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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS/DEGREES

- DEGREE IN BIOLOGY. University of Aveiro (Portugal). September 10, 1998.
- DOCTOR IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (OBTAINED THE "GREATEST DISTINCTION"). University of Liège (Belgium). October 14, 2003.
- MASTER IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND GLOBAL ECONOMY – "GLOBALIZATION AND ECONOMICAL DEVELOPMENT". Instituto Universitario de Investigación Ortega y Gasset de Madrid (Spain). September 15, 2004.
- MASTER IN HOMINID PALEOBIOLOGY (*GPA: 3.94*). Anthropology Department, George Washington University (US). January 21, 2010 (*GPA: 3.94*).
- DOCTOR IN PHILOSOPHY (*GPA: 3.94*) (PhD in Hominid Paleobiology). Anthropology Department, George Washington University (US). May 10, 2011.

PRESENT APPOINTMENT

- ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ANATOMY. Department of Anatomy, Howard University College of Medicine (US).
- ASSOCIATE RESEARCHER. Laboratory of Functional and Evolutionary Morphology, University of Liège (Belgium).
- RESOURCE FACULTY. Center for the Advanced Study of Hominid Paleobiology, Dep. of Anthropology, George Washington University (US).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Muscle differentiation and morphogenesis of Chordates.
- Genetic and anatomical variation in humans and other primates, and its practical and theoretical implications for medicine and surgery.
- Primate osteology, myology, comparative anatomy, phylogeny and evolution.
- Macroevolution.
- Evolutionary Developmental Biology (EVO-DEVO).
- Contribution of muscles and other soft tissues in phylogenetic reconstructions.
- Use of morphological, ecological, ethological, biogeographic and embryological data in phylogenetic studies.
- Comparative anatomy, functional morphology, ecomorphology, phylogeny, ontogeny, paleontology and genetics of Chordates.