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Education:

University Southern California: Ph. D. Pathology(anticipated degree) (2006-present)  
-Department Fellow 2006  
-2006-2007: Pathology Department Student Representative  
-2008-2009: Pathology Department Student Representative to the Graduate Committee  
-Current support- PA-05-015, Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research

California State University, Northridge: B.S. Biology, Cell/Molecular Biology (2005)  
-Dean's List

Los Angeles Valley College: AA Liberal Arts and Sciences(Biology) (2003)  
-Dean's List  
-President's List  
-Biology Department scholarship 2003

Cypress College: Mortuary Science Certificate (1993)

Employment:

Mt. Sinai Memorial Parks and Mortuary (2000-2006)  
5950 Forest Lawn Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90068  
(800)600.0076  
Position:Embalmer  
Description: Embalming, dressing cosmetizing and casketing of remains.  
Mortuary Liaison to families upon time of death, tuition of apprentice embalmers

Forest Lawn Memorial Parks (1998-2000)  
1712 South Glendale Ave. Glendale, CA 91205  
USA  
(800)204.3131  
Position:Embalmer  
Description: Embalming, dressing, cosmetizing and casketing of remains.  
Department Safety Representative, tuition of apprentice embalmers

Lincoln Memorial Park and Funeral Home (1997-1998)  
11801 SE Mount Scott Blvd. Portland, OR 97266  
USA  
(503)771.1117

Position: Apprentice Embalmer, Service attendant

Description: Embalming, dressing cosmetizing and casketing of remains. Aid to Funeral Service Director

McGowan's Funeral Home/ Irish School of Embalming (1996-1997)

Emmet St. Ballina, Co. Mayo

Republic of Ireland

(096)70669

Position: Embalmer, Embalming Instructor

Description: Embalming, dressing, cosmetizing and casketing of remains.

Tuition of students of embalming, practical and didactic. Supervision of McGowan's Trade Embalming service including service to over 20 Funeral Homes through out Ireland.

Forest Lawn Memorial Parks (1994-1996)

1712 South Glendale Ave. Glendale, CA 91205

USA

(800)204.3131

Position: Apprentice Embalmer

Description: Embalming, dressing, cosmetizing and casketing of remains.

Department Safety Representative

### Employment:Subcontract Embalming

S and D Preparation Services

118 W. Mountain St. Glendale, CA 91202

818.415.8716

Owner/Operator

Description: Embalming, dressing, cosmetizing and casketing of remains.

*\*for reference call: Camino del Sol Funeral Home, Oxnard, CA-805.483.3443*

Snyder's Embalming Service

606 West Fremont St. Upland, CA 91784

909.985.0525

Description: Embalming, dressing, cosmetizing and casketing of remains.

Suarez Funeral Services

18027 Point Arguello Pl. Cerritos, CA 90703

562.865.7015

Description: Embalming, dressing, cosmetizing and casketing of remains.

### Professional Licenses:

California State Embalmer License: EMB8310

### Publications:

Mayer JA, Foley J, De La Cruz D, Chuong CM, Widelitz R., 2008, Conversion of the nipple to hair-bearing epithelia by lowering bone morphogenetic protein pathway activity at the dermal-epidermal interface. *Am J Pathol.* 173(5):1339-48

Plikus MV, Mayer JA, de la Cruz D, Baker RE, Maini PK, Maxson R, Chuong CM., 2008, Cyclic dermal BMP signalling regulates stem cell activation during hair regeneration. *Nature.* 451(7176):340-4

### Extracurricular:

2008-2009 School of Medicine Graduate Student Association, Pathology Department Representative