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Education

- **PhD in Genetics** - May 2013, Texas A&M University
- **MSc in Botany** - 1997, Amravati University, Maharashtra, INDIA
- **BSc in Biology & Chemistry** - 1995, Amravati University, Maharashtra, INDIA

Peer-Reviewed Publications

9. **Chhatre VE** and Emerson, KJ. StrAuto: Automation and Parallelization of STRUCTURE Analysis. BMC Bioinformatics (2017) 18:192. (10.1186/s12859-017-1593-0) [**4 Citations | 770 Views | Published: March 24**]
8. Kazyak DC, Hilderbrand RH, King TL, Keller SR & **Chhatre VE** (2016) Hiding in Plain Sight: A Case for Cryptic Metapopulations in Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*). PLoS ONE 11(1): e0146295 (10.1371/journal.pone.0146295) [**900 views**].
7. Westbrook JW* & **Chhatre VE*** et al. (2015) A consensus genetic map of *Pinus taeda* and *Pinus elliottii* and the extent of linkage disequilibrium in two genotype-phenotype discovery populations of *Pinus taeda*. G3: Genes, Genomes and Genetics 5(8):1685-1694. (10.1534/g3.115.019588)
* Joint first authors. [**7 Citations | 2350 views | 661 PDF downloads**]
6. **Chhatre VE** and Rajora OP (2014). Genetic divergence and signatures of natural selection in marginal populations of a keystone, long-lived conifer eastern white pine (*Pinus strobus* L.) from northern Ontario. PLoS ONE 9(5): e97291 (10.1371/journal.pone.0097291) [**7 Citations | 3650 views | 560 downloads**]
5. **Chhatre VE**, Byram TD, Neale DB, Wegrzyn JL and Krutovsky KV (2013). Genetic structure and association mapping of adaptive and selective traits in East Texas loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda* L.) breeding populations. Tree Genetics & Genomes (10.1007/s11295-013-0624-x) [**22 citations**]
4. Grogan, K, **Chhatre VE** and Abbot P (2010). The cost of conflict in aphid societies. Journal of Evolutionary Biology 23(1): 185–193. (10.1111/j.1420-9101.2009.01892.x) [**5 citations**]
3. **Chhatre VE**, Morales MA and Abbot P (2009). Isolation and characterization of nine microsatellite loci in an ant-tended treehopper *Publilia concava*. Molecular Ecology Resources 9: 1185–1188. (10.1111/j.1755-0998.2009.02598.x)
2. Abbot P and **Chhatre VE** (2007). Kin structure provides no explanation for intruders in social aphids. Molecular Ecology 16(17): 3659–3670. (10.1111/j.1365-294X.2007.03404.x) [**8 citations**]

1. Wang X-R, **Chhatre VE**, Nilsson M-C, Song W, Zackrisson O and Szmidt AE (2003). Island population structure of Norway spruce (*Picea abies* L.) Karst. in northern Sweden. *International Journal of Plant Sciences* 164(5): 711–717. (10.1086/376811) [**21 citations**]

Manuscripts *Some titles are tentative

3. **Chhatre VE**, Evans LM, DiFazio S, Keller SR (2017) Adaptive Introgression and Maintenance of a Trispecies Hybrid Complex in Range-Edge Populations of *Populus*. **Under Revision**
2. Keller SR, **Chhatre VE**, Fitzpatrick MC (2017) Influence of range position on locally adaptive gene-environment associations in *Populus* flowering time genes. **Under review at Journal of Heredity – Special issue on Genetics of Local Adaptation.**
1. **Chhatre VE**, Fetter KC, Fitzpatrick MC, Keller SR (2017) *Are rear edge populations a concern for climate mitigation? Harnessing genome scans for understanding climate adaptation in range-wide populations of a widely-distributed boreal tree *Populus balsamifera*. **In preparation**

Awards & Grants

6. Wyoming INBRE Small Sequencing Grant 2016-2017 **\$10,000**. RNAseq analysis of the role of adaptive introgression in the Maintenance of a Tri-Species Complex of *Populus* in the Rocky Mountains.
5. USDA Secretary's Honor for Excellence in Research, 2011
Conifer Translational Genomics Network (<http://dendrome.ucdavis.edu/ctgn>)
4. Guest Research Scholarship - 2000–01, The Swedish Institute: <http://www.si.se>
3. Early Career Travel Award, 2013 & 2011, Southern Forest Tree Improvement Committee
2. Regents Graduate Fellowship - 2009–10, Texas A&M University
1. Junior Research Fellowship - 1998–00, Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding, India

Service

- **Peer Reviewer:** New Phytologist, American Journal of Botany, Biological Invasions, BMC Genetics, BMC Genomics, PLoS ONE, Tree Genetics & Genomes, Frontiers of Plant Science, Frontiers of Genetics.
- **Moderator 2010–2017:** STRUCTURE software mailing list (<http://goo.gl/gKaB3C>).
- **Curator:** @Popgen_Papers – A Twitter Literature Bot [**704 Followers, ~5,065 Articles**].
- **Organizer & Webmaster:** Ecological Integration Symposium 2011, Texas A&M University.

Research Experience

9. **Senior Research Scientist, Wyoming INBRE Bioinformatics Core** – Since June 2016.
8. **Postdoctoral Research, University of Vermont** – August 2014 - May 2016.
Population genomics of adaptation and introgressive hybridization in *Populus*.
7. **Postdoctoral Research, Appalachian Laboratory, UMCES**, March to July, 2014
Range-wide climate adaptation of balsam poplar
6. **Postdoctoral Research, USDA Forest Service, Saucier, MS**, Summer 2012 – Spring 2014
Construction of an integrated reference linkage map in *Pinus taeda* L.

5. **Doctoral Research, Texas A&M University**, Fall 2009 – Spring 2013

Population structure and association genetics of *Pinus taeda* L. from East Texas

Landscape genomics: Correlation of environmental variables with SNP variation in *Pinus taeda* L.

4. **Vanderbilt University**, Summer 2004 – Summer 2009

Ecology and evolution of gall-forming social aphids, Abbot Lab (4 years)

Zebrafish developmental genetics, Solnica-Krezel Lab (1 year)

3. **Dalhousie University**, Fall 2001 – Spring 2004

Central-marginal hypothesis testing with microsatellite genetic variation, Signatures of natural selection and genetic divergence in marginal populations of *Pinus strobus* L.

2. **Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Umeå**, Fall 2000 – Summer 2001

Island population establishment and genetic structure of *Picea abies* (L.) Karst. in northern Sweden

1. **Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding, India**, 1998 – 2000

Genetic diversity in Teak (*Tectona grandis* L.) from peninsular India

Computational

- Mac OSX, GNU Linux, Python, R, L^AT_EX₂ ϵ , HTML, CSS, Markdown
- **StrAuto v1.0** - Automation and Parallelization of STRUCTURE analysis.
strauto.popgen.org. Implemented on the HPC at CUNY and UGA. [**13 Citations, ~600 downloads**]
- **Distruct2.2** - Modification of the original distruct.py plotting script by Anil Raj (github.com/rajanil/fastStructure) that allows users to assign arbitrary population order in the barplot.
http://distruct2.popgen.org. [**30 downloads**]

Teaching

Instructor: University of Wyoming

MOLB-4485/5485 - Computers in Biology – Fall 2016

Instructor: University of Vermont

PBIO104 - Plant Physiology – Spring 2016

Co-Instructor: University of Vermont

PBIO381 - Ecological Genomics (Graduate Level) – Fall 2015

Taught a module on Gene-Environment association with BAYENV2.

Wrote Unix and population genomic analysis tutorials.

Graduate Teaching Assistant: Texas A&M University

Genetics 612 - Population Genetics (Graduate Level) – Fall 2011

Genetics 302 - UG Lab Course – Fall 2009 & Spring 2010

Selected Talks, Posters & Workshops

17. **Chhatre VE** 2017 The Genomics Revolution. **Invited Public Lecture**, Science Museum, Sheridan College, Wyoming. April 5, 2017.
16. **Chhatre VE** & Blouin N 2017 Data analysis and visualization in R: Phenological onset of spring. Workshop on bioinformatics, Sheridan College, Wyoming. April 4, 2017.
15. **Chhatre VE** & Keller SR & Fitzpatrick M 2017 Importance of range context in understanding local adaptation – Insights from a boreal tree *Populus balsamifera*. Invited Seminar: Dept. of Botany, University of Wyoming. March 30, 2017.
14. **Chhatre VE** & **Blouin N** 2016 A workshop on introduction to linux and phylogenetic data analysis for undergraduates. University of Wyoming. June 14, 2016.
13. **Chhatre VE** (2016) Genome-Wide Patterns of Local Adaptation and Introgressive Hybridization in *Populus*. Marvin Seminar, Dept. of Plant Biology, University of Vermont. March 24, 2016.
12. **Chhatre VE**: A bioinformatics workshop on introduction to Unix and NGS data analysis. January 12, 2016. University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY.
11. **Chhatre VE**, Fetter KC, Fitzpatrick MC, Keller SR (2015) Rear-edge populations and climate change mitigation. Understanding local adaptation in widely-distributed boreal tree *Populus balsamifera*. **Invited Talk**: Concordia University, Montreal, Canada. December 11, 2015.
10. **Chhatre VE**, Fetter KC, Fitzpatrick MC, Keller SR (2015) Are rear edge populations a concern for climate mitigation? Harnessing genome scans for understanding climate adaptation in range-wide populations of a widely-distributed boreal tree *Populus balsamifera* **Invited Talk**: Ecological Society of America, Baltimore MD. August 12, SYMP10: Genetics and Climate Change.
9. **Chhatre VE**, Fitzpatrick MC & Keller SR (2015) Detecting selection in spatially heterogenous environments: Clues from simulations and empirical data from a widely distributed boreal tree *Populus balsamifera*. 35th New Phytologist Symposium: The genomes of forest trees: new frontiers of forest biology - Harvard Arboretum June 16-17, 2015 **Poster**.
8. **Chhatre VE**, Schmidting RC & Nelson CD (2015) Salt tolerance of barrier island slash pine. Southern Forest Tree Improvement Committee Meeting, June 8-11, Hot Springs, AR **Poster**.
7. **Chhatre VE**, Fitzpatrick MC & Keller SR (Feb 5, 2015) Local adaptation in forest tree populations. Insights from empirical and simulation data. Marvin Seminar, Dept. of Plant Biology, University of Vermont.
6. **Chhatre VE**, Fitzpatrick M, Keller SR (2015). Understanding Climate Adaptation through Genome-Wide Patterns of Differentiation and Local Selection in *Populus balsamifera*. How Important Are Peripheral Populations? **Invited Talk**: Plant & Animal Genome XXIII, January 10, 2015.
5. **Chhatre VE** (2013). STRAUTO: A Python program to automate structure analysis for Linux and Mac platforms. North American Quantitative Genetics Meeting, Southern Forest Tree Improvement Conference, June 10, 2013, Clemson University, Clemson, SC **Talk**.
4. **Chhatre VE**, Resende, M.F. Jr., Muñoz, P., Peter, G.F., Davis, J.M., Kirst, M., Echt, C.S., Krutovsky, K.V. and Nelson, CD (2013). An integrated linkage map of loblolly pine and its application in QTL mapping in a multi-parent, pedigree-structured population. Forest Tree Workshop, Plant & Animal Genome Conference XXI, Jan. 12–16, 2013, San Diego, CA. **Invited Talk**

3. **Chhatre VE**, Byram TD, Krutovsky KV (2012) Population and evolutionary genetics of the lost pines: Lessons from history. Contact meeting, Western Gulf Forest Tree Improvement Program, Bastrop State Park, Texas, May 22–23, 2012. **Talk**
2. **Chhatre VE**, Byram TD, Neale DB, Wegrzyn JL and Krutovsky KV (2011).
Talk: Association mapping of adaptive traits in East Texas loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda* L.) breeding populations using high-density SNP genotyping.
Southern Forest Tree Improvement Conference, June 13–16, 2011, Biloxi, MS.
1. **Chhatre VE**, Byram TD, Neale DB, Wegrzyn JL and Krutovsky KV (2011).
Invited Talk: High density SNP genotyping of east Texas loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda* L.).
Forest Tree Workshop, Plant & Animal Genome Conference XIX, Jan. 15–19, 2011, San Diego, CA.