

Petroleum and Geomechanical Engineering

Expertise

Petroleum Engineering, Geomechanics, Numerical Modeling

Education

Ph.D. Candidate (Petroleum Engineering), 2010
M.Sc. (Petroleum Engineering), 2005
University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma
B.S.C.E. (Petroleum Engineering), 1999
Industrial University of Santander (UIS), Bucaramanga, Columbia

Professional Experience

2008- Present

Itasca Houston, Inc., Houston, Texas
Intern and Geomechanics Engineer

2005 – 2008

University of Oklahoma, Mewbourne School of Petroleum and Geological Engineering, Graduate Research Assistant

2007

GeoMechanics International (G.M.I.), Houston, Texas
Intern

2001 - 2004

Well Construction Technology Center, University of Oklahoma
Graduate Research Assistant

2001-2002

Noble Drilling Services, Sugar Land, Texas
Intern

Project Experience

Geomechanical Modeling: Assessed pore pressure and in-situ stresses geomechanical analysis to model wellbore stability, and hydraulic fracturing. Led the construction of a software tool to estimate maximum horizontal stresses from wellbore failure features (breakouts, drilling induced fractures). Conducted Discrete Element Modeling (DEM) of the micromechanics of unconsolidated formations including fluid flow and performed wellbore stability analysis, stress determination, fault leakage, stress contrast and sanding prediction.

Drilling engineering: Contributed to the design of software tools for predicting the hydraulics of Coiled Tubing operations. Assistance in a joint venture project with Noble Drilling to develop a system for detecting the onset of abnormal drilling trends, including training with Noble Drilling on an offshore drilling rig.