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Alumnus Javier Pulecio to Present at Scholars of Excellence

TAMPA, Fla. (April 18, 2012) – Javier Pulecio, '10 PhD Electrical Engineering, has been selected as the featured speaker for the 2012 Scholars of Excellence program that will be sponsored by the USF Graduate School on Friday, April 20, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, at the Interdisciplinary Research Building (IDRB) in the Research Park. The theme of the event will be "Leadership and Scholarship in Action" and nearly 100 graduate students representing USF's most prestigious fellowships will be honored at the event.

Pulecio, a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) will be recognized for his Outstanding Dissertation Award. The title of his dissertation was "Field-Coupled Nano-Magnetic Logic Systems" and his major professor was Sanjukta Bhanja, associate professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering. Pulecio was supported by the NSF Florida Georgia LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate, Alfred P. Sloan Minority PhD, and McKnight Doctoral fellowship programs. At Brookhaven, Pulecio is continuing his research in spintronics, nano-magnetic logic systems, and micromagnetics with the Electron Microscopy and Nanostructure Group.

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