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Born in Capital Federal, Argentina, followed her studies at the National University of Tucumán, and graduated in 1988 as a Licentiate in History, and in 1993 as a Professor in History. Due to her high marks she was selected as National flag bearer at the Faculty of Philosophy and Literature (UNT) Tucumán, in 1987 (distinction given in Argentina to the student with the highest qualification within the entire Faculty's careers).

In both careers she was also rewarded with the distinction of the University Women Association of Tucumán intended for the highest average marks obtained in the career.

She completed her PhD in Archaeology at the same University, on the topic: "Labor organization towards production of food, in agro pastoral societies of the Formative Period (Province of Catamarca, Rep. Argentina)". Advisor: M. E. Albeck.

At present she is Adjunct Professor in the subject "Methodology & Techniques of Archaeological Research" (Career of Archaeology. Faculty of Natural Sciences & Inst. M. Lillo) at the National University of Tucumán.; Adjunct researcher at the CONICET (National Council for Sciences and Technologies of Argentina), and Director of the Instituto de Arqueología y Museo of the National University of Tucumán

Her special areas of incumbencies are Phytoliths and other microfossil research (in Paleoethnobotanical studies); Ancient peasants' labor and agricultural systems in the Andes; Formative Period in the Bolsón Valley (Catamarca).

She started the scientific research in Argentina with a Pre Starting Fellowship of CONICET (National Council for Scientific and Technological Research) in 1988, under the direction of V. Núñez Regueiro and co-direction of M. Tarragó. Since then, she has had the benefit of other fellowships of the National University of Tucumán to continue her studies on the Oriental Aconquija mountains (Tucumán) and in the Bolsón Valley (Catamarca).

Afterwards she continued her studies doing Vocational Subjects and Postgraduate Courses in the Universities of Buenos Aires, Jujuy, Tucumán, La Plata and California (Berkeley, USA). At present she is following her Ph.D. Thesis Project in the National University of Tucumán on The labor organization towards production of food, in agro pastoral societies of the formative period. (Province of Catamarca, Rep. Argentina). Advisor: M. E. Albeck.

She was beneficiary of a Fulbright Scholarship Research Award in the Paleoethnobotany Laboratory (University of California, Berkeley) under Dr. Christine Hastorf's advice (2000-2001). In June 2000 she trained on phytoliths research in the Laboratory for Quaternary Research at UNCIEP (University of the Republic of Uruguay). She had previously obtained two scholarships of AFS International/Intercultural Programs abroad, one for cultural exchange in Lugano, Switzerland. (1981 - 1982) and the other in Asuncion, Paraguay (1986) following the Guaraní Program.

Her current teaching status is Adjunct Professor in the subject "Methodology &

Techniques of Archaeological Research" (Career of Archaeology. Faculty of Natural Sciences & Inst. M. Lillo) and Chief of Teaching Assistants in the subject "Social Argentine and Latin-American History" (Career of Social Work. Faculty of Philosophy and Literature) in the National University of Tucumán. She was Titular Member of the Department of Archaeology Council at the Faculty of Natural Sciences & Inst. M. Lillo, representing professors (2002-2004). She is a current titular member of the Institute of Archaeology and Museum (UNT) where she takes the research activities quoted above, and the extension and management activities.

She has given 8 seminars out of normal academic activities for the Council of Education of the Province of Tucumán; High School Level at S.M. of Tucumán & Concepción; Faculty of Philosophy and Literature and Faculty of Natural Sciences and Inst. M. Lillo (UNT) and the Indian Community of Amaicha del Valle. She has lectured in three public talks abroad: University of the Republic of Uruguay, Faculty of Sciences (Uruguay), University of Montana, School of Forestry and University of California, Berkley (USA)

She has published 16 scientific papers in Argentina and 3 abroad (Italy, Chile and France), while she has four international papers submitted (USA, Australia) She has participated in 17 Congresses or scientific meetings in Argentina and four abroad (Italy, Chile, France and USA).

As field experience she counts with 35 archaeological field works in Argentina (Tucumán, Salta, Jujuy and Santa Cruz) and three abroad (Cyprus, Israel and Bolivia).