

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Dinosaurs Among Us: The Link to Birds

Week 1

Introduction to Diego Pol

Diego: My name is Diego Pol. I'm currently finishing the second year of my Ph.D. studies. I'm affiliated with Columbia University and the American Museum of Natural History. I basically do my research here, and I have all my classes and exams at Columbia University. I'm working with Mark Norell on a new species of theropod dinosaur; it is as yet unnamed. I'm also working on my thesis project, which is on a group of basal dinosaurs, primitive dinosaurs, named prosauropods. These are the forerunners of the sauropods. I'm really enjoying my research now and I think, in the future, after my Ph.D., I certainly would like to continue doing research. Currently I'm doing teaching at Columbia University in a paleontology class, and I'm finding that really exciting.