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Education

- Doctoral student- Forensic Anthropology- University of Coimbra, Portugal (2014 to present)
- Masters Degree- Biological Anthropology- National University of Colombia, Bogota (2010)
 - Thesis: Patterns of Occupational Activity in the Population in the Rio Cauca Valley from 500A.C to 500A.D. (Patrones de Actividad Ocupacional en la Población del Periodo Temprano 500 a.C - 500 d.C en el Valle Geográfico del Rio Cauca)
- University degree- Anthropology, National University of Colombia, Bogota (2008)

Work Experience

- Assistant in Forensic Anthropology lecture (volunteer); University of Pretoria, South Africa (Feb to Aug 2014)
 - Profiled osteobiographic information of skeletal remains at Forensic Anthropology Research Centre (FARC)
- Coordinator of archaeological laboratory, INCIVA (Feb 2011 to Dec 2012)
 - <http://inciva.org/investigaciones-y-patrimonio/arqueologia-historica-urbana-yarquitectonica/hundimiento-av-colombia-cali>
- University lecturer- Historial Academy of Palmira, Colombia (Sept to Oct 2012)
 - Taught course on biological anthropology in National University of Colombia, Palmira Campus.
- Biological Anthropologist (Jun to Jul 2011)
 - Profiled osteobiographical information of human remains collected in archaeological excavation in Hacienda Cañasgordas, Cali. (Coordinator: Luis Francisco López)
- Anthropologist , CITCE, Cali, Colombia (Sept to Nov 2011)
 - Provided technical advice in archaeology for the Special Plan for Management and Protection of "Hacienda Canasgordas"
- Coordinator of laboratory activities, ECIAF, Bogota, Colombia (Feb to Oct 2010)
 - Bicentenario Project, Colombian team of Forensic Anthropology Investigations
- Teaching associate, National University of Colombia, Bogota (Feb to Jun 2010)
 - Taught course on forensic anthropology

Publications

- Acosta Vergara MA. A Look at Skeletal Occupational Markers during the Early Period (340 B. C.- 440 A. D.) in the Cauca River Valley. Colombian Journal of Anthropology, (Una mirada a los marcadores óseos de actividad: aproximación al periodo Temprano (340 a. C.-440 d. C.) del valle geográfico del río Cauca. Revista Colombiana de Antropología. Vol. 48 (1): 169-187)

Oral presentations

- Acosta MA, Henderson CY, Cunha E. Does terrain affect the frequency of enthesal changes? Paleopathology Meeting in South America. Buenos Aires, August 12th to 14th of 2015. Communication accepted for oral presentation.
- Acosta MA, Ferreira MT, Cunha E. What can we learn from compensatory movement? II BioAnthropological Meeting. May 29th to 30th of 2015. Coimbra, Portugal
- Blanco S, Acosta MA, Quintero A, Zapata C, Coral S, Ruiz R, Robayo N. Archelogy in urban contexts, diverse methological focuses. XIV National Conference of Anthropology (Arqueología en contextos urbanos, diversos enfoques metodológicos caso Av. Colombia, Cali. XIV Congreso Nacional de Antropología). Oct 2012. Medellín, Colombia
- Acosta MA. Conference. Patterns of occupational stress (bone markers and division of labor between the sexes in Cauca River Valley from 500AC to 500AD; Colombian Society of Labor Medicine (“Patrones de Actividad Ocupacional (marcadores óseos y división sexual del trabajo) en la población del Valle geográfico del Rio Cauca en el periodo 500 AC a 500 DC”. Sociedad Colombiana de Medicina del Trabajo). Capitulo Valle. Cali. 8th of June, 2010. Cali
- Acosta MA, Occupational Activity in the Early Period in the Cauca River Valley, Colombia (500AC to 500AD) XV International Conference of Physical Anthropology Juan Comas (Actividad ocupacional en la población del periodo Temprano del valle geográfico del río Cauca, Colombia (500 a.C- 500 d.C). XV Coloquio Internacional de Antropología Física Juan Comas). Oct 2009. Mérida, Mexico
- Acosta MA, Occupational strees on prehispanic remains in the Cauca Valley, 12th Conference of Anthropology in Colombia, Biological Anthropology Symposium (“Estrés ocupacional en los restos prehispánicos del Valle del Cauca”. 12º Congreso de Antropología en Colombia. Simposio de Antropología Biológica). Oct 2007. Bogotá DC, Colombia

Poster presentations

- Acosta MA, Henderson CY. “Activity and Body Mass as an individualization characteristic” International Symposium on Anthropology and Natural Disasters Coimbra. Coimbra, Portugal. 17th to 18th of April, 2015. Poster presentation.
- Bautista E, Martinez I, Acosta MA. “The prehispanic body and its transformation with miscegenation” (“El cuerpo prehispánico y su transformación con el mestizaje”. X Conference of Latinamerican Association of Biological Anthropology). X Congreso Asociación Latinoamericana de Antropología Biológica. 20th to 23rd of Oct. La Plata, Argentina. Poster Presentation.

Languages

- Spanish: Native speak
- English: Advanced
- Portuguese: Advanced