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Prof. Rodrigo Salgado entered the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul first as a chemical engineering major, then transferred to civil engineering. He graduated in 1986. After several years working first as an intern, then as an engineer with a geotechnical specialty contractor and with PETROBRÁS, the Brazilian oil company, he came to the U.S. for graduate school. He obtained an M.S. in 1990 and a Ph.D. in 1993 at the University of California, Berkeley. Immediately upon graduation, he joined the faculty at Purdue University, where he is today a Professor. He has been a Visiting Scholar at the Technical University of Turin, a Visiting Professor at the University of Newcastle and a Gledden Senior Fellow at the University of Western Australia. Professor Salgado is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Shamsher Prakash Research Award for the rigorous solutions of problems in geotechnical engineering using advanced analysis methods in 2005, the ASCE Casagrande Award in 1999 for his contributions in the fields of foundation engineering and earthquake engineering, the ASCE Walter L. Huber Civil Engineering Research Prize in 2004 for his research on foundation engineering. He was an invited participant to the National Academy of Engineering Frontiers of Engineering Symposium in 2005. His research, sponsored by, among others, NSF, FHWA, INDOT and INTEL, has led to the publication of many journal and conference papers. He serves on ACI, ASCE and ABMS technical committees and is currently writing "The Engineering of Foundations", a book that will be published by McGraw-Hill by the end of 2006.

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