

## Heather Piowar

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**Research Passion** *Accelerating research progress by facilitating more effective reuse of research data*

**Current Position** **Postdoctoral Research Associate** **Vancouver BC, Canada**  
**Duke University, funded by NSF through DataONE, NESCent, and Dryad**  
June 2010 – present. PI: Dr Todd Vision

- Conducting research studies in science data sharing and reuse, particularly in the fields of evolution and ecology

**Education** **University of Pittsburgh** **Pittsburgh, PA**  
PhD in 2010, Masters of Science in 2006, concentration in Bioinformatics  
Department of Biomedical Informatics, School of Medicine.  
2005-2010 (maternity leave: April-June 2006). Advisor: Dr Wendy Chapman.  
Dissertation: **Foundational studies for measuring the impact, prevalence, and patterns of publicly sharing biomedical research data**

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology** **Cambridge, MA**  
Masters of Engineering in 1996, Bachelors of Science in 1995.  
Majored in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, GPA 4.9/5.0  
Concentration in Digital Signal Processing (DSP)  
Humanities and mathematics each comprised 20% of curriculum

**Academic Experience & Accomplishments** Piowar (2011) Who shares? Who doesn't? Bibliometric factors associated with open data archiving. PLoS ONE, accepted.

Garnett, Whiteley, Piowar, Rasmussen, Illes (2011) Neuroethics and fMRI: Mapping a Fledgling Relationship. PLoS ONE 6(4): e18537.

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles Piowar, Chapman (2010) Recall and bias of retrieving gene expression microarray datasets through PubMed identifiers. J Biomed Discov Collab. Mar 28;5:7-20

Piowar, Chapman (2010) Public sharing of research datasets: A pilot study of associations Journal of Informetrics 4: 2. 148-156 April (also presented at Symposium on Informetrics and Scientometrics ASIS&T and ISSI Pre-conference 2009)

Piowar, Becich, Bilofsky, Crowley (2008) Towards a data sharing culture: Incentives for Leadership from Academic Health Centers PLoS Med 5(9): e183.

Piowar, Day, Fridsma (2007) Sharing Detailed Research Data Is Associated with Increased Citation Rate PLoS ONE 2: 3. e308

Peer-reviewed Conference Papers Piowar, Chapman (2008) Linking database submissions to primary citations with PubMed Central In: BioLINK 2008.

Piowar, Chapman (2008) Identifying Data Sharing in Biomedical Literature In: AMIA 2008 Annual Symposium.

Piowar (2008) Prevalence and Patterns of Biomedical Research Data Reuse In: JCDL 2008 Doctoral Consortium.

Piowar, Chapman (2008) A review of journal policies for sharing research data In: ELPUB 2008.

Harkema, Piowar, Amizadeh, Dowling, Ferraro, Haug, Chapman. (2008) A Baseline System for the i2b2 Obesity Challenge, In: i2b2 2008 Workshop.

Non peer-reviewed articles Piowar, Vision, Whitlock (2011) Data archiving is a good investment. Nature 473, 285 (letter to editor)

Posters and Demos	<p>Enriquez, Judson, Weber, Allard, Cook, <u>Piowar</u>, Sandusky, Vision, Wilson. Data citation in the wild. IDCC 2010.</p> <p><u>Piowar</u>. Demonstration of the Dryad Data Repository. Science Online 2011.</p> <p>Weber, <u>Piowar</u>, Vision. Evaluating Data Citation and Sharing Policies in the Earth Sciences. ASIS&amp;T 2010.</p> <p><u>Piowar</u>. A method to track dataset reuse in biomedicine: filtered GEO accession numbers in PubMed Central. ASIS&amp;T 2010.</p> <p><u>Piowar</u>. Who shares? Who doesn't? Bibliometric factors associated with open archiving of biomedical datasets. ASIS&amp;T 2010.</p> <p>Garnett, <u>Piowar</u>, Rasmussen, Illes. Expediting medical literature coding with query-building. ASIS&amp;T 2010.</p> <p>Garnett, <u>Piowar</u>, Whiteley, Rasmussen, Illes. Neuroethics and fMRI: Who Cites Whom? Society for Neuroscience 2010.</p> <p><u>Piowar</u>, Chapman (2008) Envisioning a Biomedical Data Reuse Registry AMIA 2008</p> <p><u>Piowar</u>, Chapman (2008) Prevalence and Patterns of Microarray Data Sharing PSB 2008</p> <p><u>Piowar</u>, Fridsma (2007) Examining the uses of shared data ISMB 2007</p>
Datasets	<p><u>Piowar</u>, Vision, Whitlock (2011) Data from: Data archiving is a good investment. Dryad Digital Repository. <a href="https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.j1fd7">doi:10.5061/dryad.j1fd7</a></p>
Invited Presentations	<p>(2011) International Digital Curation Conference (upcoming), UK.</p> <p>(2011) Tracking Data Reuse: Motivations, Methods, and Obstacles. IASSIST Vancouver.</p> <p>(2011) Citation Challenges. JISC, Managing Research Data, UK.</p> <p>(2011) Towards Evidence-Based Data Sharing Policies. NESCent, NC</p> <p>(2011) Open discussion on Research Data Sharing. Scholarly Comm at Duke University.</p> <p>(2011) Measuring More, Publishing More. With J Priem and K Costello. UNC Scholarly Communications Working Group.</p> <p>(2011) Data Sharing, Reuse, and Policy. UNC Digital Scholarship Group</p> <p>(2010) Researching Open Research Data. Open Access Week, UBC Vancouver</p> <p>(2010) Who Shares? Who Doesn't? Biodiversity Lunchtime Internal Seminar Series, UBC</p> <p>(2010) Leaders and laggards in preserving raw biomedical research data, NEDCC Conference, Boston MA.</p> <p>(2010) Measuring progress toward a cultural norm of shared (and reused!) biomedical research data NESCent, Durham NC</p> <p>(2009) Doctoral proposal at Award winning student papers. ASIS&amp;T, Vancouver</p> <p>(2009) Data sharing: Pilot study of associations. DBMI Colloquium, U of Pittsburgh</p> <p>(2009) Measuring the Adoption of Open Science. PSB Open Science Workshop, Hawaii</p> <p>(2009) Intro to Test Driven Development. DBMI Computer Users Group, U of Pittsburgh</p> <p>(2008) Why study Data Sharing? (+ why share your data) DBMI Colloquium, U of Pittsburgh</p> <p>(2007) Sharing Detailed Research Data is Associated with Increased Citation Rate NLM Trainee Conference, Stanford University CA</p>
Recent Awards & Grants	<p>(2011) SciFoo participant</p> <p>(2010) ASIS&amp;T SIGUSE Elfreda A. Chatman Research Proposal Award</p> <p>(2009) Thomson Reuters Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Scholarship, through ASIS&amp;T</p> <p>(2009) Best Trainee Poster Award, Department of Biomedical Informatics, U of Pittsburgh</p> <p>(2008) Best Trainee Poster Award, Department of Biomedical Informatics, U of Pittsburgh</p> <p>(2008) DBMI ELPUB travel grant</p> <p>(2008) ASIS&amp;T SIGUSE doctoral student travel award</p> <p>(2007) Doctoral Comprehensive Exam passed with High Honors</p> <p>(2007) NSF ISMB travel grant</p> <p>(2007) Best Trainee Paper Award, Department of Biomedical Informatics, U of Pittsburgh</p> <p>(2005-2009) NLM Biomedical Informatics training fellowship</p>

Teaching and Mentoring Experience (2011) Primary mentor for one masters-level summer intern (DataONE online internships)  
(2010) Primary mentor for three masters-level summer interns (DataONE online internships)  
(2008) DBMI Intro to Research: guest discussion on Open Science  
(2006, 2007, 2008) DBMI Intro to Biomedical Informatics guest lecture: Informatics in Industry  
(2007) Series of informal Brown Bag Skill Seminars on various topics (RSS, Entrez tools, Excel tricks)  
(2007) Teaching assistant: Intro to Biomedical Informatics

Service (2011-present) Guest editor of Open Data series at BMC Research Notes  
(2009-2010) ASIS&T SIG STI Treasurer  
(2006-2008) DBMI Student Representative to Admissions and Training Program Core Committees  
Reviewer for Information Retrieval, Methods of Information in Medicine, PLoS ONE, others.

Online Presence Self-archived research papers: <http://www.researchremix.org>  
Blog <http://researchremix.wordpress.org>  
Twitter (@researchremix), friendfeed, slideshare, Nature Precedings, etc.

**Computational Experience** Programming languages, statistical packages, and tools:  
• Active: Python, R, SQLite, git, Entrez web services, Scopus and ISI Web of Science  
• Previous: Java, Lisp, C, Analog Devices DSP assembly code, StrongARM assembly code, Matlab, Perl, PHP, Visual BASIC, SQL, CVS, Weka ...  
Operating systems: Currently a Mac person. Previous Windows user plus a little Unix, OS/X, VMS, embedded realtime OSs.

**Professional Development & Memberships** American Society for Information Science and Technology (SIGUSE, SIGMETRICS, SIG/STI), 2008 – present  
International Society for Computational Biology, 2004 – 2009  
American Medical Informatics Association, 2004 – 2009  
Attended multiple seminars on grant writing, public speaking, publishing, and teaching.  
Actively learning and adopting test-driven software development practices.

**Industrial Experience & Accomplishments** **Precision Therapeutics, Inc.** **Pittsburgh, PA**  
*35 (now >200) people, provides personalized cancer therapy information to oncologists*  
Consultant, 2004-2005  
• Contributed to a new, strategically critical bioinformatics algorithm  
Director of Clinical Informatics, 2003-2004  
• Co-led the design and implementation of all clinical trials analysis  
Senior Systems Developer, 2001-2003  
• Designed, implemented, and supported HIPAA-compliant intranet web applications for corporate data viewing and editing, using Java/J2EE and Oracle  
• Contributed ideas, analyses, and tools for use throughout the organization

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**Industrial  
Experience &  
Accomplishments**  
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**Vocollect, Inc. Pittsburgh, PA**

*30 (now >350) people, develops portable voice interface computers*

Senior Software Developer, 1998–2001

- Ported an embedded system to Windows CE and continued to develop and maintain C and assembly code, as a member of a small team
- Improved the speech recognition accuracy of our product, as a member of a small team
- Co-led a skunk works project which envisioned and prototyped our real-time enterprise management product as a web application
- Contributed to department learning lunches and company vision statement

Manager of Customer Service, 1999

- Managed a 12-person Customer Service team for 6 months

1998 – 2001

1996 – 1998

**Ascend Communications, Inc. (now Lucent) Alameda, CA**

*200 people, develops internet remote access concentrators*

Software Engineer, 1996–1998

- Responsible for implementation of Japanese mobile phone data service software, working directly with NTT
- Worked to develop, as a member of a small team, a competitor to Rockwell's 56K embedded concentrator modem chips

1995 (6 months)

**Schlumberger Austin Research Center Austin, TX**

*300 people, refined tools used for oil exploration and extraction*

1994 (3 months)

Student Intern, 1 year

1993 (3 months)

- Developed an adjustable mathematical model of the Schlumberger Digital Telemetry system (Master's thesis)

**Personal Interests**

Spending time with my family, traveling, long-distance bicycling, walking, reading, brainstorming solutions, learning new things.  
Canadian citizen, American citizen.