



Xiaojie Qiu

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Dr. Xiaojie Qiu is currently an assistant professor at the Department of Genetics, the BASE program, and the Department of Computer Science at Stanford. Xiaojie's Ph.D. work at University of Washington with Dr. Cole Trapnell made critical contributions to the field of single-cell genomics, exemplified by the development of Monocle 2/3 (monocle 2 & monocle 3) for pseudotemporal trajectory analysis of scRNA-seq data. In his post-doc at Whitehead Institute and MIT with Dr. Jonathan Weissman, Xiaojie developed Dynamo (<https://github.com/aristoteleo/dynamo-release>) to reconstruct RNA velocity vector field and make reprogramming and in silico perturbation predictions with metabolic labeling enabled single-cell RNA-seq. Recently he also led the development of a powerful toolkit, Spateo (<https://github.com/aristoteleo/spateo-release>), for advanced multi-dimensional spatiotemporal modeling of high definition spatial transcriptomics.

The Qiu lab at Stanford started on Dec. 16, 2023. Xiaojie will continue leveraging his unique background in single-cell genomics, mathematical modeling, and machine learning to lead a research team that bridges the gap between the "big data" from single-cell and spatial genomics and quantitative/predictive modeling in order to address fundamental questions in mammalian cell fate transitions, especially those of heart evolution, development and disease. His research has been supported by the National Human Genome Research Institute, Chan Zuckerberg Institute, Impetus longevity grant, Arc institute and others.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor, Genetics
- Assistant Professor (By courtesy), Computer Science
- Member, Bio-X
- Member, Cardiovascular Institute
- Member, Maternal & Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)
- Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Highly Cited Researcher in the field of Cross-Field - 2025, Clarivate (2025)

- NIH Director's New Innovator Award, NIH (10/8/2024)
- Arc Ignite Award, Arc Institute (9/1/2023)
- Pathway to Independence Awards (K99/R00), NHGRI (2/1/2023)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Postdoctoral fellow, Whitehead Institute & MIT , single cell and spatial genomics; systems biology (2023)
- PhD, University of Washington , Molecular & cellular biology; genome sciences (2018)
- Masters, East China Normal University , Bioinformatics and systems biology (2012)
- B S, Changchun University of Technology , Bioengineer (2008)

LINKS

- My lab website: <https://www.devo-evo.com/>
- GitHub organization: <https://github.com/aristoteleo>
- Google scholar: https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=4IzYRk0AAAAJ&view_op=list_works&sortby=pubdate
- Twitter account: <https://twitter.com/home>

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

In the Qiu lab, we are combining advances in machine learning with advances in genomics to understand heart evolution, development and disease. We are pushing boundaries, pioneering research that simply would not have been possible a few years ago.

The research strategies in my lab involve a full cycle of experimentation, computation and predictions. We start with using novel genomics approaches to measure the states of single cells over time and in the physical space. These massive datasets will then be used to train interpretable machine learning models to understand the underlying gene regulatory networks which can be then used to create computer models of hearts to make predictions of congenital heart diseases. Our goal is to achieve a comprehensive understanding of the underlying disease mechanisms of heart disease and when and where disease begins in the heart.

With that knowledge, we can develop therapies to cure or even to prevent disease.

Teaching

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Tony Zeng

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Naoki Konno, Nianping Liu, Weize Xu

Doctoral Dissertation Co-Advisor (AC)

Peter Pao-Huang

Doctoral (Program)

Mengchen Wang

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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