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Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on October 1969.

In 1997 he graduated as Archaeologist at the Natural Sciences Faculty and Miguel Lillo Institute of the Tucumán National University (UNT), Argentina.

His degree thesis had an orientation towards a technical and typological analysis of archaeological projectile points, which enabled to study the strategies and techniques of camelids hunting in Antofagasta de la Sierra (Puna of Catamarca Province, in the North West of Argentina). This work had the support of a investigation fellowship (student category between the years 1995-1997), granted by the Investigation Council of The National University of Tucumán (CIUNT) and a fellowship of the National University Fellowship Program 1997, granted by the National Cultural and Educational Ministry. Since 1998 until now he performs investigation and educational activities for attainment of the Archaeology Doctoral Degree (UNT), with the support of a post degree formation fellowship granted by the National Council of Technical and Scientific Investigations (CONICET; 1998-2002 period), under Lic. Carlos Aschero's direction. The thesis subject for the doctoral degree digs into the knowledge of the hunting technology and general behavior of the first hunters-gatherers groups who lived in the south Argentine Puna since the Pleistocene/Holocene transition, about 10.000 years before. Concretely, in this investigation he enters upon the problem of changes and variability in the hunting technology and mobility strategies, that were able to combine the exploitation of resources coming from high places (>4000 meters over sea level) with the bottom of the Antofagasta de la Sierra basin (3.300 meters above sea level), during Early Holocene and beginnings of the Middle Holocene (ca.10.000- 7.000 before present).

As a student and after graduation as archaeologist he performed several courses related to close by subjects of the lithic technology of the hunter-gatherers groups, experimental works of lithic artifacts, epistemology, archaeological material conservation, languages and informatics.

He also performed numerous field works in the Calchaqui Valleys; North Puna (Jujuy), South Puna (Catamarca) and Patagonia (Santa Cruz). These works included search and excavation of different archaeological sites on the open sky and under protection of rock shelters.

His investigative activities completed with the attendance and presentation of different reports in several congresses and other scientific national meetings. Furthermore he has published several articles in specialized and common magazines concerning archaeological themes.

Since 1998 till present he performs research and teaching tasks in the Cathedra of Theory and Methodology of Archaeological Investigation of the Archaeology career in the Natural Sciences Faculty of the National University of Tucumán. He also lectured in theoretical and practical classes and courses about Lithic Typology and Technology.

With regard to academic membership, he is Titular Member of the Diffusion

Committee in the Archaeological Area and Titular Member of the Control Committee of the Archaeology career of the Natural Sciences Faculty. Besides he is Titular Member of the Directive Council of the Archaeological Institute and Museum of the Natural Sciences Faculty (UNT).
At present he works as researcher of investigative programs of this Institute, financed by resources from CIUNT, CONICET an other institutions.