CONTACT Mathematical Sciences Building, Office 609 epabonca@purdue.edu Department of Mathematics, Purdue University ejpaboncancel.github.io Information EDUCATION & **Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics** Starting August 2023 Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

**ACADEMIC** BACKGROUND

**Bachelor of Science in Pure Mathematics** (Magna Cum Laude)

June 2023

**Curricular Sequence in Applied Mathematics for Science and Engineering** University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus (UPRM), Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

**High School Diploma** (*Highest Honors*)

June 2019

Juan Quirindongo Morell High School, Vega Baja, Puerto Rico

RESEARCH **POSITIONS** 

# Research Intern in Machine Learning and Generative AI

May 2023-August 2023

MIT Lincoln Laboratory Summer Research Program | GEM Fellowship Employer Sponsor Group 39, Division 3, MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Unsupervised Machine Learning via LSTM Autoencoders

Supervised by: Dr. Sam Polk & Dr. Mabel Ramírez, MIT Lincoln Laboratory

Participants: Eric J. Pabón Cancel

 Machine Learning and Mathematical Algorithms research project focused on Long Short-Term Memory autoencoders. I identified the autoencoder that both minimized the reconstruction loss and learned relevant information of encoded sequences.

## **Research Assistant in Number Theory**

August 2019–December 2022

Puerto Rico Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation

Department of Mathematical Sciences, University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus

*Properties of*  $\tau_{(n)}$ *-primes* 

Supervised by: Prof. Reyes M. Ortiz Albino, University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez

Participants: Eric J. Pabón Cancel

· Algebra and Number Theory research based on the theory of generalized factorizations in integral domains. I generalized the notion of complete residue systems for  $\tau_{(2)}$ -primes,  $\tau_{(3)}$ -primes and  $\tau_{(6)}$ primes. I extended the Euler totient function to the notion of equivalence clases modulo a  $\tau_{(n)}$ -prime.

#### **Research Assistant in Combinatorics**

June 2022–August 2022

Summer@ICERM 2022: Computational Combinatorics

Institute for Computational and Experimental Research in Mathematics, Brown University

Permutation Invariant Parking Assortments

Supervised by: Prof. Pamela E. Harris, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Participants: Douglas Chen, J. Carlos Martinez Mori, Eric J. Pabón-Cancel, Gabriel Sargent

• Enumerative Combinatorics research focused on the study of generalizations of parking functions. Characterized when the car length vector  $\vec{y}$  is minimally invariant (when  $(1^n)$  is the only invariant parking sequence), and characterized the form of the 2-tuple and 3-tuple parking sequences.

# Research Assistant in Algebraic Coding Theory

June 2021-August 2021

NSF REU in Combinatorics, Probability and Algebraic Coding Theory

East Tennessee State University & University of Puerto Rico at Ponce

Improving the Dimension Bound of Hermitian-Lifted Codes

Supervised by: Prof. Fernando Piñero González, University of Puerto Rico at Ponce

Participants: Austin Allen, Eric J. Pabón-Cancel, Lesley Polanco

· Algebraic Geometry research focused on locally recoverable codes from elements that arise from regions of the normal basis of the Hermitian Curve. Developed a formula that improved the counting of good recoverable functions. Improved the bound rate of the code from 0.7% to 10%.

Improving the Minimum Distance Bound of Trace Goppa Codes

Supervised by: Prof. Fernando Piñero González, University of Puerto Rico at Ponce

Participants: Isabel Byrne, Natalie Dodson, Eric J. Pabón Cancel, Ryan Lynch

• Finite Fields research focused on the development of codes using Goppa matrices by using quadratic extensions and cubic extensions over finite fields. Improved the minimum distance bound of trace Goppa polynomials.

#### **PROJECTS**

#### **Project in Optimization applied to Biochemistry**

June 2023-July 2023

MIT Lincoln Laboratory Summer Research Program

2023 MIT Lincoln Laboratory Intern Innovative Idea Challenge (I<sup>3</sup>C)

SKINS: Skin-growth boosting and Intra-absorptive Solution bandages

Supervised by: Ryan Burrow and Ashok Kumar, MIT Lincoln Laboratory

Participants: Samuel Brown, Eric J. Pabón-Cancel, Daniel Reves

• Chemistry and Biotech research project proposal of the 2023 edition of the MIT Lincoln Laboratory Intern Innovative Idea Challenge, based on the development of a hydrogel bandage with accelerated healing and anti-scarring properties. My team proposed a combination of Sodium Carboxymethil Cellulose, BMM and Aloe vera. I focused on estimating the materials cost, as well as establishing an approximate size of the bandage to optimize the amount of medicine that will be applied to the product. The project won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, ranked Top 3 out of 28 submitted proposals in the competition.

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#### SCHOLARSHIPS, 2023 National GEM Consortium PhD Science Fellowship, \$16,000

August 2023-May 2024

**FELLOWSHIPS** AND PRIZES

• Purdue University Department of Mathematics Sponsorship, \$11,700

August 2023-May 2024 December 2022

• MIT Lincoln Laboratory Employer Sponsorship

July 2023

2023 MIT Lincoln Laboratory I<sup>3</sup>C 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Prize, \$1,000

October 2022

2022 Evertec Inc. Scholarship, \$1,000.00 Puerto Rico-LSAMP Scholarship, \$4,800.00

August 2019–December 2022

UPRM Musical Talent Scholarship, \$800.00

February 2020

### **TRAVEL FUNDING**

2023 GEM Annual Board Meeting and Conference Travel Grant	September 2023
2023 Emerging Researchers National Conference in STEM Travel Grant	February 2023
2022 Field of Dreams Math Alliance Conference Travel Scholarship	November 2022
2022 Puerto Rico-LSAMP Travel Grant	October 2022

# AWARDS AND **MERITS**

2023 MIT Lincoln Laboratory I <sup>3</sup> C 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Research Proposal Winner	July 2023
2023 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention	March 2023
2022 Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar	June 2022
National Math Alliance Predoctoral Scholar	November 2021-May 2023
UPRM Faculty of Arts and Sciences Honor Roll	August 2018–May 2023

National Trig-Star Math Competition, 16th Overall Finalist June 2017 Eagle Scout Rank, with 2 Silver Palms May 2017

# **PAPERS**

PREPRINTS AND [1] E.J. Pabon-Cancel and R.M. Ortiz-Albino. Properties of  $\tau_{(n)}$ -primes. (In progress).

> [2] A. Allen, E.J. Pabon-Cancel, L. Polanco and F. Piñero-Gonzalez. Improving the Dimension Bound of Hermitian-Lifted Codes. (Submitted). Submitted to Designs, Codes and Cryptography. arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.01557.

[3] D. Chen, P.E. Harris, J. Carlos Martinez Mori, E.J. Pabon-Cancel and G. Sargent. Permutation Invariant Parking Assortments.

*Enumerative Combinatorics and Applications*, **4:1**, 1-25 (2024). #S2R4.

arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.01063.

	Designs, Codes and Cryptography. 91, 2649–2663 (2023). arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.03741			
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROFESSION	[1] P.E. Harris, Z. Markman, L. Martinez, A. Mock, <u>E.J. Pabón-Cancel</u> , A. Verga, and S. Wang. A Model for a One-Hour Workshop on Mentoring. <i>MAA Focus</i> , <b>43</b> (1), 18-21 (2023).			
INVITED TALKS	• Combinatorics and Coding Theory in the Tropics (UPR-Ponce) REU Seminar: Graduate School: Application tips and advice	Virtual Seminar July 2023		
POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS	• 2023 MIT Lincoln Lab Intern Innovative Idea Challenge SKINS: Skin-growth boosting and Intra-absorptive Solution Bandages Presented	Lexington, MA attion July 2023		
	• 2023 MIT Lincoln Lab Intern Innovative Idea Challenge Skin-Absorptive and Skin-Growth Boosting Bandages Poster	Lexington, MA July 2023		
	• 2023 JTM-PRISM Properties of $\tau_{(n)}$ -primes Presentation	<b>Bayamón, PR</b> April 2023		
	• 38th Interuniversity Mathematical Sciences Research Seminar Permutation Invariant Parking Assortments Presentation	<b>Mayagüez, PR</b> February 2023		
	• 2023 AAAS Emerging Researchers National Conference in STEM Permutation Invariant Parking Functions with cars of assorted lengths Poster	Washington, DC February 2023		
	• Joint Mathematics Meetings 2023  Permutation Invariant Parking Functions with cars of assorted lengths Poster  Permutation Invariant Parking Functions with Cars of Arbitrary Lengths Prese	Boston, MA January 2023 ntation		
	• 2022 SACNAS National Diversity in STEM Conference The Study of $\tau_{(n)}$ -primes Poster	San Juan, PR October 2022		
	• 2022 Gulf Coast Undergraduate Research Symposium Properties of $\tau_{(n)}$ -primes Presentation	Houston, TX October 2022		
	• Summer@ICERM 2022: Computational Combinatorics On Permutation-Invariant Parking Sequences Presentation	<b>Providence, RI</b> August 2022		
	• 2022 JTM-PRISM The Study of $\tau_{(n)}$ -primes Presentation	<b>Humacao, PR</b> April 2022		
	• Joint Mathematics Meetings 2022 Improving Bounds of Hermitian-Lifted Codes Poster	Virtual Presentation April 2022		
	• 37th Interuniversity Mathematical Sciences Research Seminar Improving Bounds of Hermitian-Lifted Codes Presentation The Study of $\tau_{(n)}$ -primes Poster	<b>Virtual Presentation</b> February 2022		
	• 2021 Math REU Conference@Clemson University Improved Hermitian-Lifted Codes Presentation	Virtual Presentation July 2021		
	• 2021 JTM-PRISM The Study of $\tau_{(n)}$ -atoms Presentation	Virtual Presentation April 2021		
	• 35th Interuniversity Mathematical Sciences Research Seminar	Cayey, PR		

March 2020

*The Study of*  $\tau_{(n)}$ *-atoms Poster* 

[4] I. Byrne, N. Dodson, R. Lynch, <u>E.J. Pabon-Cancel</u> and F. Piñero-Gonzalez.

Improving the minimum distance bound of Trace Goppa codes.

CONFERENCES	• 2023 GEM Annual Board Meeting and Conference Sheraton Downtown Philadelphia	14-16 September, 2023 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
	• 2023 Junior Technical Meeting-PR Interdisciplinary Scientific Meeting University of Puerto Rico at Bayamón	29 April, 2023 Bayamón, Puerto Rico
	• 38th Interuniversity Mathematical Sciences Research Seminar University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus	24-25 February, 2023 Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
	• 2023 AAAS Emerging Researchers National Conference in STEM  Omni Shoreham Hotel  Wash	9-11 February, 2023 hington, District of Columbia
	• Joint Mathematics Meetings 2023  John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center	4-7 January, 2023 Boston, Massachusetts
	• 2022 Field of Dreams Conference of The National Math Alliance The University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	4-6 November, 2022 Minneapolis, Minnesota
	• 2022 SACNAS National Diversity in STEM Conference Pedro Roselló Convention Center	27-29 October, 2022 San Juan, Puerto Rico
	• 2022 Gulf Coast Undergraduate Research Symposium William Marsh Rice University	8-9 October, 2022 Houston, Texas
	• 2022 Junior Technical Meeting-PR Interdisciplinary Scientific Meeting University of Puerto Rico at Humacao	9 April, 2022 Humacao, Puerto Rico
	• Joint Mathematics Meetings 2022  Zoom Conference	6-9 April, 2022
	• 37th Interuniversity Mathematical Sciences Research Seminar Zoom Conference	25-26 February, 2022
	• 2021 Math REU Conference@Clemson University Zoom Conference	19 July, 2021
	• 2021 Junior Technical Meeting-PR Interdisciplinary Scientific Meeting Virtual Conference, sponsored by Puerto Rico Louis Stokes Alliance for	23-24 April, 2021 Minority Participation
	• 35th Interuniversity Mathematical Sciences Research Seminar University of Puerto Rico at Cayey	6-7 March, 2020 Cayey, Puerto Rico
WORKSHOPS AND MINI-COURSES	Preliminary Arizona Winter School 2023: Elliptic Curves and Abelian Topics: Abelian varieties over finite fields  Organizers: Southwest Center for Arithmetic Geometry, University of Arizon	ctober 2023–November 2023
	Inclusion In Innovation Initiative (I4) PEP Talk Workshop  Topics: Pathways to Entrepreneurship in STEM  Organizator, Camilla Martin (speaker), The National CEM Consortium and	Virtual Workshop August 2023

**Inclusion In Innovation Initiative (I4) GEMpreneur Workshop** 

Virtual Workshop

Topics: Introduction to the NSF I-Corps program

June 2023

Organizers: The National GEM Consortium and NSF I-Corps

Preliminary Arizona Winter School 2022: Heights and Model Theory

**Virtual Course** 

Topics: Heights in Diophantine geometry

October 2022–November 2022

Organizers: Southwest Center for Arithmetic Geometry, University of Arizona

Organizers: Camille Martin (speaker), The National GEM Consortium and NSF I-Corps

**MSRI Modern Math Workshop 2022** 

San Juan, PR

Topics: Mathematical Modeling and Data Science

October 2022

Organizers: Hélène Barcelo (MSRI), Christian Ratsch (IPAM), Ulrica Wilson (ICERM)

Thematic Program in p-adic L-functions and Eigenvarieties

**Notre Dame, IN** 

*Topics: Modular Forms and Elliptic Curves (Undergraduate Summer School)* May 2022–June 2022 Organizers: A. Jorza, C. Raicu, E. O'Dorney (Center for Mathematics, University of Notre Dame)

2022 NSF/STEM: Fellowships Application Workshop

Rio Piedras, PR

Topics: Grants and Fellowships Workshop

May 2022

Organizers: Mike Westrate (Villanova University)

**Algebraic Coding Theory Workshop** 

Johnson City, TN

*Topics: Finite Fields and Projective Geometry* 

June 2021

Organizer: Fernando Piñero González (University of Puerto Rico at Ponce)

SKILLS AND

Programming: Python, SAGEMath, Julia, C++, MATLAB

**OTHER** 

Software: Git, Markdown, LaTeX

INFORMATION

Languages: English (fluent) and Spanish (native)

Clearance Status: Secret Level Clearance

**Professional Memberships:** 

• SACNAS Member

since March 2022

GRADUATE

**Purdue University** 

Coursework

MA 55300: Introduction to Abstract Algebra I August 2023–December 2023 August 2023–December 2023

MA 53000: Functions of a Complex Variable I

University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus

MATE 6101: Number Theory I MATE 5150: Linear Algebra

August 2022–December 2022

August 2022–December 2022

January 2021–May 2021

**S**TUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

**PythagoRUM** 

Co-founder & Vice-President

Mayagüez, PR

• Served as co-founder and Vice-President for the mathematics and computer science student association. This association has the purpose to promote research in mathematics, as well as related fields of STEM, through professional development workshops and research colloquia.

#### Society of Physics Students, UPRM Chapter

Mayagüez, PR

Committee Assistant

August 2018–December 2022

• Served as a Demonstration Committee assistant in 2 physics phenomena presentations. The presentations were for an audience of 20+ elementary school students to motivate them to study science. Served as a Sales Committee assistant in chapter food sales events.

#### Hermandad Colegial de Avivamiento

Mayagüez, PR

Committee Assistant

August 2018–December 2022

• Served as percussion musician for Hermandad Colegial de Avivamiento. Went on a mission to the municipality of Vieques, Puerto Rico in the winter of 2019, and helped distribute donated food, clothing and gifts for people in need.

**Acting and Music** Mayagüez, PR

Acting: Theater Presentations and Roles

February 2019–December 2022

- The Physics Movie (Nicholas Flamel, secondary character) (Animated film in production)
- El Muerto (Sabás Honoré, secondary character) (August 2019)
- The Physics Show (Michael Faraday, secondary character) (March 2019)

Music: Alma Latina UPRM

February 2020–March 2020

 Worked as percussion musician and staff for the Latin jazz and salsa music group Alma Latina at UPRM.

REFERENCES Available upon request