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EDUCATION

M.Sc. Biological Sciences - Biology Focus

Aug 2017 - Mar 2020

Universidad de los Andes - Colombia

Thesis: *Characterization of Methane Production of a Páramo Peatbog in Colombia throughout the Holocene*

B.Sc. Biology, Universidad de los Andes - Colombia

Jan 2012 - Mar 2017

Thesis: *First record of Ancient DNA from Wood of the Last Glacial Period of the Tropical Andes of Colombia*

B.Sc. Microbiology, Universidad de los Andes - Colombia

Jan 2012 - Mar 2017

Minor in Geography, Universidad de los Andes - Colombia

Jan 2012 - Mar 2017

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Data Scientist, Trudata - Colombia

Nov 2021 - Present

Develop interpretable machine learning models for customer segmentation using credit score historic data and client demographics using the Tidymodels packages from R. Be the link between the company and the client company in terms of project development.

Data Analyst, Trudata - Colombia

Aug 2021 - Nov 2021

Web scrape and organize data from real state marketplaces for further integration in a Data Base System. Develop visualization tools for data exploration.

Research Assistant, Universidad de los Andes - Colombia

Nov 2020 - Jan 2021

Worked at the Tropical Palinology and Palaeocology Lab on several projects including: building the lab website; building ^{14}C dates Bayesian models and age-depth models using R of Colombian samples from marshes and páramos; analyzing stable isotopic signatures and lipid biomarkers of sediments.

Research Assistant, Universidad de los Andes - Colombia

Mar - May 2019

Worked at the Tropical Palinology and Palaeocology Lab modeling ^{14}C dates of archaeological and volcano samples of Colombia and Ecuador from the last 10.000 years to understand the effect of eruptions on human settlements. This was done using a set of R packages for meta-analyses of carbon-dated ages.

Research Assistant, Universidad de los Andes - Colombia

Feb - Jul 2017

Worked at the Palinology and Palaeocology Lab on the protocol for the extraction and amplification of ancient DNA from wood samples of more than 70.000 years from Colombia.

Research Assistant, Cornell University - USA

Jun - Aug 2016

Worked at the Bergstrom Lab from the College of Agricultural Sciences modelling and statistical analysis of the epidemiological assessment of the Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*) Head Smut (*Tilletia maclaganii*) both from in-field and lab experiments. This was part of a scholarship for a Summer Research Internship awarded by Universidad de los Andes.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Inference and Informatics, Universidad de los Andes - Colombia *Jan - Jun 2021*

Introduced students from the biological sciences undergraduate programs and other engineering programs to the core concepts of inferential statistics and probability using R, as well as some bioinformatics tools and pipelines using the Linux CLI. Taught and designed weekly lectures and activities with applied examples in the natural and physical sciences.

Cell Biology Laboratory, Universidad de los Andes - Colombia *Aug 2019 - May 2020*

Taught the basics of the scientific method to sophomore students and how to apply concepts from theoretical lectures to experiment-based workshops about several aspects of biology, ranging from microscopy to species diversity. Designed short home experiments to promote empirical thinking on sophomore students of Biological Sciences. Adapted some of the experiments and classes to virtual format. In addition, I designed and assessed questions for a knowledge exam intended for Biology and Microbiology undergrads.

Biostatistics, Universidad de los Andes - Colombia *Aug - Dec 2019*

Introduced students from the biological sciences undergraduate programs to the use of statistics in research using the R programming language. Taught weekly lectures and workshops with applied examples using a series of R packages.

Cell Biology, Universidad de los Andes - Colombia *Aug 2017 - Dec 2018*

Introduced students to theoretical concepts of life sciences, including evolution, taxonomy, molecular biology and applications in different areas. Directed workshops, lectures and exams.

CERTIFICATIONS

Data Science For All, Correlation One - USA *Nov 2020*

12-week course on advanced Data Science Techniques funded by Colombia's Ministry of Technology.

Tensorflow Developer Professional Certificate, Deeplearning.ai - USA *Oct 2020*

4-course Certificate about the use of Tensorflow on Deep Learning Models through the Coursera Platform.

Tensorflow: Data and Deployment Specialization, Deeplearning.ai - USA *Oct 2020*

4-course Specialization about deployment of Tensorflow on different devices through the Coursera Platform.

Data Science Specialization, Johns Hopkins University - USA *Ago 2020*

10-course Specialization about data analysis using R through the Coursera Platform.

Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science Specialization, National Research University

Higher School of Economics - Russia

Ago 2020

5-course Specialization about discrete mathematics through the Coursera Platform.

Deep Learning Specialization, Deeplearning.ai - USA *Jul 2020*

5-course Specialization about deep learning and artificial intelligence through the Coursera Platform.

High Performance Computing, Universidad del Rosario - Colombia *Jul 2019*

Weeklong course about parallel computation and optimization of data analysis workflows.

SKILLS

Programming Languages and Frameworks

Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Word, Powerpoint), R, Python, Java, Javascript, HTML5,

CSS, D3.js, LaTeX, UNIX Shell, SQL, Git, QGIS and GRASS GIS. Understanding of ArcGIS Pro, Google Earth Engine and AWS (EC2, S3 and RDS)

Languages

Native Spanish, fluent English (C1 Academic IELTS) and basic communication skills in French

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Colombia Biodiversa, Fundación Alejandro Ángel Escobar - Colombia Jan 2019
National grant awarded for the funding of the project *Metabarcoding of Methanogen Communities of a Páramo Peatbog throughout the Holocene*.

Early Career Grant, National Geographic Society Nov 2018
International grant awarded for the funding of the project *Metabarcoding of Methanogen Communities of a Páramo Peatbog throughout the Holocene*.

Proyecto Semilla, Universidad de los Andes - Colombia Jul 2018
University grant awarded for the funding of the project *Metabarcoding of Methanogen Communities of a Páramo Peatbog throughout the Holocene* and assistance to a scientific meeting.

Master Teaching Assistantship, Universidad de los Andes - Colombia Aug 2017 - Dec 2019
University grant to cover full tuition and living expenses for the duration of the Master of Biological Sciences on the basis of academic and research merit.

Summer Research Internship Grant, Universidad de los Andes - Colombia Jun 2016
Research grant awarded by Universidad de los Andes in order to work on research at Cornell University.

SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS AND EVENTS

American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, AGU 100 - San Francisco, USA Dec 2019
Poster: *Metabarcoding of Methanogen Communities of a Páramo Peatbog throughout the Holocene*

Past Global Changes Open Science Meeting, 5th PAGES OSM - Zaragoza, Spain May 2017
Poster: *Ancient DNA from Subfossil Wood in the Tropical Andes of Colombia*

PUBLICATIONS

- Ramírez-Valencia, V., Paez-Reyes, M., Salgado-Bonnet, J., Sangiorgi, F, **Zúñiga-González, A. C.**, Amézquita, A., Ibarra-Avila, H., & González-Arango, C. (2021). Distribution of organic-walled dinoflagellate cysts in surface sediments of the southern Caribbean and the eastern tropical Pacific and its environmental implications. *Marine Micropaleontology*. In review.