiguous regions by pairwise identity and cost scores ordination. *BMC Bioinformatics*, **12**:10.
- Cartwright RA** (2011). Bards, poets, and cliques: Frequency-dependent selection and the evolution of language genes. *Bulletin of Mathematical Biology*, **73**:2201–2212.
- The 1000 Genomes Project Consortium (2010). A map of human genome variation from population-scale sequencing. *Nature*, **467**:1061–1073.
- Cartwright RA** (2009a). Problems and solutions for estimating indel rates and length distributions. *Molecular Biology and Evolution*, **26**:473–480.
- Cartwright RA** (2009b). Antagonism between local dispersal and self-incompatibility systems in a continuous plant population. *Molecular Ecology*, **18**:2327–2336.

**Cartwright RA** (2007). Ngila: global pairwise alignments with logarithmic and affine gap costs. *Bioinformatics*, **23**:1427–1428.

**Cartwright RA** (2006). Logarithmic gap costs decrease alignment accuracy. *BMC Bioinformatics*, **7**:527.

Comai L and **Cartwright RA** (2005). A toxic mutator and selection alternative to the non-mendelian, RNA cache hypothesis for hothead reversion. *Plant Cell*, **17**:2856–2858.

**Cartwright RA** (2005). DNA assembly with gaps (Dawg): simulating sequence evolution. *Bioinformatics*, **21(Suppl. 3)**:iii31–iii38.

Asmussen MA, **Cartwright RA**, and Spencer HG (2004). Frequency-dependent selection with dominance: A window onto the behavior of the mean fitness. *Genetics*, **167**:499–512.

\* co-first authors.

#### Books

**Cartwright RA** and Zivkovic B, editors (2008). *The Open Laboratory: The Best Writing on Science Blogs 2007*. Lulu.com, Chapel Hill, NC.

#### Other

Hogue LL and Ross CJ with **Cartwright RA** and Pallas SL (2005). Selman v. Cobb County: Brief of Georgia Citizens for Integrity in Science Education, et al. as amici curiae in support of appellees. United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Nos. 05-10341-II and 05-11725-II.

Fant L with Sandefur T, **Cartwright RA**, and Pallas SL (2004). Selman v. Cobb County: Brief amicus curiae of Colorado Citizens for Science, et al. in support of plaintiffs. United States District Court, Northern District of Georgia. No. 1:02-CV-2325-CC.

**Cartwright RA** (2004). Ignorance excludes evolution. *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, **Jan 28**.

**Cartwright RA** and Theobald DL (2003). Citing Scadding (1981) and misunderstanding vestigiality. *Talk.Origins Archive*. URL <http://www.talkorigins.org/faqs/quotes/scadding.html>.

### Scientific Software

#### Lead Developer

DAWG: a simulator of related sequences. URL <http://scit.us/projects/dawg/>  
 NGILA: pairwise alignment with log-affine gap costs. URL <http://scit.us/projects/ngila/>  
 RED LYNX: population genetic simulation written completely in javascript. URL <http://scit.us/redlynx/>  
 SoFoS: rescaling of site frequency spectra. URL <http://scit.us/sofos/>

#### Contributor

SPAGED: spatial analysis of genetic data. URL <http://ebe.ulb.ac.be/ebe/Software.html>

#### Complete List

See <http://scit.us/> for a complete list of available software that I have written.

### Honors and Awards

2010

Huxley Faculty Fellowship (Rice)

2001–2006

NSF Predoctoral Fellowship

2006

Scholarship to the Summer Institute in Statistical Genetics (UW)

2005

James L. Carmon Scholarship for research reflecting state-of-the-art utilization of computer technology in the sciences or creative arts. (UGA)

- 1999 Phi Beta Kappa  
Warlick-Mannion Classical Scholar (UGA)
- 1998 Kossack Calculus Prize, Second Place (UGA)  
Golden Key
- 1997 AP National Scholar
- 1996 Cum Laude Society  
National Honor Society

### Conferences and Presentations

- 2012 SCALE-IT Curriculum Development Workshop (University of Tennessee)
- 2011 Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution Conference (Kyoto University)  
*Presentation:* Neutral evolution of robustness in *Drosophila* pre-microRNAs.  
University of Auckland, Department of Statistics  
*Presentation:* Studying Evolutionary Models of Mutation using Genomic Data  
Maize Genetics Conference (St. Charles, IL)\*  
*Presentation:* Genome-wide effects of domestication and improvement in landraces and modern maize. Hufford MB et al. (24 total authors)  
University of Western Ontario, Department of Biology  
*Presentation:* Studying Evolutionary Models of Mutation using Genomic Data  
Arizona State University, School of Life Sciences  
*Presentation:* Studying Evolutionary Models of Mutation using Genomic Data  
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Herbold Computational Biology Program  
*Presentation:* Studying Evolutionary Models of Mutation using Genomic Data  
The University of Alabama, Department of Biological Sciences  
*Presentation:* Studying Evolutionary Models of Mutation using Genomic Data
- 2010 Evolution Conference (Portland State University)  
*Presentation:* Extracting Phylogenetic Information from Ambiguous Regions. Cartwright RA, Lücking R, Hodkinson B, Stamatakis A  
East Carolina University, Department of Biology  
*Presentation:* Predicting Evolutionary Events using Biologically Robust Statistical Models  
Rice University, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology  
*Presentation:* Predicting Evolutionary Events from Uncertain Data
- 2009 Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution Conference (University of Iowa)  
*Poster:* Using Population Genetics to Improve Phylogenetics and Evolutionary Inference. Cartwright RA, Lartillot N, and Thorne JL.  
Evolution Conference (University of Idaho)  
*Presentation:* Using Population Genetics to Improve Phylogenetics and Evolutionary Inference. Cartwright RA, Lartillot N, and Thorne JL.

- 2008 Science Online Conference (Sigma Xi Center, RTP, NC)  
 Evolution Conference (University of Minnesota, Twin Cities)  
*Presentation:* Estimating the Rate and Length-Distribution of Insertions and Deletions  
 North Carolina Science Blogging Conference (Sigma Xi Center, RTP, NC)  
 Personal Genomes (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory)\*  
*Poster:* Probabalistic Discovery of *de Novo* Mutations using “Next Generation” Whole Genome Sequencing of Trio and Twin Family Cohorts. Keebler J, Cartwright RA, Stone EA, and Awadalla P.
- 2007 UNC Charlotte, Department of Bioinformatics and Genomics  
*Presentation:* Estimating the Rate and Length Distribution of Indels  
 Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution Conference (Dalhousie University)  
*Presentation:* Estimating the Rate and Length Distribution of Indels  
 Invited speaker, Undergraduate Honors “C-START” Seminar (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)  
*Presentation:* Evolutionary Biology in 30 Minutes  
 North Carolina Science Blogging Conference (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
- 2005 The Fifth Georgia Tech-ORNL International Conference on Bioinformatics  
*Proceedings:* Cartwright (2005)  
 Evolution Conference (University of Alaska, Fairbanks)  
*Presentation:* DNA Assembly with Gaps (Dawg): Simulating Sequence Evolution  
 Southeast Ecology & Evolution Conference (University of Georgia)  
*Presentation:* DNA Assembly with Gaps: Simulating Sequence Evolution
- 2004 Invited participant, National Center for Science Education’s Activist Summit (Berkeley, CA)  
 Evolution Conference (Colorado State University)  
 Southeast Ecology & Evolution Conference (Georgia Tech)
- 2002 Evolution of Language: Fourth International Conference (Harvard University)

\* Did not attend; co-author presented work.

**Society Memberships**

- Genetics Society of America
- Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution
- The Society for the Study of Evolution

**Funding History**

- Jan. 2011–Present Huxley Faculty Fellowship Startup Funds
- Jan. 2011 TalkOrigins Foundation Support

Aug. 2009–Jul. 2011 NLM grant LM010009-01 to D Graur and G Landan  
Aug. 2006–Aug. 2009 NIH grant GM070806 to JL Thorne  
Aug. 2001–Aug. 2006 NSF Predoctoral Fellowship  
Aug. 2005–Aug. 2006 Graduate Teaching Assistantship  
Aug. 2003–Aug. 2004 Graduate Research Assistantship, NIH Grant 5R01 GM48528-06 to MA Asmussen

### Service

Reviewer For National Science Foundation (DEB), American Journal of Botany, Bioinformatics, BMC Evolutionary Biology, Evolutionary Bioinformatics, Genetics, IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, Molecular Biology & Evolution, Molecular Ecology, Nucleic Acids Research

Websites Administered <http://pandasthumb.org/>, <http://talkorigins.org/>, <http://dererumnatura.us/>, <http://scit.us/>, among others.

### Other Skills

Programming C/C++, R, Perl, Ruby,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Matlab, Mathematica, Javascript  
Languages Studied Classical Latin, Greek, and Sanskrit

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