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## EDUCATION

2011 **Ph. D. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology**  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN  
Advisor: Dr. Michael A. Gilchrist

2006 **B. Tech. Biotechnology**  
Anna University, Chennai, India  
Advisor: Dr. Gautam Pennathur

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2016–Current **Assistant Professor of Genetics**  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick NJ

2011–2015 **Postdoctoral Fellow**  
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA  
Advisor: Dr. Joshua B. Plotkin

2009–2011 **Graduate Research Assistant**  
National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Sciences  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN

2006–2009 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**  
Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN

2006 **Undergraduate Researcher**  
Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Chennai, India

2004 **Summer Research Fellow**  
Indian Institute of Sciences, Bangalore, India

## PUBLICATIONS

[Google Scholar](#)

**BOLD** : Members of Shah lab

19. Chatterji P, Whelan KA, Andres SF, Samper FC, Simon LA, Mizuno R, Lundsmith ET, Lee DSM, **Liang S, Wijeratne HRS**, Marti S, Chau L, Williams PA, Giroux V, Wilkins BJ, Wu GD, **Shah P**, Tartaglia GG, Hamilton KE.

*Posttranscriptional regulation of intestinal epithelial cell repair by RNA binding protein IMP1.*  
[bioRxiv doi: https://doi.org/10.1101/368050](https://doi.org/10.1101/368050)

18. Chatterji P\*, Hamilton KE\*, **Liang S**, Andres SF, **Wijeratne HRS**, Mizuno R, Simon LA, Hicks PD, Foley SW, Pitarresi JR, Klein-Szanto AJ, Mah AT, Landeghem LV, Gregory BD, Lengner CJ, Madison BB, **Shah P**, and Rustgi AK. (2018)

*The LIN28B–IMP1 post-transcriptional regulon has opposing effects on oncogenic signaling in the intestine.*

[Genes Dev.](#) 32: 1020-1034.

17. Carja, O, **Xing T**, Wallace EWJ, Plotkin JB, and **Shah P**. (2017)  
*riboviz: analysis and visualization of ribosome profiling datasets.*  
BMC Bioinformatics 18 : 461
16. McCandlish DM, **Shah P**, and Plotkin JB. (2016)  
*Epistasis and the dynamics of reversion in molecular evolution.*  
Genetics 203 (3) : 1335-1351
15. Weinberg DE\*, **Shah P\***, Eichhorn SW, Hussmann JA, Plotkin JB, and Bartel DP. (2016)  
*Improved ribosome-footprint and mRNA measurements provide insights into dynamics and regulation of yeast translation.*  
Cell Reports 14 (7): 1787-1799 \*Equal contribution
14. Kubatko L, **Shah P**, Herbei R, and Gilchrist MA. (2016)  
*A codon model of nucleotide substitution with selection on synonymous codon usage.*  
Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution 94: 290-297
13. **Shah P**, McCandlish DM, and Plotkin JB. (2015)  
*Contingency and entrenchment in protein evolution under purifying selection.*  
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, USA E3226–E3235
12. Gilchrist MA, Chen WC, **Shah P**, Landerer C, and Zaretzki R. (2015)  
*Estimating gene expression and codon specific translational efficiencies, mutation biases, and selection coefficients from genomic data alone.*  
Genome Biology and Evolution 7 (6): 1559-1579
11. Fordyce JA, **Shah P**, and Fitzpatrick BM. (2014)  
*iteRates: An R package for implementing a parametric rate comparison on phylogenetic tree.*  
Evolutionary Bioinformatics (10): 127-130
10. **Shah P**, Ding Y, Niemczyk M, Kudla G, and Plotkin JB. (2013)  
*Rate-limiting steps in yeast protein translation.*  
Cell 153 (7): 1589-1601
9. Xu Y, Ma P, **Shah P**, Rokas A, Liu Y and Johnson CH. (2013)  
*Non-optimal codon usage is a mechanism to achieve circadian clock conditionality.*  
Nature 495: 116-120
8. McCandlish DM, Rajon E, **Shah P**, Ding Y and Plotkin JB. (2013)  
*The role of epistasis in protein evolution.*  
Nature 497: E1-E2
7. **Shah P**, Fitzpatrick BM, and Fordyce JA. (2013)  
*A parametric method for assessing diversification rate variation in phylogenetic trees.*  
Evolution 67 (2): 368-377
6. Niemiller ML, Fitzpatrick BM, **Shah P**, Schmitz L, and Near TJ. (2013)  
*Evidence for repeated loss of selective constraint in rhodopsin of amblyopsid cavefishes (Teleostei: Amblyopsidae).*  
Evolution 67 (3): 732-748

5. Ding Y, **Shah P** and Plotkin JB. (2012)  
*Weak 5' mRNA structure in short eukaryotic genes.*  
Genome Biology and Evolution 4 (10): 1046-1053
4. **Shah P**, and Gilchrist MA. (2011)  
*Explaining complex codon usage patterns with selection for translational efficiency, mutation bias, and genetic drift.*  
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, USA 108 (25): 10231-6
3. **Shah P**, and Gilchrist MA. (2010)  
*Effect of correlated tRNA abundances on translation errors and evolution of codon usage bias.*  
PLOS Genetics 6 (9): e1001128
2. **Shah P**, and Gilchrist MA. (2010)  
*Is thermosensing property of RNA thermometers unique?*  
PLOS ONE 5 (7): e11308
1. Gilchrist MA, **Shah P**, and Zaretzki R. (2009)  
*Measuring and detecting molecular adaptation in codon usage against nonsense errors during protein translation.*  
Genetics 183 (4): 1493-505

## SOFTWARE

1. [riboviz: Analysis and visualization of ribosome profiling datasets.](#)
2. [SMoPT: Stochastic Model of Protein Translation](#)  
Simulates the dynamics of protein synthesis within an entire cell.
3. [iteRates: Parametric rate comparison](#)  
Iterates through a phylogenetic tree to identify regions of rate variation using the parametric rate comparison test.

## FUNDING

### Current

- 2017-2022 NIGMS R35 (ESI - MIRA) GM124976  
Dynamics and evolution of translational regulation.  
Role: PI, Total direct costs: \$1,250,000
- 2016-2021 NIDDK R01 DK109714  
Homeostatic responses to amino acid insufficiency.  
PI: Dr. Tracy Anthony (IFNH, Rutgers University)  
Role: Subcontract, Total direct costs: \$23,000
- 2017-2022 NIDDK R01 DK056645  
The LIN28B-LET7 axis in intestinal epithelial biology.  
PI: Dr. Anil Rustgi (Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania)  
Role: Subcontract, Total direct costs: \$40,000

### Completed

- 2009-2011 National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis (NIMBioS)  
Graduate Research Assistantship.  
Total direct costs: \$40,000
- 2009 University of Tennessee Graduate Summer Research Assistantship.  
Direct costs: \$3,600

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2011 Jim Tanner Award for Outstanding Dissertation.
- 2009-2010 EEB Summer Research Grant.
- 2009-2010 EEB Travel Award.
- 2010 College of Arts and Sciences, UTK Travel Award.
- 2009-2010 Graduate Researchers in Ecology, Behavior and Evolution Travel Grant.
- 2009 EEB Summer Research Grant .
- 2004 Indian Academy of Sciences, Summer Research Fellowship.
- 2000 National Scholarship from the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi awarded to top 0.01% in Mathematics at the National level.

## INVITED TALKS

- 2018 *Dynamics and evolution of translational regulation.*
  - 16. Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD
  - 15. University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester NY
- 2017 *Dynamics and evolution of translational regulation.*
  - 14. Queens College, CUNY NY
  - 13. University of Pennsylvania, Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia PA
  - 12. University of Delaware, Newark DE
  - 11. New York University, NYC NY
  - 10. Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle WA
  - 9. Pennsylvania State College of Medicine, Hershey PA
- 2015 *Opportunities and pitfalls in modeling protein translation using ribosome-profiling.*
  - 8. Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel
- Insights from mechanistic models of protein translation.*
  - 7. University of Maryland, Baltimore County, MD
- 2014 *Dynamics of protein translation in yeast.*
  - 6. National Center for Biological Sciences, Bangalore, INDIA
- 2013 *Rate-limiting steps in protein translation.*
  - 5. University of Utah, Salt Lake City UT
- 2011 *Population genetics of codon usage bias.*
  - 4. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA
- Insights from mechanistic models of protein translation on the evolution of codon usage bias.*
  - 3. Vanderbilt University, Nashville TN
- 2009 *Measuring the adaptedness of a gene: Nonsense-error Adaptation Index.*
  - 2. University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN
- 2006 *Agent-based models in economics.*
  - 1. Computable and Experimental Economics Laboratory (CEEL), Trento, Italy

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2017 **Shah P**

*Evolutional of transcriptional and translational regulation during adaptation.*

20. European Society for Evolutionary Biology - Groningen, Netherlands.
19. Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution (SMBE) - Austin, TX.
18. Gordon Research Conference in Molecular Mechanisms in Evolution - Easton MA.

2016 **Shah P** and Plotkin JB.

*Opportunities and pitfalls in modeling protein translation using ribosome-profiling.*

17. Translational Control, CSHL, NY

2015 **Shah P** and Plotkin JB.

*Opportunities and pitfalls in modeling protein translation using ribosome-profiling.*

16. Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution (SMBE) - Vienna, Austria.
15. Computational Modeling of Gene Expression and its Evolution - Tel Aviv, Israel.

**Shah P**, McCandlish DM and Plotkin JB.

*Contingency and entrenchment in protein evolution.*

14. Forecasting evolution - Lisbon, Portugal.

**Shah P** and Plotkin JB.

*Local DNA topography predicts genomic mutation rates.*

13. Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution (SMBE) - Bloomington, IN.

**Shah P** and Plotkin JB.

*Dynamics and regulation of protein translation.*

12. Biomedical Postdoc Research Symposium - Philadelphia, PA.

2014 **Shah P**, Krishnan A, Gilchrist MA and Plotkin JB.

*Redefining the context in context-dependent mutation.*

11. Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution (SMBE) - San Juan, PR.
10. Society for Study of Evolution (SSE) - Raleigh, NC.

2013 **Shah P** and Plotkin JB.

*Characterizing epistasis in proteins under purifying selection.*

9. Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution (SMBE) - Chicago, IL.
8. Society for Study of Evolution (SSE) - Salt Lake City, UT.

2010 **Shah P** and Gilchrist MA.

*Correlated tRNAs, translation errors and evolution of codon usage bias.*

7. Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution (SMBE) - Lyon, France.
6. Society for Study of Evolution (SSE) - Portland, OR.

**Shah P** and Gilchrist MA.

*Genome-wide determinants of codon composition.*

5. SouthEastern Population Ecology and Evolutionary Genetics (SEPEEG) - Madison, FL.

2009 Gilchrist MA, **Shah P**, and Zaretzki R.

*Making Wright's metaphor a reality: Quantifying and detecting molecular adaptation.*

4. Society for Study of Evolution (SSE) - Moscow, ID.
3. SouthEastern Population Ecology and Evolutionary Genetics (SEPEEG) - Dahlenega, GA.
2. The 7th Georgia Tech - Oak Ridge National Lab International Conference – "Genome Biology and Bioinformatics" - Atlanta, GA.

2006 **Shah P**, Strielkowski W, and Sinha, S.

*Mechanisms of immigrants' clusters formation using networks dynamic modeling.*

1. Santa Fe Institute - Summer Complex Systems School, Chennai, India.

## TEACHING

### Faculty:

Spring 2018 Computational genetics of big data.

Spring 2017 Special topics in genetics - Computational genetics of big data.

### Guest Lecturer:

2017 Genomic Jam

2017 Freshman Honors Computational Genetics – Modeling protein synthesis: simulations and data mining

2010 Biometry – Introduction to bayesian inference.

2010 Evolution in society – Explaining genomic patterns in the light of evolution.

2008 Genetics – Codon usage bias: evolution and consequences.

### Graduate Teaching Assistant:

2007 Genetics

2006 Biology for non-majors

## MENTORING

### Graduate students

1. Tongji Xing (Ph.D., 2016 - )
2. Alexander Salibi (Ph.D., 2017 - )
3. John Favate (Ph.D., 2017 - )
4. Sukanya Das (Ph.D., 2017 - )

### Graduate students - Other

1. Vaidhyathan Mahaganapathy (Ph.D. committee, 2017 - )
2. Candice Craig (rotation, 2016)
3. Srividya Venkatramanan (rotation, 2016)

### Undergraduate students

1. Madhuri Bhupathiraju (08/2016 - )
2. Yasasvi Talagadadevi (02/2017 - )
3. Sadhana Chidambaran (03/2017 - )
4. Dana Goldrich (08/2017 - 12/2017)
5. Albert Sultan (04/2016 - 05/2017)
6. Darya Pavlenko (04/2016 - 12/2016)

### Undergraduate students - Other

1. Shirley Luo (Committee member, Honors thesis, Department of Genetics, 2018)
2. Mones Aba Elatto (Committee member, Honors thesis, Department of Genetics, 2018)
3. Vasvi Patel (Reader, senior thesis for G.H. Cook Scholars Program, 2017 - 2018)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Reviewer:** Nature, Nature Structural & Molecular Biology, Nature Molecular Systems Biology, Nature Communications, Elife, Cell Reports, EMBO Reports, PLOS Biology, PLOS Computational Biology, PLOS ONE, Genome Research, Molecular Biology & Evolution, Genome Biology & Evolution, Evolution, RNA, Journal of Theoretical Biology, Journal of Molecular Evolution, Current Bioinformatics, and Biotechnology Journal

### Invited panelist:

2017 Discussion leader: Gordon Research Seminar in Molecular Mechanisms in Evolution, Easton MA.

2017 Presentation judge - EPiC: Evolution in Philadelphia Conference, Philadelphia PA.

2015 Panelist: Center for Teaching and Learning - Teaching portfolios, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA.

**Rutgers:**

2018 Presentation judge - MBGSO Annual Symposium.

2017 Panelist: Redefining the Postdoctoral Experience: New Training for New Careers.

2017 - Molecular Biosciences Graduate Student Recruiting committee

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Society for Study of Evolution (SSE)

Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution (SMBE)

RNA Society

**OUTREACH EXPERIENCE**

2010-2011 NIMBioS Teacher Collaboration Program.

2010 Undergraduate Mentor in Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution (SMBE) Mentorship Program.

2007-2009 Member of Organizing committee for Darwin Day.

2009 Mentor: NIMBioS Undergraduate Research Conference.

**WORKSHOPS AND SUMMER SCHOOLS**

2016 Helmsley/NAS Summer Institutes On Undergraduate Education, University of Connecticut, Storrs CT.

2006 CEEL program in Adaptive Economic Dynamics. Organized by: Computable and Experimental Economics Laboratory (CEEL), Trento, Italy. (Invited)

2006 Complex Systems School. Organized by: Santa Fe Institute and Institute for Mathematical Sciences, India.