ENDRINA RIVAS

education

2014 sep-present

Candidate for Masters of Applied Science in Civil Engineering

University of Waterloo

2014

Bachelor of Applied Science Honours in Civil Engineering, with Distinction

University of Waterloo

Dean's Honour List, Structural Engineering Certificate

professional experience

2014 sep-present

Research Assistant | University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON Canada

Advisors: Dr. Robert Gracie & Dr. Sriram Narasimhan

Research topic: Microseismic monitoring of hydraulic fracturing

Gained an in-depth knowledge of continuum mechanics, finite element analysis, and contact mechanics through the modeling of a shear-dilation crack using the eXtended Finite Element Method. Applied modeling techniques to improve the understanding of source mechanisms of microseismicity in hydraulic fracturing. Developed knowledge of petroleum geomechanics, dynamics, and signal processing through coursework and analysis.

2013 sep-dec Mercadeo VIBE | Ciudad del Carmen, Campeche México

Architectural Firm | Structural Designer

Performed structural design on various projects, including shallow foundations, steel frames, and concrete slabs. Coordinated different parts of a project by liaising with architects and supervising construction.

2013 jan-apr

Simpson Gumpertz & Heger | Waltham, MA USA

Engineering Mechanics & Infrastructure | Intern

Developed knowledge of US building codes and design procedures through several projects, including shallow and deep foundations, concrete and steel design. Enhanced technical writing skills by writing various reports, including a literature review for an AASHTO Culvert Inspection Manual. Performed structural analysis of cooling towers on a power plant using NASTRAN and FEMAP.

2012 may-aug

McCormick Rankin, a Member of MMM Group | Mississauga, ON Canada

Structural Department, Bridges | Intern

Obtained an understanding of the design process through the review of design proposals, analysis of loading on bridges using structural analysis software, and various drafting assignments. Performed a section property analysis for the design of the Johnson Street bascule bridge in Victoria, BC. Inspected bridges, identifying delaminated concrete over roadways and pedestrian walkways.

professional experience

2011 sep-dec

EllisDon Corporation | Toronto, ON Canada

Construction Management, Southcore Financial Centre | Junior Coordinator

Acquired a hands-on view of construction work through tasks such as coordinating site logistics and ordering concrete for daily placements, preparing as-built drawings and schedules for meetings, directing sub-trade work and assisting in site layout during excavation. Demonstrated leadership and team work ability through daily communication with sub-trades and co-workers.

2011 jan-apr

Ontario Ministry of Transportation | St. Catharines, ON Canada

Traffic Operations | Intern

Designed pavement markings used on various highways in the Greater Toronto Area using 3D AutoCAD. Improved technical writing skills through the writing of Ontario Traffic Manual Book 7 – Temporary Traffic Control.

2010 apr-aug

AECOM | Markham, ON Canada

Infrastructure Analysis and Asset Management, Water | Intern

Performed an inflow and infiltration sewer analysis for the Region of York, which included an extensive use of ArcGIS. Increased productivity on repetitive tasks by programming macros on Microsoft Excel.

research

2014 jan-apr

Microseismic monitoring of hydraulic fracturing

University of Waterloo Undergraduate Research | Dr. Robert Gracie

Prepared a literature review of micro-seismic monitoring techniques and theory

2013 may-aug

Rehabilitation with fibre reinforced plastic

University of Waterloo Undergraduate Research | Dr. Khaled Soudki

Performed various laboratory tests on strengthening of structures with FRP sheets and stay-in-place FRP formwork

2012 sep-dec

Interface Management Project Development

University of Waterloo Undergraduate Research | Dr. Carl Haas

Developed an offshore oil and gas project used to support research on interface management systems

2010 sep-dec

Non-destructive testing of construction joints in pavement

University of Waterloo Undergraduate Research | Dr. Giovanni Cascante

Performed non-destructive tests on asphalt samples to characterize their properties using mechanical waves

teaching experience	2015 may-aug	Rehabilitation of Structures University of Waterloo Teaching Assistant
	2015 jan-apr	Structural Dynamics University of Waterloo Teaching Assistant
laboratory experience		Materials testing : Tensile, compression, and heat testing on concrete, steel, polymers, wood, and other metals
		Soils testing : Direct Shear, Atterberg Limits, consolidation, permeability
software		Drafting: AutoCAD, Revit
		Structural Analysis/Design: RISA, RAM
		Finite Element Modeling & Analysis: SAP2000, MIDAS, ABAQUS
		Calculation Software: Mathcad, TEDDS
		Programming: MATLAB, Visual Basic, Python
		Other: ArcGIS, Microsoft Project, Microsoft Access, HTML + CSS
awards & certificates	2015	Fundamentals of University Teaching Certificate
	2014	International Master's Student Award
	2013	David Johnston International Experience Award
	2013	Sanford Fleming Foundation Award
	2013	CISC Ontario/M&G Steel Scholarship
	2011	Engineering Faculty/Staff Upper Year Scholarship
	2009-2014	Engineering International Student Scholarship
activities	2015	University of Waterloo Varsity squash team
	2015	Intermural sports: Volleyball, soccer
	2013	Member, International Student Connection (Global Café) University of Waterloo
	2010	Member, AECOM soccer team Markham, ON
	2009-2010	Academic Representative, Civil Engineering Class University of Waterloo
	2009	Performer, The Marriage of Figaro Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts