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She served as an Assistant professor in Building Structures and Statics for eight years at the School of Architecture of the Universidad de la República (1995-2003) and she worked in the Structures Office of the National Department of Public Buildings, MTOP (1994-2003). She is a professional member of the Forest Products Society (EEUU), Society of Wood and Fiber Technology (EEUU) and Society of Architects of Uruguay.

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