

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

8/03 – to date: Ph.D. student, Department of Wildlife Ecology, University of Maine, USA.
3/01 - 5/03: Professional degree - Environmental Biologist - University of Chile. Graduated with “maximum distinction”. Best of class.
3/97 - 9/01: Bachelor of Environmental Sciences with major in Biology– University of Chile. Graduated with “distinction”. Best of Class.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

07/05: Travel Grant, Society for Conservation Biology.
6/05- 9/05: Graduate Student Association Research Grant, University of Maine
8/03 - 8/05: Fulbright Grant, USA Department of State.
8/03 - 8/07: International Student Tuition Award, University Maine.
8/02 - 12/02: Academic Cooperation Grant, University of Chile.
3/01 - 7/01: Academic Cooperation Grant, University of Chile.
3/00 - 7/00: Academic Cooperation Grant, University of Chile.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

12/05 – to date: Wetlands specialist, Centro de Ecología Aplicada.
04/04 –10/05: Response of Chilean amphibians to exotic pine plantations. Department of Wildlife Ecology, University of Maine.
08/03 – 03/04: Effects of land use practices in amphibian populations, Department of Wildlife Ecology, University of Maine. Project director: Dr. Malcolm L. Hunter (financed by NSF)
08/00 - 1/03: Litterfall dynamics in maulino forest fragments, Los Queules National Reserve; Ecology Lab, University of Chile. Project director: Dr. Javier A. Simonetti (financed by Fondecyt-National Fund of Science and Technology)
2/01 - 3/01: Biological Advisor, Marine Environment Observation Program (POAL), Chilean Navy & CENMA (National Environment Center)
08/98 - 12/98: Optimal foraging in *Octodon degus*, Ecology Lab, University of Chile. Project director: Dr. Rodrigo Vasquez.

TEACHING

03/06 – 07/06: Environmental pollution, Basic Sciences Department, Santo Tomás University, Santiago, Chile.

TEACHING ASSISTANT: University of Chile, School of Sciences.

8/02 - 12/02: Plant Biology

3/01 - 7/01: Introduction to Environmental Sciences

3/01 - 7/01: Biodiversity and Conservation

3/00 - 7/00: Introduction to Environmental Sciences

PUBLICATIONS

Palacios P A (2003). Producción y descomposición de hojarasca en un bosque Maulino fragmentado. Professional degree thesis, School of Sciences, University of Chile, Santiago.

PRESENTATIONS

11/06: **Palacios, P. A.**, Contreras M, Oyola N & Figueroa A. Gestión Pública en conservación de humedales, una propuesta metodológica: Protección y manejo sustentable de humedales integrados a la cuenca hidrográfica. Internacional Seminar on Marine and Coastal protected areas. Caldera, Chile.

07/05: **Palacios, P. A.** & Simonetti, J A. LITTERFALL DYNAMICS IN MAULINO FOREST FRAGMENTS, CHILE. XIX Annual meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology, Universidade de Brasilia, Brasilia, Brazil.

04/05: **Palacios, P. A.** & Hunter M. L. Jr. CHILEAN AMPHIBIANS AND EXOTIC PINE PLANTATIONS: A BAD MIX? Graduate Research Exposition, Buchanan Alumni House, University of Maine, Orono, ME.

02/04: **Palacios, P. A.** & Hunter M. L. Jr. LAND-USE PRACTICES AND THE EFFECT OF MICROHABITATS ON JUVENILE AMPHIBIAN MOVEMENTS. NorthEast Biological Graduate Student Conference, University of Maine, Orono, USA.

10/02: **Palacios, P.** & Simonetti, J A.. EFFECT OF FOREST FRAGMENTATION IN LITTER PRODUCTION AND DECOMPOSITION. Forestry Sciences Congress, University of Chile, Santiago, Chile.

MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Conservation Biology

LANGUAGES

Spanish (mother tongue)

English

Portuguese (read)

Italian (read)

French (read)

VOLUNTEER WORK

Society for Conservation Biology XIX Annual Meeting, July 15th- 19th,

Universidade de Brasilia, Brasilia, Brazil.

Society for Conservation Biology XVIII Annual Meeting, July 30th- August 2nd,
Columbia University, New York, USA

Winter volunteer work (construction and teaching), July 1994, 1995, 1996,
organized by Juanita de los Andes High School, in different Chilean towns.

OTHER

President, student council (1995-1996), Juanita de los Andes, High School,
Santiago.

Associate Photographer, www.mantruc.com (1999 – to date)