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Professional Focus

Dr. Cunha received a Ph.D. in experimental particle physics from the University of California, Santa Barbara. His thesis work was done as a member of the BaBar collaboration based at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center in Palo Alto, CA. He continued his experimental particle physics research with a post-doctoral position at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York working on code development for the ATLAS detector.

New in the Medical Physics field and excited about the opportunity of working at UCSF, Dr. Cunha is confident that his experience in hardware and software development will quickly be beneficial to the group. His main research will be focused on additional developments with Inverse Planning Techniques related to HDR (High Dose Rate Brachytherapy).

Education

2001	Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ	BS	Physics
2006	University of California, Santa Barbara, CA	PhD	Physics
2007	Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY	Post- Doctoral	Physics
2009	University of California, San Francisco, CA	Post- Doctoral	Radiation Oncology

Professional Experience

2009-2011	UCSF	Clinical Instructor	Department of Radiation Oncology
2011-present	UCSF	Assistant Professor	Department of Radiation Oncology

Recent Significant Publications :

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