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Professional Profile

Dr. Acevedo specializes in performance-based analysis and design, structural damage evaluation, earthquake engineering, nonlinear structural analysis, and structural dynamics. He has experience with design of steel, cold-formed steel, aluminum, concrete, and wood structures. Dr. Acevedo has experience evaluating building damage due to wind, earthquakes, rain, snow/ice, wood decay, corrosion, tree impact, and ground movement. He also has experience with laboratory testing of components and structures.

Dr. Acevedo has developed models to quantify risk associated with extreme wind impacts on overhead electric power lines. He has also developed models to quantify deterioration of overhead electric structures and conductors. Dr. Acevedo helped develop risk models and visualization tools used by California electric utilities for decisions related to Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) and Climate Adaptation Vulnerability Assessment (CAVA).

Dr. Acevedo has extensive knowledge on the design of residential light-frame structures for improved seismic performance. He investigated the effects of enhancing the lateral strength and stiffness of wood light-frame structures through large scale quasi-static and dynamic testing. In addition, he developed nonlinear finite element models and conducted performance-based earthquake engineering analysis.

Prior to joining Exponent, Dr. Acevedo assisted in teaching graduate level structural engineering courses at Stanford University. He was also an intern at a structural engineering firm working on multi-unit wood residential structures.

Academic Credentials & Professional Honors

Ph.D., Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stanford University, 2018

M.S., Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stanford University, 2013

B.S., Civil Engineering, Florida International University, 2011

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow, 2011-2016

Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Fellowship 6th Cohort, 2009-2011

Department of Energy & FIU Science and Technology Workforce Development Initiative Fellowship, 2008-2011

Licenses and Certifications

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Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (Member)

Languages

Spanish

Publications

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