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Hello! I am from Puebla, an amazing and beautiful place in Central Mexico. I am a biologist with the University of Puebla and I have a Masters degree in Wildlife Management from the Instituto de Ecología, A.C. ([www.ecologia.edu.mx](http://www.ecologia.edu.mx)).

Currently I am pursuing my Ph.D. in the Department of Biology at New Mexico State University in a very exciting and novel research project in which we are trying to assess connectivity at the landscape scale among protected areas in the Chihuahuan Desert. We intend to apply ecological niche modeling to develop landscape linkage models and test these models by estimating species occurrence and determining population relatedness with genetic approaches. Although this is a great challenge, I am also convinced that this is a great opportunity to provide valuable information vital to the long-term persistence of wildlife populations that call both the U.S. and Mexico home.

My primary interests concern carnivore conservation and ecology and center around resolving wildlife-human conflicts. I did my Bachelor's thesis at the University of Baja California investigating the food habits of cougars, and examined how cougar predation influenced the livestock industry at Santa Elena Canyon, Chihuahua. I cherish my family, and am passionate about photography and my work with wild mammals, especially carnivores.

