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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Nationality: Colombian Marital Status: Single

Languages: Spanish (advanced), English (advanced), French (beginner)

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#### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Candidate - Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Chemist - Universidad Nacional de Colombia (March 23, 2000)

High School:

9th Grade – 11th Grade Gimnasio Moderno - Bogotá, Colombia 9th Grade Sevier County High School - Sevierville, TN, USA

Elementary School:

8th Grade Pi Beta Phi Elementary School - Gatlinburg, TN, USA

Montessori (Kindergarden) - 7th Grade Gimnasio Moderno - Bogotá, Colombia

#### **AWARDS**

Chemistry 171 Teaching Excellence Award. Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Academic Year 2003-3004.

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Chemical Society member. 2006-Present.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Academic Monitor for the course, Synthesis of Heterocyclic Compounds, for Pharmaœutical Chemistry Students at Universidad Nacional de Colombia.(1998).
- •Academic Monitor for the course, Organic Synthesis, for Chemistry Students at Universidad Nacional de Colombia.(1998)
- Patent Engineer for the law firm Baker & Mackenzie (i.e. patent preparation for filling and submitting to the Colombian Superintendence of Industry and Commerce). (May August 2000)
- Lab and recitation Teaching Assistant at Universidad de los Andes. (August 2000 – February 2001)
- •Guide elaboration for the course "Prelude to the Sciences", Physics module, prepared for the Faculty of Sciences at Universidad de los Andes. (June July 2001)
- •Course instructor for "Prelude to the Sciences", Physics module, Faculty of Sciences at Universidad de los Andes. (June26 July19 2001)
- $\bullet$ Patent advisor for the law firm Alvaro Castellanos y Cia. (September 2001 July 2002)
- •Course instructor for "Prelude to the Sciences", Physics module, Faculty of Sciences at Universidad de los Andes. (Summer 2002, Summer2003)
- Teaching assistant for Introduction to Chemical Experimentation lab at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. (Fall 2003, Fall 2004, Fall 2006)
- •Teaching assistant for General Chemistry at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. (Spring 2004, Spring 2005, Fall 2005)
- Teaching assistant for Principles of Quantitative Biology, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. (Fall 2009)

# CONFERENCES / SCHOOLS

- Second Latin-American Course on Parallelism and High Performance Computing, Merida, Venezuela (December 3-7 2001).
- •A.C.S. Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, Piscataway, NJ (May 22-25, 2005).
- •Rutgers-UMDNJ Molecular Biophysics Minisymposium, Piscataway, NJ. (May 6, 2005).
- •Rutgers-UMDNJ Molecular Biophysics Minisymposium, Piscataway, NJ. (May 5, 2006).

- •NSBP and NSHP Annual Conference, Boston, MA. (2007)
- •Rutgers-UMDNJ Molecular Biophysics Minisymposium, Piscataway, NJ. (May 4, 2007).
- •IMA Workshop: RNA in Biology, Bioengineering and Nanotechnology, Minneapolis, MN. (October 29 November 2, 2007).
- •Rutgers-UMDNJ Molecular Biophysics Minisymposium, Piscataway, NJ. (May 6, 2008).
- •5th Annual ROC Meeting, Madison, WI. (May 25-26, 2009).
- •The 16th Conversation in Biomolecular Dynamics and Structure, Albany, NY. (June 16-20, 2009).
- Molecular Simulation and Structure Prediction using CHARMM and the MMTSB Tool Set, San Diego, CA. (August 4-7, 2009).

#### **POSTERS**

- •Clustering RNA non-A-type dinucleotide conformations using the base-step parameter space, NSBP & NSHP, Boston, MA. 2007.
- •Rutgers-UMDNJ Molecular Biophysics Minisymposium, Piscataway, NJ. 2007.
- •RNA Dinucleotide Step Parameters, IMA Workshop, Minneapolis, MN. 2007.
- Rutgers-UMDNJ Molecular Biophysics Minisymposium, Piscataway, NJ. 2008.
- Sequence-dependent Deformability of RNA Helical Regions. What We Have Learned So Far, The 16th Conversation in Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics, Albany, NY. 2009.
- Auotmated Detection of GNRA Tetraloop Prevalance Using 3DNA and Python, MARMACS, Wilmington, Delaware. 2010.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- •New information content in RNA base pairing deduced from quantitative analysis of high-resolution structures, *Methods*, **47**, 177-186, (2009), Wilma K. Olson, Mauricio Esguerra, Yurong Xin, Xiang-Jun Lu.
- Sequence-dependent deformability of RNA helical regions. What we have learned so far, *Journal of Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics*, **26**, 832, (2009), Mauricio Esquerra N., Wilma K. Olson.