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EDUCATION

California Institute of Technology, Division of Biological Engineering 2004-2007 Postdoctoral studies *Logic Functions of the Genomics cis-Regulatory Code* Advisor: Professor Eric Davidson

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Laboratory for Computer Science 1986-1989 Postdoctoral studies *Theory of Programming Languages for Concurrency* Advisor: Professor Albert Meyer

University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania 1979 Ph.D. in Computer Science Thesis: *Context Sensitive Languages with Applications to Semantics of Programs and Number Theory* Advisors: Professors Solomon Marcus and Sergiu Rudeanu

Al. I. Cuza University, Iasi, Romania 1975 B.S. in Computer Science Honors: *Summa Cum Laude*; three awards for research

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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Celera Genomics & Applied Biosystems, Rockville, MD

Applied Biosystems Advanced Research and Technology Division Informatics Research Department October 2003 – February 2005: Science Fellow (one of six in a company of 800 scientists) February 2003 – February 2005: Senior Director and Department Head Celera Genomics

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Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM

Massively Parallel Computing Research Laboratory

1998 – April 2000: Principal Senior Member of the Technical Staff 1994 – 1998: Senior Member of the Technical Staff 1992 – 2000: Founder and Project Leader, Computational Biology Project 1992 – 1993: Computational Scientist

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

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PUBLICATIONS

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- 2. Doug McEarlean, Sorin Istrail, "The Maximum-Likelihood Haplotype Phasing Problem: Practical Globally Optimal Solutions via Likelihood Graph Homomorphism," 2021
- Sorin Istrail, "Statistical Mechanics, Three-Dimensionality and NP-Completeness II: Universality of the Intractability of the Partition Function of the Two-Coupling Constants Ising Model Across Lattices," 2021
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- 69. Optimizations in Computational Chemistry and Molecular Biology, Princeton University, "Algorithms in Molecular Recognition: Contact Map Structure Alignment and Combinatorial Chemistry," May 4-7, 1999
- 70. American Mathematical Society Conference on Combinatorial Methods in Statistical Physics, Georgia Tech, "On the impossibility of exact solubility for the general 3D Ising model partitions functions," May 1999
- 71. Rutgers Center for Operations Research, "On the impossibility of exact solubility for the general 3D Ising model partitions functions," May 1999
- 72. University of California San Francisco, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Ken Dill Laboratory, "Lectures on Statistical Physics and Computer Science," April 1999
- 73. U.S. Department of Energy Mathematics, Information and Computer Science (MICS) Workshop, Albuquerque, "Computational Complexity as a Source of Uncertainty for Three-Dimensional Statistical Mechanics Models," Oct. 29, 1998
- 74. University of New Mexico Department of Mathematics, "How to Take a Random Walk Deterministically," Nov. 19, 1998
- 75. Workshop on Physics via High Performance Computing: Approaches and Tools, University of New Mexico, Physics Department, "The Search for Computationally Tractable Lattice-Protein Folding Models,"1998
- 76. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, "Computational Shortcuts for Computing Low Energy Conformations in Lattice Models," April 3, 1997
- 77. Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, "Computational Shortcuts for Computing Low Energy Conformations in Lattice Models," April 4, 1997
- 78. 1st International Conference on Computational Biology (RECOMB 97), Santa Fe, NM, "Lattice and Off-Lattice Side Chain Models of Protein Folding: Linear Time Structure Prediction Better than 86% of Optimal," 1997
- 79. A Day of Talks in Combinatorics, Smith College, "Protein Folding: Combinatorial Problems and Algorithms," Sept. 12, 1996
- 80. Laboratory for Computer Science, MIT, "Protein Folding: Combinatorial Problems and Algorithms," Sept. 18, 1996
- 81. DIMACS, Rutgers University, "Protein Folding: Combinatorial Problems and Algorithms," Sept. 22, 1996
- 82. Third German-Israeli Workshop on Computer Science Aspects in Molecular Biology, Tel-Aviv, Israel, "Protein Folding Algorithms on Lattice Models and the Levinthal Paradox," Nov. 24-26, 1995

- 83. Workshop on Biopolymers: Sequence and Structure, Santa Fe Institute,"Protein Folding Algorithms on Lattice Models and the Levinthal Paradox," Nov.5-8, 1995
- 84. Waksmann Institute of Microbiology, Rutgers University, "Protein Folding Algorithms on Lattice Models and the Levinthal Paradox," Sept. 20, 1995
- 85. Dartmouth University, Department of Computer Science, "Protein Folding Algorithms on Lattice Models and the Levinthal Paradox," Sept. 15, 1995
- 86. DIMACS Special Year on Mathematical Support for Molecular Biology, Workshop on Sequence Based Protein Structure Prediction, Rutgers-Princeton U., "Protein Folding in the Hydrophobic-Hydrophilic Model: Achieving Speed and Near-Optimal Stability through Plausible Folding Pathways," March 26, 1995
- 87. University of California San Francisco, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, "Fast protein folding in the hydrophobic-hydrophilic model within three-eighths," Feb. 15, 1995
- 88. DIMACS Special Year on Mathematical Support for Molecular Biology, Workshop on Combinatorial Methods in DNA Mapping and Sequencing, Rutgers-Princeton U., "Algorithmic strategies for handling errors in physical mapping: chimerism and deletions," Oct. 6-9, 1994
- 89.4th International Workshop on Open Problems in Computational Molecular Biology, Telluride, CO, "Unresolved algorithmic questions occurring in genomic mapping," Aug. 10-24, 1994
- 90. 3rd International Workshop on Open Problems in Computational Molecular Biology, Telluride, CO, "The chimeric clones problem," Aug. 2-12, 1993
- 91. University of Rhode Island, Department of Computer Science, "Universal Traversal Sequences," October 1991
- 92. IBM Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY, "Constructing Generalized Universal Traversal Sequences of Polynomial Size for Graphs with Small Diameter," October 1990
- 93. University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Department of Computer and Information Sciences, "Constructing Generalized Universal Traversal Sequences of Polynomial Size for Graphs with Small Diameter," October 1990
- 94.Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Laboratory for Computer Science and Department of Mathematics, "Polynomial Universal Traversal Sequences for Cycles are Constructible," December 1987
- 95.University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Department of Computer and Information Sciences, "The Page Number of Genus g Graphs is O(g)," April 1987

96. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Laboratory for Computer Science, "The Expressive Power of a Game of Dijkstra: Predictability, Incompleteness, Complexity," March 1984

Other Positions

Johns Hopkins University, External Review Committee member, Computer Science Department, 2017

DNA-NEXUS, Stanford, CA, member, Computational Biology Advisory Board, 2013 – 2018

University of Connecticut, Storrs CT, member, External Advisory Board, Computer Science and Engineering Department, 2008 – present

Reykjavik University, Reykjavik, Iceland, member, Advisory Board, Icelandic Centre of Excellence in Theoretical Computer Science, 2008 – present

Mathematical Biosciences Institute, Columbus, OH, member, Scientific Advisory Committee, 2007 – 2012

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, member of the External Advisory Board of the Center for Excellence in Genomics, 2003 – 2007

Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, VA, member, Board of Directors of the School of Computing, 2002 – 2004

University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, CO, member, Board of Directors of the Center for Computational Biology, 2001–2005

California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, Visiting Associate in Biology, Division of Biology, November 2004 – present

George Washington University, Washington, DC, Adjunct Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, George Washington Medical School, September 2002 – 2010

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, Adjunct Associate Professor of Biology, Department of Biology, 1998 – 2000

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, Visiting Scientist, Laboratory for Computer Science and Department of Mathematics, 1986 – 1992

RESEARCH GRANTS

Submitted

Al Institute: (M3I) Mechanistic Modeling of Multi-scale Interactomics UCONN-Brown-Yale, S. I. (Co-PI), submitted Dec 2020

Current

Brown University Seed Fund Award: "A learning healthcare system in Rhode Island for COVID-19," 2020-2021

NIH/NLM BD2K Research Education Curriculum Development: Data Science Overview for Biomedical Scientists (R25) – "Training and Teaching for Transforming Big Data to Knowledge," 09/01/2019 - 08/31/2020 (co-PI; Neil Sarkar PI)

Completed

- National Science Foundation, III: Small: Genome-Wide Algorithms for Haplotype Reconstruction and Beyond: A Combined Haplotype Assembly and Identical-by-Descent Tracts Approach; Award Date: 10/01/2014 – 09/01/2018 (PI)
- 2. OVPR Brown Seed Award 2014: Genome-wide sequence analysis in severe autism and intellectual disability (co-PI; Eric Morrow PI)
- Brown University Inaugural Translational Seed Award: "Development of New Computational and Point-of-Care Platforms for HIV Drug Resistance" (co-Pl; Anubhav Tripathi Pl) 08/01/13 – 07/31/15;
- 4. National Institutes of Health, COBRE: "Center for Central Nervous System Function," Brown University Institute for Brain Science (Role: Mentor to Eric Morrow, MD, PhD; Jerome Sanes PI) 08/01/13-07/31/16
- National Science Foundation, IGERT: "Reverse Ecology: Computational Integration of Genomes, Organisms, and Environments" (David Rand PI; Co-PI: Johanna Schmitt, Zoe Cardon, Mitchell Sogin, Sorin Istrail, Erika Edwards) Award Date: 08/01/2010 – 08/01/2016
- 6. National Science Foundation, "EAGER: Haplotype Phasing Algorithms and Clark Consistency Graphs" (PI) 09/01/2011 09/01/2015
- 7. National Science Foundation, "The *cis*-GRN Browser and Database: *cis*-Regulatory Information Behind the Network" (PI) 09/01/2007
 - 09/01/2011

- 8. National Science Foundation, "The Genome and the Computational Sciences: Boot Camp Training at Brown in the Art of Asking Tough Scientific Questions" (PI) 2008
- 9. March of Dimes Foundation, "Preterm Birth: A Novel Bioinformatics and Genomics Approach" (Collaborator; Jim Padbury PI)
- 10.Brown University OVPR Seed Fund Award, "The Cellarium Project: A Teaching and Research Environment for Computational Systems Biology" (PI)
- 11. National Science Foundation, "Structural Operational Semantics of Concurrency" 09/01/1988 09/01/1991

TEACHING

Courses at Brown University

- 1. CSCI 1810 "Computational Molecular Biology"
- 2. CSCI 1820 "Algorithmic Foundations of Computational Biology"
- 3. CSCI 2820 Advanced Algorithms in Computational Biology and Medical Bioinformatics (graduate course)
- 4. CSCI 2950-L Algorithmic Foundations of Computational Biology II (graduate course)
- 5. CSCI 2950-L Medical Bioinformatics: Disease Associations, Protein Folding and Immunogenomics (graduate course)

STUDENTS

Ph.D. Theses

- Pinar Demetci, current Ph.D. student, co-adviser
- Derek Aguiar "Genome-wide Algorithms for Haplotype Assembly, Haplotype Phasing and Identical-by-Descent Inference." Ph.D. thesis defended in May 2014; postdoctoral student at Princeton University; now assistant professor of computer science at the University of Connecticut
- Ryan Tarpine "A database of causality-inferred structure-function information for genomic cis –regulatory architecture," Ph.D. thesis defended in May 2012, now software engineer at Google
- Dejan Zivkovic "Bounded-width polynomial size Boolean formulas compute exactly those functions from AC^0." May 1994, now professor at Belgrade University.

Postdoctoral Students

- Fumei Lam now at UC Davis/UC Berkeley
- Austin Huang researcher at Pfizer Research Center; now Vice President, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning at Fidelity Investments
- Alper Uzun now Assistant Professor Research, Department of Pediatrics, Brown Medical School

Master's Theses

- Ryan Tarpine "The CYRENE cisGRN Browser for the Regulatory Genome;" now software engineer at Google
- Derek Aguiar "The ARIADNE Browser for Genome-Wide Association Studies;" now assistant professor of computer science at UCONN
- Ning Hou "Two Problems Related to cis-Regulatory Architecture of Transcription Factor Encoding Genes Homologous Translation and Evolutionary Conservation-Based cis-Module Inference" (2014); now at Amazon
- Lan Nguyen, MS thesis "Survey on Protein Folding Algorithms of HP model and Proposal of a Hybrid Heuristic Algorithm" (2019); now at a startup software company

Honors Theses

- Lian Garton "Population Substructure and MCMC" (S.C. Lamport Honor Thesis Award) (2008); now at Amazon
- Kyle Schutter "The cis-Regulatory Genomics Quintessential Graph Problem" (2010); now at a startup
- Allan Stewart "Face-centered cubic (FCC) lattice models for protein folding: energy function inference and biplane packing" (2010); now at Facebook
- Tim Johnstone "Gene Networks: An Algorithm to Discover Causal Relationships Through Systematic Experimentation" (Senior Prize for Biology) (2012); now a Ph.D. student at Yale University
- Jake Franco "MCMC Algorithms for Haplotype Phasing" (2012); now at Stony Brook Medical School
- James Weiss "Computational Genomics and Bioenergy: Modeling and Clustering of RNA-seq Data" (2012); now Ph.D. student at MIT
- Jeffrey Herman "A Markov Random Field Model for Inferring Population Structure" (2012); now at Google
- Andy Ly "Towards Unifying Tagging SNP Selection Algorithms" (2016)

- Sudheesha Perera "A Haplotype-Based Predictive Model for Genotype/Expression Datasets" (2017); now at Brown Medical School
- Nick Goelz "Exact Backtracking Algorithms for Optimal Bipole Packing in HP Model of Protein Folding" (2015)
- Alex Gillmore "Linear Models for SNPs selection" (2012); now at Yelp
- Douglas McErlean "One Constraint to Rule Them All: How to Simplify Optimizations under Constant Variable Sum, with Applications for Maximum Likelihood" (Top Honor Thesis, CS Department, 2014); now at Google
- Kshitij Lauria "Bipole Self-assembly and the Biplane Conjecture" (2015)
- Ning Hou "Two Problems Related to cis-Regulatory Architecture of Transcription Factor Encoding Genes: Homologous Translation and Evolutionary Conservation-Based cis-Module Inference" (2017); now at Amazon
- Daniel Seidman "LumberTracts: A Method for Time Efficient Determination of Identical by Descent Tracts Between Unphased Genotypes" (2016); now Ph.D. student at Cornell University
- Sam Crosanto "HapROSEA Software Package for Long Range Haplotype Phasing" (2016); now at Microsoft
- Youn Kim "Algebraic Connectivity of Graphs, with applications" (2016); now Ph.D. student at MIT with Presidential Fellowship
- Marko Fejzo "Spectral graph theory and Markov Chains" (2019); now at TwoSigma
- Shivam Nadimpalli "Discrete Isoperimetry and Protein Folding" (2019); now Ph.D. student at Columbia University
- Sam Hinthorn "Cis-Lexicon Ontology Search Engine for Gene Regulatory Networks" (2020); now Ph.D. student at Brown University
- Bethany Dubois "Metropolis-Coupled Monte Carlo in Application to Protein Structure Prediction" (2018); D.E. Shaw; now at Mount Sinai Medical School
- Adrian Turcu "Protein Folding Prediction and Visualization Techniques Based on Hydrophobic Side Chain Interactions" (2019); now at Brown Medical School
- Min Jean Cho "Genomic privacy algorithms based on information theory" (2020); now 5th year MS in computer science at Brown University
- Arun Das "Approaches to Genomic privacy" (2018); now Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins University
- Daniel Ben-Isvy "Combinatorial methods for the discovery of GWAS SNPs" (2020)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 1. 2010: Professor Honoris Causa, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi, Romania
- 2. 2006: Endowed Chair Professor, Brown University
- 3. 2003: Applied Biosystems Science Fellow, Informatics "Best in Class" Highest distinction for individual technical contributions in Applied Biosystems. One of six Fellows in a company with 800 scientists.
- 4. 2002: Manager of the Celera Sub-Team of the ClearForrest-Celera team that won the 2002 ACM Knowledge Discovery and Datamining Cup (ACM KDD Cup), arguably the top International Datamining/Machine Learning Competition. Theme: automatic genomic annotation of Drosophila literature that matches human expert genomic annotation.
- 2001: Work on the Computational Complexity of the Three-Dimensional Ising Model was listed in the top 100 most important discoveries of the U.S. Department of Energy in its 25 years of existence, being ranked 7th top achievement in the "Advanced Scientific Computing" category.
- 6. 2000: Graduation speaker for the Mathematics and Physics Class of 2000, University of New Mexico
- 7. 2000: ACM Service Recognition, ACM General Chair of the RECOMB Conference
- 8. 2000: Work on computational statistical mechanics selected as the basis for a major theoretical computer science challenge for the 21st century by the "Workshop on Challenges for Theoretical Computer Science at the Beginning of the 21st Century;" workshop sponsored by National Science Foundation, ACM/SIGACT, DIMACS, and SIAM.

Citation:

"Challenge: Computational Statistical Mechanics

In recent years there have been an increasing number of collaborations between theoretical computer scientists and physicists interested in statistical mechanics. Microsoft Research has an entire department devoted to such work. The synergy is due to the fact that both groups of researchers are interested in the same sorts of problems, but bring different sets of tools and ways of thought to them. The classical physics problem that serves as a motivation is the behavior of matter (from gases to crystal lattices) in the presence of heat, magnetism, or other external forces. One fundamental quantity that physicists are interested in is the "partition function" for a given model, which is needed if probabilities are to be normalized. For one well-studied model, the Ising model for spin glasses, we now have almost completely characterized the complexity of computing the partition function. It has long been known to be polynomial-time computable for planar lattices, and now, due to results of Istrail (STOC 2000) it is known to be <u>NP-hard for any</u> <u>non-planar lattice</u>. One challenge is to extend this work to other important models."

- 9. 1999: Keynote speaker for the New Mexico Mathematics Olympiad Finalists
- 10. 1998: Scientific American "Best of 1998" included the Supercomputing Simulation of Protein Misfolding Project, done by my Sandia Labs group in collaboration with Jonathan King (MIT)
- 11. 1995: The STOC95 Program Committee referred to our STOC95 paper the first protein folding algorithms in the literature generating provable near-optimal folds as a "seminal contribution."
- 12. 1995: Sandia National Laboratories Award for Excellence for "the first proteinfolding prediction algorithm with guaranteed error bounds"

SERVICE TO BROWN UNIVERSITY

1. **Director, Center for Computational Molecular Biology (CCMB), 2006-2011**. Asked by Provost Robert Zimmer to take over as Director of CCMB in 2006. Reported to Provost Robert Zimmer and Provost David Kertzer.

Top Achievements

- 1. Hired two strong junior faculty: Dan Weinreich, Sohini Ramachandran
- 2. Established the Brown University Ph.D. Program in Computational Biology
- 3. Revised the Undergraduate Computational Biology concentration the longest-running program of its kind in the U.S.
- 4. Renovated CCMB space, transforming the SWIG Boardroom/CCMB Conference Room into a classroom for the 21st century
- 5. Organized and ran two world-class symposia, including "The Genome and the Computational Sciences: The Next Paradigms," which put the Center on the scientific world map
- Mentored CCMB junior faculty Dan Weinreich, Jean Wu, Sohini Ramachandran – and four assistant professors in medical school for K awards
- 7. CCMB faculty published 10 articles in the top three journals: Science, Nature, PNAS
- 8. President Simmons selects CCMB as the lead story in the 2010 Brown Annual Report

Research Initiatives and Collaborations

- 1. Genome Assembly Special Forces Workshop jointly organized with Assistant Professor Casey Dunn (EEB)
- 2. Molecular Epidemiology through the Bioinformatics Lens cp-designed with a director and a chief biologist from two NIH institutes, IBM and the Venter Institute (also an IGERT pre-proposal)
- 3. COBRE proposal on cancer genomics with John Sedivy, Constantine Gatsonis and Chip Lawrence
- 4. Universal cis-Regulatory Genomics with the MBL

Faculty/Student/Academic/Mentoring Initiatives

In addition to items mentioned above:

- 1. CCMB Seed Award for Junior Faculty
- 2. Grad Student/Postdoc Recognition Awards for papers presented at top conferences
- 3. Grad Student/Postdoc Discussion Lunches
- 4. DUG for Computational Biology concentrators
- 5. Grantsmanship Lecture Series, featuring presentations by program managers from NIH and other government agencies who came to campus to discuss their programs and advise Brown PIs
- 6. The NSF-funded "Sweat-Box Training Camp at Brown in the Art of Asking Tough Scientific Questions," which was cited by the Provost for its "innovation in teaching"
- 7. Supported the Artemis Project, which brought high school girls from RI to campus to participate in a science camp
- 8. Supported the Brown iGEM team

Events

In addition to items mentioned above:

- 1. John von Neumann Distinguished Lecture Series organized with Leon Cooper (Physics), Stu Geman (Applied Mathematics), Roberto Serrano (Economics)
- 2. Ernst Ising Distinguished Lecture Series with colleagues from Chemistry and Physics departments
- 3. CCMB Distinguished Lecture Series
- 4. CCMB Industry Leaders Lecture Series

Personal achievements while serving as director

1. Was the co-author and/or senior author of 30% of the papers published by CCMB faculty in the top three journals (Science, PNAS and Nature)

- 2. Winner of top papers (co-authored with my students) in the RECOMB Conference, annual research competition in computational molecular biology
- 3. As the single PI, brought to Brown two NSF grants totaling \$1M in NSF funding
- 4. Served as co-PI of the IGERT "Computational Reconstruction of Genomes/Ecology"
- 5. Oversaw 32 students in my lab: 3 postdocs, 2 Ph.D. students, 5 MS, 20 undergraduates; 2 endowed UTRAs
- 6. Oversaw 4 honor theses, one of which received a University Award
- Lab collaborations with the following: Eric Davidson, biology (Caltech); Multiple Sclerosis Consortium GWAS Analysis Group; Eric Morrow, autism (Brown Med); Rami Kantor, AIDS (Brown Med); Jim Padbury, preterm labor (Brown Med)
- 8. Hosted 80% of all the CCMB visitors and speakers (about 25 per year)
- 9. Built research bridges among CCMB and Brown Medical School, IBM, Venter Institute, NIH/NIAID, MBL, 454, DOE/Oakridge, FDA, and NIST
- 10. Member of the Faculty Committee on the Campaign, April 2009 2012

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- 1. Member of the NSF Algorithmic Foundations (Large) Panel, February 2011
- 2. Member of the NSF Medical Bioinformatics Program Panel, November 2010
- 3. Member of the NSF Career Panel, September 2010
- 4. Member of the NSF Career Panel, September 2009
- 5. Member of the DOE Early Career Research Program Panel, December 2009
- 6. Member of the NSF Data-Intensive Computing Panel for the Cluster Exploratory Program
- 7. Co-organized the Protein Folding Workshop at the University of Minnesota, Jan. 14-18, 2008
- 8. Member of the DOE INCITE FY 2008 Peer Review Panel
- 9. Member of 2005 DOE Human Genome to Life Panel
- 10. Member of 2005 NSF Biological Databases and Informatics Panel
- 11. Conference started with support from Sloan Foundation and the U.S. Department of Energy. The DOE support was part of the Applied Mathematics Program, Fred Howes, Program Director; program started at DOE by John von Neumann
- 12. Initiated, with Fred Roberts (DIMACS), the DIMACS-Celera/Applied Biosystems Award for Distinguished Ph.D. Achievement in Computational Biology, 2000-2004

- 13. Member of the Advisory Committee of the DIMACS Special Years in Computational Biology, 2001-2004
- 14. Member of the Board of Directors of the International Society for Computational Biology, 1999-2002
- 15. Member of DOE Human Genome Program Advisory Panels
- 16. Member of NSF Computer Science Advisory Panels
- 17. Member of NSF Computer Science and Engineering Advisory Panels
- 18. Member of NSF Computational Biology Advisory Panels
- 19. Co-organizer of the DIMACS Workshop on Protein Structure and Structural Genomics: Determination, Technology and Algorithms, Rutgers University, August 2001
- 20. School Co-Director, International Summer School on Mathematical Methods in Protein Structure Prediction, Italy, July 2000
- 21. Member of the Program Committee of the 31st ACM Symposium on the Theory of Computing, (STOC 99)
- 22. Chair of Sandia National Laboratories Workshops on Computational Molecular Biology, Albuquerque, June 20, 21, 24, 1994, and March 4-6, 1996
- 23. Program Committee Member, 4th Israel Symposium on Theory on Computing and Systems, Jan. 4-6, 1996
- 24. Program Committee Member DIMACS International Implementation Challenge in Computational Biology: DNA Fragment Assembly and Genomic Rearrangements, Rutgers University, September 20-21, 1995