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Area of Expertise: Cecilia has research experience in the field of environmental engineering, occupational health and safety, human health assessment, and computational modeling. Her recent research focuses on applying exposure and dosimetry (e.g., pharmacokinetic/physiologically-based pharmacokinetic [PBPK]) modeling, as well as cheminformatic tools, in refining high throughput *in vitro* data that are interpretable using Adverse Outcome Pathway. In addition to exposure and dosimetry modeling, she has been developing, with internal and external partners, the concept of Aggregate Exposure Pathway as an organizational and predictive framework for exposure science.

Select Publications:

- Phillips, M., Leonard, J., Grulke, C., Chang, D., Edwards, S., Brooks, R., Goldsmith, M.R., El-Masri, H., Tan, Y.M. (2015). A workflow to investigate exposure and pharmacokinetics influences on high-throughput *in vitro* chemical screening based on adverse outcome pathways. *Environ Health Perspect*; doi: 10.1289/ehp.1409450.
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- Ph.D., Environmental Sciences & Engineering, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2001
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- B.S., Environmental Engineering, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan, 1995

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- Post-doctoral Fellow, CIIT Centers for Health Research, RTP, NC 2001-2004
- NIOSH Trainee, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 1997-2001
- Industrial Hygienist, Massachusetts Institutes of Technology, Cambridge, MA 1996-1997