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Please briefly describe your research:

I work with *Acacia koa*, a key tree species from Hawaii. The name *Koa* means warrior in the Hawaiian language. I study the cold tolerance of *koa* populations from different elevations in Hawaii as well as the genetic gain, this is, the amount of increase in performance of *koa* families in progeny (offspring) trials.

Why did you choose Purdue?

I chose Purdue because it is a global leader in Forestry and Natural Resources and also because the research done here in forest regeneration and genetics by my advisers matched my interests. The first time I read the name Purdue University was while I was doing my undergrad in Paraguay. It was among the sources of the materials of a very interesting course, and it remained in my mind all these years.

What is your favorite fact about Purdue?

I appreciate that Purdue promotes and embraces diversity. The international student population here is one of the largest in the USA, which allows everyone to learn a lot about many different cultures. I am also in love with Purdue beautiful campus and its squirrels.

Name one to three words that best describes your work?

Koa, cold, genetics.

Where do you spend most of your time on campus?

In the greenhouse of the Horticulture Plant Growth Facility and in the Forest Ecology, Silviculture and Soils Laboratory located at Pfendler Hall of Agriculture.

If you have free time, how do you spend it?

When I am on campus, going to Corec, to try some new interesting sports (I tried Judo last Fall), or going to some seminar. Every so often I also like going to Purdue Convocations events. When I am off campus, I enjoy doing outdoor activities.

Current mobile device/computer:

iPhone; ASUS Q325UA.

What apps, software, or tools can't you live without?

WhatsApp (I am the type of person that send long voice notes haha), Spotify, to get inspired/relaxed and Google Maps, which I think is a useful tool to explore my environment.

What's your workspace setup like?

I moved to a new office that I share with other 4 graduate students. I usually work while enjoying a cup of hot mate cocido, a traditional drink from Paraguay and other countries of South America. My desk is located next to a big window and surrounded by lovely small plants. The view is beautiful and it puts me in a good mood.



What's your best time-saving shortcut or life hack?

To avoid distraction, I do not have social media apps on my cell-phone, except for the ones for messaging.

What do you listen to while you work?

When I am working in the greenhouse or in the lab and I want to feel energized, I like listening to Power/Symphonic metal with my headphones on, while when I work on writing or on an assignment, I choose listening to Classical Music to boost my concentration.

What is (are) your career goal(s)?

To work in a research institute, an NGO or an international organization related to natural resources, to contribute with my knowledge to the conservation and regeneration of native forests and collaborate with passionate peers. In addition, I want to continue helping young people to find opportunities to study abroad, as others did with me.

What's the best advice you've ever received?

To be more mindful of the present moment. I started paying more attention to the present, which has allowed me to notice things and actions that I did not use to in the past. This has helped me to enjoy and value more everything, the simple and complex things, and everyone. Furthermore, it has increased my sense of amazement about the world.

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