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What We'll Discuss Today

- Why and How I applied for a Fulbright Scholar grant
- What I did on my Fulbright Scholar grant
- *Impact* of my Fulbright Scholar grant
 - Personally
 - Professionally
- Additional Fulbright Scholar opportunities
- How to Stay Engaged





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- Dean of Science and Mathematics
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Fulbright Scholar Ecuador 2007



- Lecturer
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Why I Chose to Apply

Professional Development: Career focus on Physics Education in Latin America--capstone experience

Expand my International Perspective: Have travelled professionally to Latin America many times--First time to live and work in an international context, gain a better perspective of my colleague's lives and working environments

Adventure: Four months to explore a fantastic country

Language Fluency: Worked on Spanish many years, became fluent after living and teaching in the language

Career Advancement: Desired to advance my career and the Fulbright Scholar program was a great way to develop professionally





Developing Computer Instrumentation Capabilities in Latin America

- Taught four instances of Computer-Based Instrumentation (CBI), a hybrid class between electrical engineering, computer science and physics
- CBI: How to connect and use a computer in the laboratory
- Aided the Institute of Physics at ESPOL develop strategic plan for modernizing curriculum
- Lectured on CBI at various venues





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Personal Impact

Inter-Relational: Now I have many brothers and sisters in Ecuador (and nieces and nephews.) Have returned both professionally and personally.

Outstanding Experience: Worked, played and learned to live in a very different cultural context.

Multi-Cultural: Have a better perspective of the US culture and what brings value to a culture.

Family: Even though my family did not go with me, many of them have gotten the bug to travel internationally. My wife returned once with me to Ecuador, my son has been to Ecuador three times and my daughter to Israel three times.





Professional Impact

Promotion: After returning I successfully obtained the position of Dean of Science and Mathematics

Impact on Physics Education: Appointed by the American Association of Physics Teachers to be a representative on the Inter-American Council of Physics Education.

Study Abroad: Started student exchange program between my school and one of the universities in Ecuador. Only current exchange program at my school.

International Education: Have been involved in International Education, both within my college and the university in general. Faculty advisor to student-led International Club.





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