## RATHZIEL RONCANCIO REYES

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**Education:** 

2017 Purdue University, Ph.D. Student in Mechanical Engineering - GPA: 3.7/4.0 2012-2017 Universidad De Colombia Nacional, B.Eng. Mechanical Engineering, -

Thesis Title: "Experimental study of CO2 biomass gasification using Iron as a

catalyst under high-pressure environment" GPA: 4.1/5.0

## Research Experience

Purdue University - Research assistant

2020 CO<sub>2</sub> char gasification using alkali catalyst mixtures

Designed gasification reactor for the distribution of CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>

2019 Full-flow staged combustor

Designed and numerically validated using Siemens NX the test stand of a full-flow

staged combustor.

Installed and connected tubing, and computer controlled valves for oxidizer and fuel

distribution.

2018 Flame spread rate over a fuel pool

Prepared and conducted the experiments to study the flame spread rate on top of

different alternative aviation fuels varying its initial temperature.

Evaluated and reported the flame spread rate from the collected data.

2017 Turbulent premixed combustion of methane with CO2 addition

Prepared and conducted the experiments to study the effects on pocket distribution

of CO2 addition to turbulent premixed flames of methane-air.

Processed and reported pocket distribution for flames with 0%, 5% and 10% of CO2

addition.

2016 Undergraduate Research Assistant

Executed complete restoration of the Data Acquisition System of the gasification

laboratory.

Implemented new experimental procedures aiming at overall safety.

2015 Universidad Nacional de Colombia - Variation of Mechanical Properties of Clay

with Firing Temperature

Studied the variation in the compression properties of ceramic materials with varying

cooking temperature.

Used XRD, Xray fluorescence and Microscopy to characterize the obtained structure.

#### **Journal Articles**

Roncancio, R., Ulcay, M. S., Arango, J., Gore, J., "Experimental study of CO2 corn stover char gasification using Iron as a catalyst under high-pressure environment". vol. 267, Fuel, 2020.

#### Conference presentations

Roncancio, R., Navarkar, A., Hasti, V.H., Goyal, V., Gore, J. "Effect of carbon nanotubes addition on the Flame Spread Rate over a Jet A pool" 11th US National Combustion Meeting, 2019.

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Goyal, V., **R. Roncancio**, J. Kim, A. Navarkar, V. Hasti, and Gore, J. "Effect of initial fuel temperature on flame spread rate of alternative aviation fuels," 11th US National Combustion Meeting, 2019.

Kim, J., **Roncancio**, **R**., Gore, J., "Correlation between Integral Length Scale and Unburned Pocket Formation in CH4/air Premixed Turbulent Flames" 11th US National Combustion Meeting, 2019.

**Roncancio**, **R**., Ulcay, M. S., Arango, J., Gore, J., "Experimental study of CO2 biomass gasification using Iron as a catalyst under high-pressure environment". Spring Technical Meeting Central States Section of The Combustion Institute, 2018.

# **Teaching Certificates**

2019 Foundations in College Teaching

Center of Instructional Excellence, Purdue University

# **Teaching Experience**

2020 - 2017 Purdue University - Teaching assistant

Introduction to Mechanical Engineering Design

Guided 12 design projects from the definition of the problem to the manufacture or a prototype.

Thermodynamics class

Coordinated a wide course team to achieve a reliable and organized workflow. Assisted students through encountered difficulties striving to improve their overall learning process. Proctored and graded exams.

2017 Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Laboratory Assistant, Internal combustion engines Laboratory

Classified and compiled maintenance information using a systematic approach.

Proposed new organization schemes and supported research endeavors.

## **Industry Experience**

2016 FedePanela - Design of rapid sugar-cane juice boiler

Designed a pressure vessel for the heat exchange between steam and sugarcane juices.

Constructed a sugar-cane juice dispenser and distribution system aiming to even and rapid flow.

2015 BioBolsa SAS

Lean Manufacturing Analysis of Textile Production

Applied the concepts of 6-sigma and lean manufacturing to a textile manufacturing company for time improvement and waste reduction.

Developed the value stream mapping and Standard Worksheet Sheet for the key processes in bag production.



#### Awards:

Colciencias doctoral scholarship, Colfuturo Loan-Scholarship, Undergraduate Research Experience Purdue-Colombia (UREP-C) fellowship, "Best GPA Program" Portuguese Course of 300 hours, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogota, Colombia.

## **Community Service**

Official Mechanical Engineering Graduate students Association (OMEGA)
Website and Social Media Coordinator

Create social media websites for the organization (Facebook, Instagram) Implement official email for communication.

Colombian Student Association at Purdue (CSAP) Secretary

Summarize and write the minutes of the meetings and events held. Coordinate and ensure the timely development of the meetings held by the association board.

## **Relevant Skills**

Languages: Spanish / English ToEFL iBT Score: 110 / Portuguese B1 / German A1 Software: Autodesk Inventor, Autodesk Inventor Mechanical Simulation, Siemens NX 11, MathWorks Matlab, CATIA V5, C++, Python.