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Alejandro de la Puente is a 2016-2017 AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellow serving in NSF's Directorate for Education and Human Resources' Division of Undergraduate Studies. Prior to the AAAS fellowship, Alejandro was a postdoctoral research fellow at the Department of Physics in Carleton University. His research focused on building and studying new physics models to address the nature of dark matter, the naturalness of the Higgs boson, and the mechanism for neutrino mass generation. He worked primarily with models that can be directly tested at particle colliders. Alejandro has also been involved with High Energy Physics outreach activities in Latin America, an area that allowed him to lead and organize the first-ever High Energy Physics Masterclass in Lima – Peru in 2015 and most recently in April 2016. Alejandro is a spokesperson for Instituto Apoyo, a non-profit organization with a mission to design and implement educational solutions to promote inclusive social development in Peru. He is very interested and wants to be further involved with designing and promoting new ways to improve undergraduate STEM education in the United States. Alejandro received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Physics at Florida International University and his Ph.D. at the University of Notre Dame du Lac.