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**Name of Nominee: \_**Dr. Veronica G. Rodriguez Moncalvo

Current Status at McMaster University:

Assistant Professor-permanent teaching, School of Interdisciplinary Science (SIS) Program advisor for the Origins of Disease and Sensory Motor Systems specializations

Educational Background:

Post-doctoral fellow, University of North Carolina, Department of Biology, North Carolina-Chapel Hill, USA Ph.D., McMaster University, Department of Biology, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

B.Sc. Honours (Biology), University of Buenos Aires, School of Exact and Natural Sciences, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Professional Organizations:

Canadian Association of University Teachers

International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (ISSOTL)

Advancement of Educational Leadership and Teaching Focused Roles Interest Group (ISSOTL-IG)

Honours and Awards (research and teaching):

Richard Fuller Memorial Scholarship for Science, McMaster University

Research Postdoctoral Scholar Award for Excellence in Mentoring Undergraduates, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

McMaster Student Union (MSU) Innovation Award (awarded to LIFE SCI 2L03 teaching team) Nominated to 2019 McMaster Student Union (MSU) Teaching Merit Award

Funding and Publications (research or educational projects):

Student Partner Program Grant, MacPherson Institute.

The Leadership in Teaching & Learning Fellowship (LTL), MacPherson Institute.

Priority Areas in Learning and Teaching Research (PALAT) Grant, MacPherson Institute. Publications: 9 Journal Articles and 1 book chapter

Student Supervision:

Supervision of Undergraduate Thesis Students: 1

Co-Supervision of Undergraduate Thesis Students: 7

Supervision of Undergraduate Research and Placement Students: 7

Co-Supervision of Undergraduate Research and Placement Students: 4

Current Administrative Responsibilities:

Program advisor for the Origins of Disease and Sensory Motor Systems specializations SIS Faculty Council and Life Sciences Curriculum Committees

SIS EDII Committee

SIS Sessional Instructor Search Committee SIS DTER Committee

Research and Teaching Interests:

Study visual literacy instruction and assessment in science curricula, as well as the impact and effectiveness of different co-learning activities on student success and cohort cohesion in junior courses

Contribute to curriculum development via the evaluation and re-organization of the life sciences curriculum incorporating EDII activities in the classroom environment

Use of effective and accessible in-class and online activities to foster student engagement and sense of inquiry.