

Contact Information

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Research Interests

Dynamical Systems (e.g. Mathematical Physics, Modeling in Material Science), AI & Machine Learning, Computational & Applied Mathematics (e.g. Numerical Methods, Data Assimilation).

Education & Academic Background

Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics

May 2029

Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana | Advisor: Prof. Aaron Yip

Master of Science in Mathematics

May 2026

Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana | Advisor: Prof. Aaron Yip

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

December 2022

Curricular Sequence in Applied Mathematics for Science and Engineering

University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus (UPRM), Mayagüez, Puerto Rico | Advisor: Prof. Reyes M. Ortiz Albino

Skills and Other Information

Programming & Computation: Python, Julia, C++, SageMath, MATLAB | Formatting & Tools: HTML, \LaTeX , Git
Math & AI/ML: NumPy, SciPy, PyTorch, TensorFlow, JAX, Flux, CUDA | Spoken Languages: English and Spanish

Research Experience

Research Intern in Dynamical Systems and Machine Learning

May 2025–August 2025

URA-Sandia Graduate Student Summer Fellowship

Livermore, California

Computational & Information Sciences Foundation, Sandia National Laboratories

Supervised by: Dr. Moe Khalil, Sandia National Laboratories

Research Intern in Machine Learning

May 2023–August 2023

MIT Lincoln Laboratory Summer Research Program (GEM Fellowship Employer Sponsor)

Lexington, Massachusetts

Group 39, Division 3, MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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

Research Assistant in Number Theory

August 2019–December 2022

Puerto Rico Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation

Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

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

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

Research Assistant in Combinatorics

June 2022–August 2022

Summer@ICERM 2022: Computational Combinatorics

Providence, Rhode Island

Institute for Computational and Experimental Research in Mathematics, Brown University

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

Research Assistant in Algebraic Coding Theory

June 2021–August 2021

NSF REU in Combinatorics, Probability and Algebraic Coding Theory

Johnson City, Tennessee

East Tennessee State University & University of Puerto Rico at Ponce

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

Projects

Project in Numerical Partial Differential Equations

January 2026–May 2026

MA61500: Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations

Instructor: Prof. Di Qi, Purdue University

TBA

Project in Numerical Differential Equations

August 2025–December 2025

MA57300: Numerical Solutions of Ordinary Differential Equations

Instructor: Prof. Di Qi, Purdue University

Data Assimilation for the Lorenz 96 Model

Projects in Optimal Transport and Neural Networks

January 2025–May 2025

Purdue University, West Lafayette

MA59500MM: Computational Optimal Transport and Deep Generative Models

Instructor: Prof. Rongjie Lai, Purdue University

Normalizing Flows Optimal Transport implementation on MNIST Dataset

WGAN and Monge Map implementation on MNIST Dataset

Project in Neural Networks and Dynamical Systems

November 2024–December 2024

Purdue University, West Lafayette

MA59500MM: Introduction to Mathematical Modeling

Instructor: Prof. Alexandria Volkening, Purdue University

Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINNs) for Hurricane Trajectory Prediction

Project in Biotechnology

June 2023–July 2023

MIT Lincoln Laboratory Summer Research Program

2023 MIT Lincoln Laboratory Intern Innovative Idea Challenge (I³C) (3rd Place Project Winner)

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

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

Awards and Merits

Fellowships, Scholarships and Prizes

2025 Universities Research Association-Sandia National Labs Graduate Summer Fellowship

May 2025–August 2025

2023 National GEM Consortium PhD Science Fellowship

August 2023–May 2024

- Purdue University Department of Mathematics Sponsorship

August 2023–May 2024

- MIT Lincoln Laboratory Employer Sponsorship (Internship)

May 2023–August 2023

2023 MIT Lincoln Laboratory I³C 3rd Place Research Proposal Prize

July 2023

2022 Evertec Inc. STEM Scholarship

October 2022

Puerto Rico-Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Research Scholarship

August 2019–December 2022

Merits and Honors

2023 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention

March 2023

2022 Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar

June 2022

National Math Alliance Predoctoral Scholar

November 2021

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 and Articles

The asterisk symbol (*) denotes alphabetical order authorship.

Research Articles and Preprints:

[1] S. Polk, E.J. Pabon-Cancel, R. Paleja, K. Chestnut-Chang, R. Jensen and M. Ramirez.

Unsupervised Behavior Inference from Human Action Sequences (UNBIAS).

2024 IEEE Conference on Games (CoG), Milan, Italy, 2024, pp. 1-8.

[2] *A. Allen, E.J. Pabon-Cancel, F. Piñero-Gonzalez and L. Polanco.

Improving the Dimension Bound of Hermitian-Lifted Codes.

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.

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

Improving the minimum distance bound of Trace Goppa codes.

Designs, Codes and Cryptography. **91**, 2649–2663 (2023).

Contributions to the profession:

[1] *P.E. Harris, Z. Markman, L. Martinez, A. Mock, E.J. Pabon-Cancel, A. Verga, and S. Wang.

A Model for a One-Hour Workshop on Mentoring.

MAA Focus, **43**(1), 18-21 (2023).

Teaching and Grading Experience

- MA 59500MB: Mathematical Biology (Grading) January 2026–May 2026
- MA 32500: History of Mathematics (Grading) January 2026–May 2026
- MA 26100 REC: Multivariate Calculus Recitation (Teaching) August 2025–December 2025
January 2025–May 2025
August 2024–December 2024
- MA 13900: Mathematics for Elementary Teachers III (Grading) June 2024–August 2024

Poster Sessions, Presentations and Conferences

- Purdue University Prospective Student Visit Weekend Graduate Student Research Expo. 20 February 2026
Mathematical Sciences Building, Purdue University
Poster: Data-Driven Closure Models (DDCMs) West Lafayette, Indiana
- Purdue University Student Computational and Applied Mathematics Seminar 13 February 2026
Helen B. Schleman Hall, Purdue University
Presentation: Data-Driven Closure Models (DDCMs) West Lafayette, Indiana
- URA-Sandia Graduate Summer Fellowship Lightning Talk 6 August 2025
Presentation: Data-Driven Closure Models (DDCMs) Virtual Seminar
- Sandia National Laboratories CA SIP Intern Symposium 5 August 2025
Auditorium, Sandia National Laboratories-Livermore
Poster: Data-Driven Closure Models (DDCMs) Livermore, California
- Combinatorics and Coding Theory in the Tropics (UPR-Ponce) 18 July 2025
Invited REU Seminar: My Story & Permutation-Invariant Parking Assortments Virtual Seminar
- Purdue University Student Commutative Algebra Seminar 18 November 2024
Helen B. Schleman Hall, Purdue University
Presentation: Results in $\tau_{(n)}$ -factorizations and $\tau_{(n)}$ -primes. West Lafayette, Indiana
- Purdue University Student Math History Seminar 9 September 2024
Lawson Computer Science Building, Purdue University
Presentation: Testimonios: Stories of Latinos and Hispanics in Mathematics West Lafayette, Indiana
- Underrepresented Students in Topology and Algebra Research Symposium 2024 20-21 April 2024
University of Iowa Iowa City, Iowa
- 2023 MIT Lincoln Lab Intern Innovative Idea Challenge 14, 21 July 2023
MIT Lincoln Laboratory Auditorium
Poster: Skin-Absorptive and Skin-Growth Boosting Bandages
Presentation: SKINS: Skin-growth boosting and Intra-absorptive Solution Bandages Lexington, Massachusetts
- Combinatorics and Coding Theory in the Tropics (UPR-Ponce) 7 July 2023
Invited REU Seminar Talk: Graduate School: Application tips and advice Virtual Seminar
- 2023 ACS Junior Technical Meeting-Puerto Rico Interdisciplinary Scientific Meeting 29 April 2023
University of Puerto Rico at Bayamón, Sponsored by PR-LSAMP
Presentation: Properties of $\tau_{(n)}$ -primes Bayamón, Puerto Rico
- 38th Interuniversity Mathematical Sciences Research Seminar 24-25 February 2023
University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus
Presentation: Permutation Invariant Parking Assortments Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
- 2023 AAAS Emerging Researchers National Conference in STEM 9-11 February 2023
Omni Shoreham Hotel
Poster: Permutation Invariant Parking Functions with cars of assorted lengths Washington, District of Columbia

- Joint Mathematics Meetings 2023
John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center
Poster: Permutation Invariant Parking Functions with cars of assorted lengths
Presentation: Permutation Invariant Parking Functions with Cars of Arbitrary Lengths
4-7 January 2023
Boston, Massachusetts
- Field of Dreams Conference 2022
The Graduate Hotel, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
4-6 November 2022
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2022 SACNAS National Diversity in STEM Conference
Pedro Roselló Convention Center
Poster: The Study of $\tau_{(n)}$ -primes
27-29 October 2022
San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 2022 Gulf Coast Undergraduate Research Symposium
William Marsh Rice University
Presentation: Properties of $\tau_{(n)}$ -primes
8-9 October 2022
Houston, Texas
- Summer@ICERM 2022: Computational Combinatorics
Institute for Computational and Experimental Research in Mathematics
Presentation: On Permutation-Invariant Parking Sequences
3 August 2022
Providence, Rhode Island
- 2022 ACS Junior Technical Meeting-Puerto Rico Interdisciplinary Scientific Meeting
University of Puerto Rico at Humacao
Presentation: The Study of $\tau_{(n)}$ -primes
9 April 2022
Humacao, Puerto Rico
- Joint Mathematics Meetings 2022
Poster: Improving Bounds of Hermitian-Lifted Codes
6-9 April 2022
Virtual Conference
- 37th Interuniversity Mathematical Sciences Research Seminar
Poster: The Study of $\tau_{(n)}$ -primes
Presentation: Improving Bounds of Hermitian-Lifted Codes
25-26 February 2022
Virtual Conference
- 2021 Math REU Conference@Clemson University
Presentation: Improved Hermitian-Lifted Codes
19 July 2021
Virtual Conference
- 2021 ACS Junior Technical Meeting-Puerto Rico Interdisciplinary Scientific Meeting
Presentation: The Study of $\tau_{(n)}$ -atoms
23-24 April 2021
Virtual Conference
- 35th Interuniversity Mathematical Sciences Research Seminar
University of Puerto Rico at Cayey
Poster: The Study of $\tau_{(n)}$ -atoms
6-7 March 2020
Cayey, Puerto Rico

Academics and Coursework

Purdue University

Qualifying Exams:

MA 55300: Introduction to Abstract Algebra – Passed August 2024 | Grade: A

MA 54400: Real Analysis and Measure Theory – Passed January 2026 | Grade: B

Coursework (Graduate):

MA 61500: Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations

January 2026–May 2026

MA 53200: Elements of Stochastic Processes

January 2026–May 2026

MA 59800ZAT: Hamiltonian Dynamics

January 2026–May 2026

MA 55400: Linear Algebra

August 2025–December 2025

MA 51900: Introduction to Probability

August 2025–December 2025

MA 57300: Numerical Solutions of Ordinary Differential Equations

August 2025–December 2025

MA 59500OT: Computational Optimal Transport and Deep Generative Models

January 2025–May 2025

MA 59800ZDS: Topics in Dynamical Systems (Bifurcation Theory)

January 2025–May 2025

MA 54600: Introduction to Functional Analysis

January 2025–May 2025

MA 59500AFF: Analytic Theory of Function Fields

August 2024–December 2024

MA 59500MM: Introduction to Mathematical Modeling

August 2024–December 2024

MA 54300: Introduction to Ordinary Differential Equations and Dynamical Systems

January 2024–May 2024

MA 54400: Real Analysis and Measure Theory

January 2024–May 2024

MA 55300: Introduction to Abstract Algebra	August 2023–December 2023
MA 53000: Functions of a Complex Variable I	August 2023–December 2023
University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus	
<i>Coursework (Graduate):</i>	
MATE 6101: Number Theory I	August 2022–December 2022
MATE 5150: Linear Algebra	January 2021–May 2021
<i>Coursework (Undergraduate):</i>	
MATE 4000: Elements of Topology	August 2022–December 2022
MATE 4052: Advanced Calculus II	January 2022–May 2022
MATE 4051: Advanced Calculus I	August 2021–December 2021
MATE 4061: Numerical Analysis I	August 2021–December 2021
MATE 4021: Introduction to Mathematical Logic	August 2021–December 2021
MATE 4010: Introduction to Complex Variables	January 2021–May 2021
ESMA 4001: Mathematical Statistics I	January 2021–May 2021
MATE 4020: Partial Differential Equations and Fourier Series	August 2020–December 2020
MATE 4008: Introduction to Algebraic Structures	August 2020–December 2020
MATE 3040: Theory of Numbers	August 2020–December 2020
MATE 4009: Ordinary Differential Equations	June 2020–July 2020
MATE 4031: Introduction to Linear Algebra	January 2020–May 2020
COMP 3010: Introduction to Computer Programming I	January 2020–May 2020
MATE 3063: Calculus III	January 2020–May 2020
MATE 3032: Calculus II	August 2019–December 2019
MATE 3020: Introduction to Mathematical Foundations	August 2019–December 2019
MATE 3031: Calculus I	June 2019–July 2019
MATE 3172: Precalculus II	January 2019–May 2019
MATE 3171: Precalculus I	August 2018–December 2018

Student Associations

PythagoRUM

Co-founder & Vice-President

Society of Physics Students, UPRM Chapter

Committee Assistant

August 2022–December 2022

Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

August 2018–December 2022

Mayagüez, Puerto Rico