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EDUCATION

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Focus Area | Biomechanics

- NSF Graduate Research Fellow
- Cornell Colman Diversity Fellowship Scholar
- · Graduate Student Ambassador
- · Graduate School Dean's Scholar

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

- · December 2015 | Miami, FL
- Cum. GPA: 3.6 / 4.0
- · Cum Laude Graduate
- The Honors College (Alumnus)
- · Ronald E. McNair Program (Fellow)

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS BIOMEDICAL/MEDICAL ENGINEERING

- · August 2013 | Miami, FL
- The Honors College Dual Language Program (Alumnus)
- · Cum. GPA: 3.9 / 4.0
- · Dean's List (All Semesters)
- Graduated with Highest Honors & Distinction

LINKS

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LANGUAGES

SPANISH

Native Language

ENGLISH

Full Professional Proficiency

PORTUGUESE

Reading Proficiency

ORGANIZATIONS

SACNAS | 2017

SHPE | 2017

Society of Hispanics Professional Engineers

BMES | 2015

PTK | 2013

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER | CORNELL UNIVERSITY

HERNANDEZ RESEARCH GROUP

August 2016 - Present | Ithaca, NY

- Exploring the direct effect of microdamage in cancellous and trabecular bone, and the contributions of microdamage to bone marrow lesions (BMLs), radiology findings associated with early stage of osteoarthritis.
- The current research project is targeted to the use of a novel preclinical model to enhance our understanding of the etiology and physiology of fatigue damage-induced BMLs.
- Currently, three-dimensional dynamic bone histomorphometry techniques are utilized to localize areas of bone remodeling and microdamage within cancellous bone as a response to an external mechanical stimulus.

SUMMER GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOW | HOSPITAL FOR

SPECIAL SURGERY

DEPARTMENT OF BIOMECHANICS

June 2017 - August 2017 | New York, IN

- Conducted a retrospective study to investigate demographic and skeletal-specific risk factors for periprosthetic fractures in a cohort of patients requiring a surgical revision after total knee arthroplasty (TKA).
- Conducted a pilot study evaluating the feasibility of a novel surgical tool to measure the in vivo force applied to pedicle screws during spine surgical procedures.
- Worked with ex-vivo human bone specimens to assess the accuracy of a digital torque wrench used to measure the insertional force of pedicle screws in bones with compromised material and structural properties.

SUMMER RESEARCH INTERN | University of Notre Dame

TISSUE MECHANICS LABORATORY

May 2015 - July 2015 | Notre Dame, NY

- Researched the effects of *low magnitude mechanical stimulation* in trabecular bone to determine the primary mechanical signal driving bone adaptation.
- Constructed FE models to conduct CFD &. Solid Mechanics simulations exploring the mechanostimulatory signals in the trabecular bone marrow.
- Studied the effect of shear stress in the bone marrow *in silico* from pre-treatment CT scans of porcine vertebral bone explants.

HONORS & AWARDS

May 2017 DPE First Year Graduate Student of the Year - Recipient
 July 2016 Cornell Graduate School Dean's Scholar - Recipient
 Apr. 2016 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship - Recipient
 Mar. 2016 Cornell Colman Diversity Fellowship Program - Recipient

Dec. 2015 Biomedical Engineering Outstanding Bachelors Graduate - Recipient

COMPUTER SKILLS

Basic Python, MS Project & MS Access, ANSYS, ADINA CFD, NI LabVIEW Intermediate Advanced MATLAB, R Programming, Amira, Image J, GraphPad, Minitab, Excel

ORAL & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Aug. 2017 Cornell Clinical Summer Immersion Term Symposium | Poster Dec. 2015 BME Senior Design Project Expo and Competition | Oral

Oct. 2015 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students | Poster

Oct. 2015 Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Meeting | Poster