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Since 2022, I have been an Assistant Professor at Washington State University, where my lab investigates endomembrane transport to the vacuole and its impact on cell function, development and stress resistance. My scientific journey began in Argentina, where I earned my undergraduate degree in Molecular Biology. I then pursued my Ph.D. in Biotechnology in Chile, working in Dr. Orellana's lab on endomembrane transport of cell wall materials. Following my doctoral studies, I joined the University of California, Riverside, as a postdoctoral researcher, first in the labs of Drs. Natasha Raikhel and Glenn Hicks, where I developed chemical tools to study the endomembrane system, and later in Dr. Jaimie Van Norman's lab, where I explored how endomembrane trafficking regulates protein polarization and developmental processes. This path has inspired me to promote high-quality science and to support young researchers, all values that align closely with those championed by ASPB, which I am eager to uphold and contribute to