

NMSU RISE STARTUP

2017 Graduate Career Pathways Workshops– 2nd of 3

Foster Hall Room 231 11:30 AM

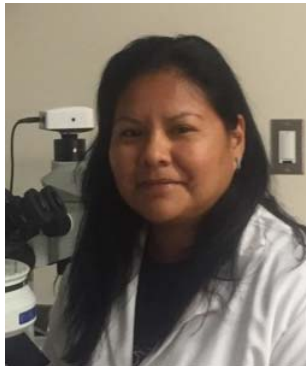
Reception 12:30 PM in Foster Hall Atrium (Frenger Walkway)

JUNE 14 (Wed): NAVIGATING POSTDOCTORAL POSITIONS

JUNE 15 (Thurs): SECURING A PROFESSORSHIP

JUNE 16 (Fri): JOB TALKS AND INTERVIEWS

NMSU Graduate Alumni and former RISE Scholars who have succeeded in earning faculty positions at a variety of institutions return to NMSU hosted by RISE STARTUP. Alumni speakers will provide practical advice about how to navigate the career pathway to the professoriate. They will discuss how to identify and negotiate postdoc and faculty positions, and how to navigate the institutional landscape. Workshops combine a formal presentation with informal Q&A and networking opportunities. Light refreshments will be served after the 11:30 presentation. RSVP to help us plan! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/georgesoto2017>



Olivia George, PhD, is a first generation college student originally from Beclabito New Mexico near the Four Corners region. Dr. George is a RISE2 Scholar who earned her BS, MS, and PhD degrees from NMSU. For her graduate research Dr. George investigated the effects of Bisphenol-A on embryonic and

somatic cells using sea urchins and human tissue cell cultures. She completed postdoctoral training at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital studying yeast epigenetics and at UNM as an ASERT (IRACDA) Fellow. Her UNM research focused on transcriptional regulation of lineage-specific genes in blood stem cells. For the teaching component, she co-taught introductory biology at Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI), a national tribal college located in Albuquerque. In 2014 Dr. George accepted an assistant professor position at the University of Hawai'i – West O'ahu (UHWO), a four-year teaching college that is a student-centered, indigenous-serving. She teaches introductory biology courses for majors and non-majors, an inquiry-based microbiology course, and a cell and molecular biology course.



Will Soto, PhD received his B.S. in biology from California State University, Fresno. Dr. Soto's first undergraduate research experience was as a Ronald E. McNair Scholar at California State University, Fresno, where he worked on the symbiosis between nitrogen-fixing bacteria and leguminous plants (clover). Dr. Soto then completed an MS

degree at Wesleyan University in 2001 for research on bacterial evolution. He joined NMSU in 2002 as a RISE2 Scholar and earned his PhD in 2009. Dr. Soto's dissertation research generated five publications, including a 2012 Evolution paper that won the 2013 R.A. Fisher Prize from the Society for the Study of Evolution, one of the highest awards that can be given from this society. Dr. Soto is the recipient of an HHMI Postdoctoral Fellowship for research at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in Dr. Mike Travisano's lab and an NSF BEACON Postdoctoral Fellowship at Michigan State University for research with Dr. Chris Waters. In 2016, Dr. Soto attained his dream job at the College of William & Mary as an Assistant Professor in the Biology Department.



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