Virus Evolution
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Paul Turner's research utilizes diverse microorganisms (RNA viruses, DNA viruses, and bacteria) to address questions regarding the evolution of genetic exchange (sex), virus ecology and evolution, host-parasite interactions, and the evolution of infectious disease. Because microorganisms allow the observation of hundreds or thousands of generations, microbes provide a uniquely powerful system to study evolution in action. Dr. Turner employs a number of interdisciplinary approaches in his work, including techniques from microbiology, population genetics, genomics, molecular biology, and mathematical modeling.

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