

# **Curriculum Vitae**

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### **Education:**

- Postdoctoral fellowship  
University of Texas at Austin  
Supervisor: Dr. Lauren Meyers.  
From Dec. 2012 – Dec. 2013.
- Doctor in Fundamental Physics, 2012.  
Universidad de Los Andes. Merida, Venezuela.  
Thesis: “Models of social dynamics on coevolving networks”.  
Supervisor: Dr. Mario Cosenza.
- Magister Scientiae in Fundamental Physics, 2007.  
Universidad de Los Andes. Merida, Venezuela.  
Thesis: “A model of stratified economic exchange with local interactions”.  
Supervisor: Dr. Mario Cosenza.
- Licenciado in Physics, 2005.  
Universidad de Los Andes. Merida, Venezuela.  
Thesis: “A model of the influence of the neighborhood in social small world networks”  
Supervisor: Dr. Mario Cosenza.

### **Scholarships and awards:**

- Award for best regional investigation group “Grupo de Caos y Sistemas Complejos”.  
FUNDACITE.  
Merida – Venezuela. December 2014.
- Distinction “Rafael Chuecos Poggioli” for researches under 40 years old with outstanding record.  
Universidad de Los Andes.  
Merida – Venezuela, 2013.

- Research Award.Council for Research.  
Universidad de Los Andes.  
Merida – Venezuela, 2007 – 2011.
- Scholarship “Misión Ciencia” for doctoral studies.  
Ministry of Science and Technology.  
Venezuela. From 2009.
- Active member in the National Researchers Program.  
Ministry of Science and Technology.  
Venezuela. From 2008.

**Languages:**

- Spanish, English.

**Invited speaker:**

- “Model of economic exchange in a stratified society with local Interactions”.  
III Jornadas Andinas de Dinámica No Lineal.  
Lima, Peru 2007.
- “The new science of networks”.  
International Year of Physics.  
Universidad Nacional Experimental del Táchira.  
San Cristobal, Venezuela 2005.
- “The effect of local broadcasting in social networks”.  
International Year of Physics.  
Universidad Nacional Experimental del Táchira.  
San Cristobal, Venezuela 2005.

**School attendances:**

- Summer School of Statistical Physics of Complex and Small Systems.  
IFISC, Palma de Mallorca, Spain, 2011.  
Duration: 2 weeks.
- School on Complex networks and applications to neuroscicence.  
ICTP-SAIR, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 2015.  
Duration: 3 weeks.

**Oral presentations in conferences:**

- “General coevolution of topology and dynamics in networks”.  
Summer School of Statistical Physics of Complex and Small Systems.  
IFISC, Palma de Mallorca, Spain 2011.
- “Stratified economic exchange in networks”.  
Jornadas de Modelado y Simulación.  
Mérida, Venezuela 2011.

**Poster presentations in conferences:**

- “Disease surveillance on complex social networks”.  
MIDAS meeting.  
Austin – Texas, USA. May 2013.
- “Models of social and economic interactions in coevolving networks”.  
VI Interdisciplinary School and Workshop on Complex Systems.  
Margarita Island, Venezuela 2008.
- “Dynamical model of the influence of the neighborhood in Small World Networks”.  
V Interdisciplinary School and Workshop on Complex Systems.  
Margarita Island, Venezuela 2005.
- “Pattern Formation in a model of social networks”  
IV Jornadas de Estudiantes de Física.  
Universidad Simón Bolívar, Caracas, Venezuela 2004.

**Academic positions:**

- Group Coordination  
Group of Multidisciplinary Mathematics.  
Engineering department.  
Universidad de Los Andes. Merida – Venezuela.  
From January 2014 to present.
- Assistant Professor  
Engineering department.  
Universidad de los Andes. Mérida – Venezuela.  
From January 2010 to present.
- Tenure track.  
Engineering department  
Universidad de Los Andes. Merida – Venezuela.  
From January 2008 to January 2010.

## Courses:

- Calculus 10 and 20 (Differential and integral calculus of one-variable functions).
- Calculus 30 (Differential and integral calculus of multi-variable functions).

## Research Projects (finished):

- “*Stratified economic exchange model in dynamical networks*”.  
Council for Research, Universidad de Los Andes.  
Individual Project.
- “*Analysis and characterization of the social network of the students in the Engineering Department at Universidad de Los Andes*”.  
Council for Research, Universidad de Los Andes.  
Individual Project.
- “*Interdisciplinary applications of complex networks*”.  
Council for Research, Universidad de Los Andes.  
Group Project (Coordinator).

## Publications:

1. *Local versus global interactions in nonequilibrium transitions: A model of social dynamics.*  
J.C. González-Avella, V.M. Eguíluz, M.G. Cosenza, K. Klemm, **J.L. Herrera** and M. San Miguel.  
Physical Review E 73, 046119 (2006).
2. *Economic exchange in a stratified society with local interactions.*  
**J. L. Herrera**, M. G. Cosenza, K. Tucci.  
Revista Científica UNET 21, 8 (2009).
3. *Stratified economic exchange on networks.*  
**J. L. Herrera**, M. G. Cosenza, K. Tucci.  
Physica A 390, 1453 (2011).
4. *General coevolution of topology and dynamics in networks.*  
**J. L. Herrera**, M. G. Cosenza, K. Tucci, J. C. González-Avella.  
European Physics Letters 95, 58006 (2011).
5. *Influence of the local versus global interactions in a model of economic exchange.*  
**J. L. Herrera**, M. Escalona-Morán, R. Parra, C. Parra, M. G. Cosenza.

- Revista Ciencia e Ingeniería. Special Edition: "Jornada de Modelado y Simulación" pp. 95-100 , Universidad de Los Andes (2011).
6. *Model of infectious diseases on a social dynamical network* (In spanish: *Modelado de enfermedades contagiosas mediante una clase de redes sociales dinámicas*).  
**J. L. Herrera**, Gilberto González-Parra.  
 Revista de la Facultad de Ingeniería – UCV 27.2 (2013). 15-20.
  7. *Emergence and persistence of communities in coevolutionary networks*.  
 J. C. González-Avella, M. G. Cosenza, **J. L. Herrera**, K. Tucci.  
 European Physics Letters 107, 28002 (2014).
  8. *Characterization and analysis of the social network of students of the Engineering Department at Universidad de Los Andes, Merida – Venezuela* (In spanish: *Caracterización y análisis de la red de interacción de los estudiantes de la Facultad de Ingeniería en la Universidad de Los Andes, Mérida – Venezuela*)  
 Idaí Guiérrez., **J.L. Herrera**.  
 Revista Ciencia e Ingeniería, 36(3), Universidad de Los Andes (2015)

9. *Disease surveillance on complex social networks*.  
**J. L. Herrera**, Ravi Srinivasan, John S. Brownstein, Alison Galvani, Lauren Ancel Meyers.  
*Submitted (August 2015)*.

### **Thesis Supervised:**

- “*Characterization and analysis of the social network of students of the Engineering*”  
 Engineering department, Universidad de Los Andes.  
*Student: Idaí Gutiérrez. 2012.*
- “*Propagation of epidemic diseases on the social network in the School of Engineering at Universidad de Los Andes*”  
 Engineering department, Universidad de Los Andes.  
*Student: Francys Ramirez (Estimate finish time: September 2015)*
- “*Targeted vaccination strategies in a students temporal network*”  
 Engineering department, Universidad de Los Andes.  
*Student: Eleazar Dugarte (Estimate finish time: September 2015)*

### **Research in progress:**

- Study of the effects of epidemic diseases on the network of students from Engineering Department at Universidad de Los Andes, Mérida, Venezuela.

- Formation of community structure driven by rewiring of links in social networks.
- Effect of external and autonomous fields in social coevolving networks.
- Avoiding an epidemic outbreak: competition between local and global information sources.
- Effects of community structure in multivalued prevalence curves.

### **Computational Experience:**

- Linux OS.
- C Language.
- Basic Python.
- Windows OS.
- Gnuplot.
- Latex
- R

### **Research interests.**

- Chaos and Complex systems.
- Complex Networks.
- Sociophysics.
- Econophysics.
- Coevolving Networks.
- Communities in complex networks.
- Epidemic disease propagation.
- Temporal networks.

### **Collaborators.**

- Dr. Mario Cosenza (Universidad de Los Andes, Merida – Venezuela).
- Dr. Kay Tucci (Universidad de Los Andes, Merida – Venezuela).
- Dr. Desiderio Vasquez (PUCP, Lima Peru).
- Dr. Lauren Meyers (University of Texas at Austin, USA).
- Dr. Rosalind Eggo (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London, England).
- Dr. Ravi Srinivasan (University of Texas at Austin, USA).

### **References:**

- Dr. Lauren A. Meyers.  
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- Dr. Mario Cosenza.  
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