Niny Arcila-Maya, PhD

Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Algebraic Topology, Homotopy Theory, Topological Data Analysis, Mathematical Biology

APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor | Member of the Black and Latinx/e Student Success Cohort

Department of Mathematics, San Francisco State University

Jan 2025 San Francisco, CA

William W. Elliott Assistant Research Professor

Department of Mathematics, Duke University

Jan 2022 - Jul 2024 Durham, NC

2016 - 2021

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Mathematics	University of British Columbia
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Thesis: Decomposition of topological Azumaya algebras in the stable range

Supervisors: Ben Williams & Alejandro Adem

M.Sc. in Mathematics Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Thesis: Cohomology of semidirect products Supervisor: José Manuel Gómez Guerra

2014 - 2016

B.Sc. in Mathematics Universidad Nacional de Colombia

2009 - 2013 Magna Cum Laude

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Lathisms Honoree - Lathisms Hispanic Heritage Month Calendar	2024
NExT (New Experiences in Teaching) Fellow: Green'23 Cohort - MAA Project NExT	2023 – 2024
President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award - University of British Columbia	2020 – 2021
International Tuition Award - University of British Columbia	2016 – 2021
Faculty of Science PhD Tuition Award - University of British Columbia	2016 – 2020
Itoko Muraoka Fellowship - St. John's College, Vancouver	2018
Academic Excellence Scholarship - <i>Universidad Nacional de Colombia</i>	2014 - 2016

PUBLICATIONS & PREPRINTS

- 5. Decomposition of symplectic vector bundles and Azumaya algebras. Arcila-Maya, N. (2023). Submitted. ArXiv
- 4. Decomposition of topological Azumaya algebras with orthogonal involution. Arcila-Maya, N. (2022). Accepted for publication after corrections at the Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra. ArXiv
- 3. Compactly supported \mathbb{A}^1 -Euler characteristic and the Hochschild complex. Arcila-Maya N., Bethea C., Opie M., Wickelgren K., Zakharevich I. (2022). Topology and its Applications 316. DOI
- 2. Decomposition of topological Azumaya algebras. Arcila-Maya, N. (2021). Canadian Mathematical Bulletin, 1-19. DOI
- 1. Numerical solution of a fractional differential equation Wave-Diffusion. Arcila Maya N., Acosta Medina C., and Trujillo Casanova S. (2013). NOOS Journal, Vol. 2, 43 - 48, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Manizales.

TALKS

AT EVENTS

Vines and vineyards to understand ring-like formations within filamentous protein networks Mar 2024 Invited speaker - AMS 2024 Spring Southeastern Sectional Meeting Florida State University Topological Azumaya algebras and the decomposition problem Apr 2023 Invited speaker - AMS 2023 Spring Central Sectional Meeting University of Cincinnati Decomposition of topological Azumaya algebras in the stable range Aug 2022 Invited speaker - AT and TDA: A Conference in Honor of Gunnar Carlsson University of Minnesota Entendiendo álgebras topológicas de Azumaya Jun 2021 Invited speaker - I Encuentro de Estudiantes y Egresados de Matemáticas Universidad Nacional de Colombia Decomposition of topological Azumaya algebras with involution Dec 2020 Invited speaker - CMS Winter Meeting 2020 - Homotopy Theory Session Montreal, Canada Decomposition of Azumaya algebras May 2020 Invited speaker - Topology, Coast to Coast University of British Columbia Decomposition of topological Azumaya algebras Dec 2019 Invited speaker - CMS Winter Meeting 2019 - Topology Session Toronto, Canada Integral cohomology of BPU $_n$ and the understanding of topological Azumaya algebras Mar 2019 Invited speaker - Women in Homotopy Theory and Algebraic Geometry II Freie Universität AT SEMINARS Decomposition problem for topological Azumaya algebras with an involution of the first kind Apr 2023 Invited speaker - Topology Seminar University of Virginia Decomposition problem for topological Azumaya algebras with an involution of the first kind Apr 2023 Invited speaker - Topology Seminar John Hopkins University Algebras topológicas de Azumaya y el problema de descomposición Apr 2023 Invited speaker - Seminario de Topología Algebraica y Geometría Virtual Topological Azumaya algebras and the decomposition problem Apr 2023 Invited speaker - Homotopy Theory Seminar University of Pennsylvania Decomposition of topological Azumaya algebras in the stable range Apr 2022 Invited speaker - Peripatetic Seminar University of Calgary Decomposition of topological Azumaya algebras with symplectic involution Mar 2022 Geometry & Topology Seminar **Duke University** Decomposition of topological Azumaya algebras Oct 2020 Invited speaker - Topology Seminar University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign **Cohomology Operations** Fall 2019 QTOP Math - Series: Stable homotopy theory University of British Columbia What is a topological Azumaya algebra? Spring 2019 Reading Seminar - Series: Power Operations & Miscellaneous University of British Columbia

WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

Climate Science at the Interface Between Topological Data Analysis and Dynamical Systems Theory - AMS - Mathematics Research Community	Jul 2024
Algebraic K-theory and Brauer Groups - Banff International Research Station	Jun 2024
Representation of Codes Using Group Algebras - Rethinking Number Theory	Jun 2023
VSU CBMS Conference on Topological Data Analysis and Persistence Theory - Valdosta State University	Aug 2022
Motivic Homotopy: Interactions and Applications - IAS Park City Mathematics Institute	Jul 2021
Cohomology of Finite Groups: Interactions and Aplications - Research Institute for Mathematics: MFO	Aug 2020
Women in Topology III - Hausdorff Research Institute for Mathematics: HIM	Aug 2019
Workshop Women in Topology - Mathematical Sciences Research Institute: MSRI	Nov 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Math 105L: Laboratory Calculus and Functions I

Spring 2024 Department of Mathematics - Duke University

Instructor - One section

Math 611: Algebraic Topology I

Fall 2023 Department of Mathematics - Duke University

Instructor - One section

Math 218D2: Vectors and Matrices

Spring 2023 Department of Mathematics - Duke University

Discussion facilitator - Four sections

Fall 2022

Math 401/701: Introduction to Abstract Algebra

Department of Mathematics - Duke University

Instructor - One section

Summer 2022

Math 112L: Laboratory Calculus II - Online

Instructor - One section

Department of Mathematics - Duke University

Math 112L: Laboratory Calculus II

Spring 2022

Instructor - Two sections

Department of Mathematics - Duke University

Math 152: Linear Systems - Online

Spring 2021

Instructor - One section

Department of Mathematics - University of British Columbia

Head TA of the Mathematics Learning Center (MLC)

2019-2020

40 to 60 graduate and undergraduate TAs

Department of Mathematics - University of British Columbia

Mathematical Logic

Instructor - One section

Department of Mechatronics Engineering - Universidad de Caldas

In what follows, all items marked with a star (★) are activities related to Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

* AWM - Mentoring Network

Summer 2023 - Present

MENTORED A GRADUATE STUDENT: Dhanusshya Raghu Ramanujan Institute for Advanced Study in Mathematics Mentors are paired with undergraduate students to meet monthly to discuss career goals, resources, and build community.

Summer Project Summer 2023 MENTORED A MATHEMATICS UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT **Duke University**

Festus Akinsola - An introduction to vines and vinevards

Math 491: Non-research Independent Study

Spring 2023

MENTORED TWO MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Ryan Iki and Mark Rekutin - An introduction to topological data analysis

Duke University

* Twoples - Online Directed Reading Program

Spring 2022

MENTORED A MATHEMATICS UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

University of Alaska Southeast

Alice Mehalek - Group actions, Sylow theorems, and modules

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

★ Founder and Co-organizer - Pares Ordenados: Online DRP in Spanish

Spring 2023 - Present

Free mentorship program serving Spanish-speaking math undergraduate students in Latin America Worldwide Community

Fall 2023 - Spring 2024

Member of the Duke Math DEI team Department of Mathematics

Duke University

Member of the Prison Engagement Initiave Network

Fall 2023

MEMBER OF THE IN-PRISON EDUCATION TASK FORCE - The Kenan Institute for Ethics

Duke University

Interdisciplinary Duke University network committed to engaging prisons, the people affected by prisons, and the politics and pathways surrounding mass incarceration.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

TEACHING & MENTORING TRAINING

★ Cultivating an Inclusive Teaching & Learning Community through Narrative ChangeDuke UniversityCenter for Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation (TRHT)Nov 8, 2023

Workshop: 1 hour

Best Practices in MentoringDuke UniversityDuke Graduate AcademySummer 2023

Workshop: 6 sessions of 75 minutes each

Instructional Skills Workshop University of British Columbia

Spring 2021

Fall 2019

Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology (CTLT)

Workshop: 3 sessions of 4 hours each

Transitioning to Online Teaching: A Blended Approach University of British Columbia

Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology (CTLT)

Summer 2020

Workshop: 12 hours

Foundations of Pedagogy University of British Columbia

Centre for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL)

Workshop: 8 sessions of 2 hours each

DEI TRAINING & EVENTS ATTENDED

★ Neurodiversity Student Panel - Duke Neurodiversity ConnectionsDuke UniversityPersonal experience from neurodivergent students - Practical advice for teaching and mentoringSep 26, 2023

★ Bystander Training - Kenan Institute for EthicsDuke University

Workshop: 3 hours Summer 2023

★ Mathematics for Human FlourishingDuke UniversityTalk by Professor Francis SuDecember 2022

PROJECT NEXT

Professional development program for early career mathematicians focusing on enhancing math education, promoting inclusivity, and guiding early career faculty in research, scholarship, and service.

★ Engaging Students Meaninfully with ProofTampa, FloridaWorkshop: 80 minutesSummer 2023

★ Creating a Vibrant & Inclusive CommunityTampa, FloridaWorkshop: 80 minutesSummer 2023

Helping Students Value Learning Outcomes over GradesTampa, FloridaWorkshop: 80 minutesSummer 2023

Developing and Establishing Modeling/Computational CoursesTampa, FloridaWorkshop: 80 minutesSummer 2023

Charting your Career CourseTampa, FloridaWorkshop: 80 minutesSummer 2023

Jumpstarting Your ScholarshipTampa, FloridaWorkshop: 2 sessions of 2 hours eachSummer 2023

MISCELLANEOUS

Science & Research Communication - Duke Graduate Academy

Duke University

Workshop: 6 sessions of 2 hours each
Summer 2023

Generational differences in the workplace: Fact or Fiction - Alumni UBC

Webinar: 1 hour

University of British Columbia

Spring 2019

Presentation Skills I - MITACSUniversity of British ColumbiaWorkshop: 8 hoursSpring 2019

Skills of Communication - MITACS

University of British Columbia

Workshop: 8 hours Spring 2017

OUTREACH

★ FEMMES+ Capstone 2023

Led an activity together with two of my students

Apr 2023

Duke University

★ Festival of Numbers

Youth Math Contest

Red Matemática Antioquia *Aug 2015*

Facilitated recreational activities with children and teenagers

Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Made a digital solution manual for the contest

Fall 2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

AWM : Association for Women in Math

MAA : Mathematical Association of America

SACNAS : Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science

TECHNICAL SKILLS

 Data Analysis:
 Python, Jupyter, GitHub

 Other
 : ₾TFX, Microsoft Office, HTML

LANGUAGES

English : Fluent **Spanish** : Native