

# Epigenetics

Biology 695 / Biosciences 704 Fall, 2011

## Monday, August 29 – Introduction & topic assignments

### Monday, September 12 – DNA methylation and epigenetic reprogramming

**Afshin Sohrabi will present** - Feng, S., Jacobsen, S.E., and Reik, W. (2010b). Epigenetic reprogramming in plant and animal development. *Science* (New York, NY 330, 622-627).

**Kenan Ozcan will present** - Jacobsen, S.E., and Meyerowitz, E.M. (1997). Hypermethylated SUPERMAN epigenetic alleles in Arabidopsis. *Science* (New York, NY 277, 1100-1103).

### Monday, September 26 – genome-wide distribution of DNA methylation

**Sarah T. will present** - Lister, R., Pelizzola, M., Dowen, R.H., Hawkins, R.D., Hon, G., Tonti-Filippini, J., Nery, J.R., Lee, L., Ye, Z., Ngo, Q.M., *et al.* (2009). Human DNA methylomes at base resolution show widespread epigenomic differences. *Nature* 462, 315-322.

**Jennifer Frost will present** - Wu, H., D'Alessio, A.C., Ito, S., Wang, Z., Cui, K., Zhao, K., Sun, Y.E., and Zhang, Y. (2011). Genome-wide analysis of 5-hydroxymethylcytosine distribution reveals its dual function in transcriptional regulation in mouse embryonic stem cells. *Genes & Development* 25, 679-684.

### Tuesday, October 11 – DNA de novo methylation and demethylation

(on Tuesday because of Columbus Day)

**Steve St. John will present** - Popp, C., Dean, W., Feng, S., Cokus, S.J., Andrews, S., Pellegrini, M., Jacobsen, S.E., and Reik, W. (2010). Genome-wide erasure of DNA methylation in mouse primordial germ cells is affected by AID deficiency. *Nature* 463, 1101-1105.

**Elizabeth Jaworski will present** - Bhutani, N., Brady, J.J., Damian, M., Sacco, A., Corbel, S.Y., and Blau, H.M. (2010). Reprogramming towards pluripotency requires AID-dependent DNA demethylation. *Nature* 463, 1042-1047.

**Brian Kang will present** - Feng, J., Zhou, Y., Campbell, S.L., Le, T., Li, E., Sweatt, J.D., Silva, A.J., and Fan, G. (2010a). Dnmt1 and Dnmt3a maintain DNA methylation and regulate synaptic function in adult forebrain neurons. *Nat Neurosci* 13, 423-430.

### Monday, October 24 – Histone acetylation vs. histone methylation

**Ashwini Benedict will present** - Wang, Z., Zang, C., Cui, K., Schones, D.E., Barski, A., Peng, W., and Zhao, K. (2009). Genome-wide mapping of HATs and HDACs reveals distinct functions in active and inactive genes. *Cell* 138, 1019-1031.

**Shuo Yang will present** - Araki, Y., Wang, Z., Zang, C., Wood, W.H., 3rd, Schones, D., Cui, K., Roh, T.Y., Lhotsky, B., Wersto, R.P., Peng, W., *et al.* (2009). Genome-wide analysis of histone methylation reveals chromatin state-based regulation of gene transcription and function of memory CD8+ T cells. *Immunity* 30, 912-925.

### Monday, November 7 – nucleosome-free regions vs. heterochromatin assembly

**Dominique Finneran will present** - Jin, C., Zang, C., Wei, G., Cui, K., Peng, W., Zhao, K., and Felsenfeld, G. (2009). H3.3/H2A.Z double variant-containing nucleosomes mark 'nucleosome-free regions' of active promoters and other regulatory regions. *Nature Genetics* 41, 941-945.

**Kellie Perry will present** - Soppe, W.J., Jasencakova, Z., Houben, A., Kakutani, T., Meister, A., Huang, M.S., Jacobsen, S.E., Schubert, I., and Fransz, P.F. (2002). DNA methylation controls histone H3 lysine 9 methylation and heterochromatin assembly in Arabidopsis. *EMBO J* 21, 6549-6559.

### Monday, November 21 – microRNAs and chromatin remodeling in development

**Massih Abawi will present** - Bourc'his, D., and Voinnet, O. (2010). A small-RNA perspective on gametogenesis, fertilization, and early zygotic development. *Science* (New York, NY 330, 617-622).

**Virginia Espina will present** - Ho, L., and Crabtree, G.R. (2010). Chromatin remodelling during development. *Nature* 463, 474-484.

### Monday, December 5 – developmental switches in chromatin remodeling complexes

**Idris Hooper will present** - Lessard, J., Wu, J.I., Ranish, J.A., Wan, M., Winslow, M.M., Staahl, B.T., Wu, H., Aebersold, R., Graef, I.A., and Crabtree, G.R. (2007). An essential switch in subunit composition of a chromatin remodeling complex during neural development. *Neuron* 55, 201-215.

**Irene Guendel Sanchez will present** - Yoo, A.S., Staahl, B.T., Chen, L., and Crabtree, G.R. (2009). MicroRNA-mediated switching of chromatin-remodelling complexes in neural development. *Nature* 460, 642-646.