**Background.**

I am originally from Brazil and I got my bachelor’s degree in Agronomy. In 2011, I had an opportunity to come to the U.S. to do an internship at the Range Cattle Research and Education Center – University of Florida (RCREC-UF), to work with weed science in pasture and rangeland systems. During my time at the RCREC I was exposed to several different weed science related projects, which really sparked in me the passion to work with weeds. In 2013, I obtained my master’s degree in Crop Protection-weed science, where I worked with sugarcane herbicide tolerance to soil-applied residual herbicides. I continued my education earning a Ph.D. in 2019 from the University of Florida in agronomy-weed science. During my Ph.D. I studied how to implement integrated management practices to control giant smutgrass (*Sporobolus indicus* (*L*.) var. *pyramidalis*) populations in bahiagrass (*Paspalum notatum*) pastures in Florida. We investigated the efficacy of integrating prescribed burning, grazing management, and hexazinone applications for giant smutgrass control; the effectiveness of integrating physical control methods such as mowing with chemical control measures (glyphosate and hexazinone) applied with a weed wiper; and the effects of application time, hexazinone rate, and rainfall (time and intensity after application) on hexazinone effectiveness. After graduation, I was a post-doc at the University of Wisconsin – Madison for a little bit over one year. During my time in Wisconsin, I had the opportunity to work with agronomy and weed science applied research in different cropping systems such as waterhemp management in established alfalfa, weed management in alfalfa interseeded with silage corn, and selective broadleaf control in cool season grass-clover mixed swards. Currently, I am working for the University of California Cooperative and Extension (UCCE), as a Field Crops Agronomy and Weed Management Advisor. My responsibilities include developing a multi-county extension and applied research program that addresses grower and industry needs to optimize agronomic cropping systems and integrated weed management. Although I have only been in this position since November 2020, I have already received funding from state and federal organizations such as California Cotton Alliance (CCA) and National Alfalfa & Forage Alliance (NAFA) to conduct agronomic and weed science applied research addressing the clientele needs. In addition, weed biology, ecology, integrated weed management strategies and herbicide resistance (HR) are some of the main weed science topics I am interested in developing educational and research projects. The primary field crops that I cover in the Northern San Joaquin Valley include alfalfa, small grains, silage corn, dry beans, Pima and Upland cotton.