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## Personal Information

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# **EDUCATION**

PRESENT GRADUATE STUDENT of Doctorate of Science - Physics, at Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia. Research: GPIb-IX protein-lipid

interaction via molecular dynamics simulations.

Relevant courses: Bioinformatics, Advanced Computational Methods.

December 2014 Bachelor of Science - Physics at Universidad Nacional de in

AUGUST 2007 Bogotá, Colombia. GPA=3.9/5.

Relevant courses: Simulation of Physical Systems, Computational Tools, Programming and Numerical Methods, Object-oriented Programming.

JUNE 2007 BACHELOR from Colegio Champagnat in Popayán, Cauca, Colombia.

## Research Experience

August 2015 Re

**June 2015** 

Researcher for the project "Mechanical properties of lipid bilayers containing lysolipids" funded by the Research and Graduate Education Committee -

Universidad de los Andes. Advisor: Antonio Manu Forero Shelton.

Proposed, tested and executed biophysical models to determine the set of parameters that reproduced the best the physicochemical properties of the

system under study.

June 2015 January 2015 Research assistant for "Estudio de Factibilidad de uso de detectores MEDIPIX para imágenes mamográficas". Branch: "Estudio de Tejidos Blandos Animales con Microcalcificaciones Usando el Detector MEDIPIX". Designed and executed tests that validated the viability of using MEDIPIX detectors for early and safe breast cancer diagnosis using animal tissue.

March 2014 August 2013

Thesis project: "Energetic analysis of the extraction process of a phospholipid from a lipid bilayer using Molecular Dynamics simulations". Advisor: José

Daniel Muñoz Castaño.

Extracted, processed and produced visualization of data to measure changes in membrane properties from simulations.

## Teaching Experience

Present August 2015 Computational Tools Lecturer at Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá.

Teach and help students from STEM fields to develop programming skills in

a high-level language (Python), with methods and tools for basic numerical

and data analysis.

JUNE 2015 Physics II Lab Lecturer at Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá.

JANUARY 2015 Trained STEM students on the methods and skills for experimental physics.

JUNE 2015 Math Tutor (bilingual - online) for Latinhire Inc., Bogotá.

January 2015 Tutored college and high school students with drop-in sessions for areas

ranging from basic math to differential equations, including math for social

sciences and business majors.

# SCHOOLS AND EVENTS

August 2015 2015 Martini Coarse-Graining Workshop, Groningen, The Netherlands.

September 2014 2nd Workshop on Statistical Physics, Bogotá, Colombia.

FEBRUARY 2014 58th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society. San Francisco, CA.

# Scholarships and Distinctions

NOVEMBER 2007 FIRST PLACE regionally in the Colombian Standardized Tests to access

higher education (ICFES) of 2007.

JUNE 2007 FIRST PLACE nationally in the Colombian Standardized Tests to access

higher education (ICFES) in the first semester of 2007.

June 2005 First place at the regional test. XXIV Colombian Mathematical

Olympiads - Intermediate level (competed through the final classificatory

round). Universidad Antonio Nariño.

# LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native proficiency

ENGLISH: Full professional proficiency FRENCH: Limited working proficiency

German: Basic proficiency

## Computer Skills

Programming Languages: C++ (2.5 years), C (1.5 years), Python (1.5 years).

Basic Knowledge: GitHub, LATEX, UNIX. Operating Systems: Ubuntu, Windows.

## Skills, Interests and Activities

Analytical, intuitive insight with data, resourceful, diplomatic, adaptable, eager to learn.

Data Science, analytics, programming and physics (computational biophysics and chemistry, computational fluid dynamics with Lattice Boltzmann methods).

Choir (member of the University Choir for 1.5 years), Theatre (worked with an independent company for 4 years).