

## PLANT PATHOLOGY 250 SEMINAR SERIES



**Speaker: Dr. Rodrigo A. Valverde, Professor, Department of Plant Pathology and Crop Physiology, Louisiana State University**

**Seminar Title: “Plant Endornaviruses: parasites or mutualists?”**

**Date: Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Time: 12:00-12:50 pm**

**Seminar Presented Via Zoom:**

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### **Biography:**

Born in Limon, Costa Rica. Obtained his undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Costa Rica and the University of Arkansas, respectively. After postdoctoral positions at UC Riverside in Allan Dodds lab and at UC Davis in Bryce Falk lab, he began his research program in plant virology at Louisiana State University. Since early on his scientific carrier, he has been interested on the biology of plant viruses and has described and characterized many newly recognized viruses. His modifications and validations to the “Morris and Dodds” dsRNA technique for plant virus detection, has benefited researchers and diagnosticians worldwide. He is also recognized for pioneer research on persistent plant viruses. His unique approach to teaching in the lab/field and greenhouse has been successfully in training graduate students who definitely enjoyed and benefited from his presence in the lab bench.

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