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RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am passionate about the interactions between algebra, combinatorics, topology, and their connections to applied sciences. In particular, I am working on or have done work related to:

- Volumes and lattice point enumeration of flow polytopes.
- Catalan combinatorics and its generalizations.
- Combinatorial and algebraic problems in graph theory and matroid theory.
- Associative algebras and operads using techniques from poset topology.
- Representation theory of the symmetric group. Symmetric and Quasisymmetric functions.
- Combinatorial Hopf algebras.
- The combinatorial structure of RNA folding.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Mathematics

August 2014

University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, USA.

Thesis: On the combinatorics of the free Lie algebra with multiple brackets.

Advisor: Michelle Wachs.

M.Sc. in Mathematics

May 2011

University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, USA.

M.Sc. in Mathematics

June 2009.

KTH - Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden.

Thesis: Representing matroids by polynomials with the half-plane property.

Advisor: Petter Brändén.

Electrical Engineering

March 2006

UPB University, Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia.

Thesis: Enhancement of the fiber optics network and design of the SDH information transport system of Metro de Medellín.

EMPLOYMENT

Docente Investigador (Assistant professor)

July 2017 – Present

Universidad Sergio Arboleda, Bogotá, Colombia.

Director of masters program in applied mathematics

July 2018 – Present

Universidad Sergio Arboleda, Bogotá, Colombia.

Postdoctoral Visitor

August 2017 – December 2017

York University. Toronto, ON, Canada.

Postdoctoral Scholar

August 2014 – June 2017

University of Kentucky. Lexington, KY, USA.

Research Assistant (NSF funded)
University of Miami. Coral Gables, FL, USA.

June 2012 – July 2014

Adjunct Instructor
UPB University. Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia.

January 2006 – June 2007

Projects Engineer
Fluidsignal Group, Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia

August 2005–August 2007

Engineering Intern
Metro de Medellín, Bello, Antioquia, Colombia

July 2004–January 2005

RESEARCH

Publications

The Whitney duals of a graded poset (with J. Hallam)
J. Combin. Theory Ser. A. Volume 177, January 2021.

A combinatorial model for computing volumes of flow polytopes (with C. Benedetti, C. R. H. Hanusa, P. E. Harris, A. Khare, A. H. Morales, M. Yip).
Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. Volume 372, Number 5, Pages 3369-3404, 2019.

Signature Catalan Combinatorics (with C. Ceballos)
J. Comb. Volume 10, Number 4, 725-773, 2019.

A family of symmetric functions associated with Stirling permutations.
J. Comb. Volume 10, Number 4, 675-709, 2019.

The colored symmetric and exterior algebras.
J. Algebra 496, 187-215, 2018.

On the free Lie algebra with multiple brackets.
Adv. Appl. Math. 79, 37-97, 2016.

On the (co)homology of the poset of weighted partitions (with M. L. Wachs).
Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. 368, 6779-6818, 2016.

A note on the γ -coefficients of the tree Eulerian polynomial.
Electron. J. Combin. Volume 23, Issue 1, #P1.20, 2016

On the half-plane property and the Tutte-group of a matroid (with P. Brändén).
J. Combin. Theory Ser. B. 100, 2010.

Refereed conference proceedings

Whitney labelings and 0-Hecke algebra actions on graded posets (with J. Hallam).
Sém. Lothar. Combin. 80B, Art. 88, 12 pp, 2018. (Proceedings FPSAC 2018).

The volume of the caracol polytope (with C. Benedetti, C. R. H. Hanusa, P. E. Harris, A. Khare, A. H. Morales, M. Yip).
Sém. Lothar. Combin. 80B, Art. 87, 12 pp, 2018. (Proceedings FPSAC 2018).

Whitney duals of geometric lattices (with J. Hallam) (FPSAC 2017).
Sém. Lothar. Combin. 78B, Art. 82, 12 pp, 2017. (Proceedings FPSAC 2017).

The colored symmetric and exterior algebras (extended abstract).
DMTCS Proceedings BC, 575586, 2016. (Proceedings FPSAC 2016).

On the poset of weighted partitions (with M. L. Wachs).
DMTCS Proceedings 01, 1029-1040, 2013. (Proceedings FPSAC 2013).

Thesis and dissertations

On the Combinatorics of the Free Lie Algebra With Multiple Brackets (Ph.D. thesis).
UM 2014. http://scholarlyrepository.miami.edu/oa_dissertations/1246

Representing matroids by polynomials with the half-plane property (master thesis).
KTH 2009.

STUDENTS

Past

- Master
 - Yeison Quiceno - U. Nacional de Colombia sede Medellín. **Thesis** On Whitney duals of operadic posets. June 18 of 2020
- Undergraduate
 - Francisco Alfonso Mayorga Cetina - U. Sergio Arboleda. **Thesis** Characterizing dual graphs associated to triangulations of the Caracol flow polytope. March 10 of 2020.
 - Cesar Orozco - U. Sergio Arboleda. **Thesis** On Hopf algebras related to Segre powers of a partially ordered set on weak compositions and a family of generalizations of the Riemann zeta function. June 4 of 2020.

Current

- Master
 - Daniel Clavijo - U. Sergio Arboleda. Topic: q -analogs in signature Catalan combinatorics.
 - Camilo Hurtado - U. Sergio Arboleda. Topic: Combinatorial approaches to RNA folding.
 - Edward Salamanca - U. Sergio Arboleda. Topic: Operadic posets.
- Undergraduate
 - Carlos Mayorga - U. Sergio Arboleda. Topic: Combinatorics of positroids.
 - Nicolás Rodríguez - U. Sergio Arboleda. Topic: Reverse plane partitions and the Lindström-Gessel-Viennot lemma.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

At Universidad Sergio Arboleda

- *Enumerative combinatorics and partially ordered sets*. Spring 2020. U. Sergio Arboleda, Bogotá, Colombia

- *Topology*. Spring 2018-Spring 2019-Fall 2019 - Fall 2020. U. Sergio Arboleda, Bogotá, Colombia
- *Partially ordered sets*. Fall 2018. U. Sergio Arboleda, Bogotá, Colombia.
- *Analysis*. Fall 2018. U. Sergio Arboleda, Bogotá, Colombia.
- *Combinatorics and Graph Theory*. Spring 2018. U. Sergio Arboleda, Bogotá, Colombia.
- *Abstract algebra*. Spring 2018 - Fall 2020. U. Sergio Arboleda, Bogotá, Colombia.

At University of Kentucky

- *Poset cohomology and combinatorial species (MA 714)*. Spring 2017. U. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.
- *Calculus 2 (MA 114)*. Fall 2016. U. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.
- *Calculus 1 (MA 113)*. Spring 2016. U. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.
- *Combinatorics and Graph Theory (MA/CS 415G)*. Fall 2015 - Fall 2016. U. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.
- *Calculus 4 (MA 214)*. Spring 2015. U. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.
- *Matrix Algebra and Its Applications (MA 322)*. Fall 2014 -Spring 2015-Spring 2016. U. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.

At University of Miami

- *Calculus 2 (MTH 162)*. Spring 2012. U. of Miami, Coral Gables, FL.
- *Calculus 1 (MTH 161)*. Fall 2010 - Fall 2011. U. of Miami, Coral Gables, FL.
- *Precalculus 1 (MTH 107)*. Spring 2011. U. of Miami, Coral Gables, FL.

At Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana

- *Computer Networks*. Spring/Fall 2006 - Spring 2007. UPB university, Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia.
- *Data Networks Lab*. Spring 2007. UPB university, Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Colciencias postdoctoral fellowship 2019-2020. Administrative Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (Colciencias), Bogotá, Colombia.

Award for Teaching Excellence 2019. Mathematics program. Universidad Sergio Arboleda, Bogotá, Colombia.

Outstanding graduate student in Mathematics May 2014. University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, USA.

Colciencias doctorate fellowship 2012-2014. Administrative Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (Colciencias), Bogotá, Colombia.

College of Arts and Sciences Dean's summer research fellowship Summer 2011. University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, USA.

TALKS AND POSTERS

In conferences and meetings

- August 12-15, 2019 (Minicourse) XXXVI del Coloquio de la Sociedad Matemática Peruana “CÉSAR CARRANZA SARAIVIA”. Universidad Nacional Pedro Ruiz Gallo. Lambayeque, Perú.
- August 8, 2019 Sesión temática en posets y matroides. Coloquio latinoamericano de álgebra. Colegio Nacional, Ciudad de México, México.
- Junio 14, 2019 XXII Congreso Colombiano de Matemáticas 2019. Universidad del Cauca, Popayán, Cauca, Colombia.
- January 24, 2019 Décimo encuentro regional de matemáticas. Universidad de Antioquia, Medellín, Colombia.
- July 27, 2018 ICM Satellite Conference: A Pan-Hemispheric Celebration of Mathematics in Miami. University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, US.
- July 16, (Poster) 2018 Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics FPSAC 2018. Dartmouth College, Hanover NH, USA.
- July 17-28, 2017, (Minicourse) Días de Combinatoria DIAS 2017. Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana. Medellin, Colombia.
- April 2, 2017 Special Session on Algebraic and Enumerative Combinatorics with Applications. AMS Sectional Meeting. Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.
- September 24, 2016. Special Session on Plethysm and Kronecker Products in Representation Theory. AMS Sectional Meeting. Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME.
- July 14, 2016. V Congreso Latinoamericano de Matematicos. Universidad del Norte. Barranquilla, Colombia.
- July 5, 2016. (Poster) FPSAC’16 The 28th International Conference on Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics. Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- October 17, 2015. Special Session on Topological Combinatorics. AMS Sectional Meeting. University of Memphis. Memphis, TN.
- October 3, 2015. Special Session on Enumerative Algebraic and geometric combinatorics. AMS Sectional Meeting. Loyola University. Chicago, IL.
- August 28, 2015. Algebraic Combinatorics and Applications, The first annual Kliakhandler Conference. Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI, USA
- April 18, 2015. Special Session on Algebro-Geometric Methods in Graph Theory. AMS Sectional Meeting. U. of Nevada. Las Vegas, NV.
- March 27, 2015. Colloquium-Graduate Students Combinatorics Conference. U. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.
- March 14, 2015. Special Session on Algebraic Combinatorics. AMS Sectional Meeting. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- January 5, 2015. Conference in honor of Michelle Wachs. U. of Miami. Miami, FL.
- October 26, 2014. Special Session on Topological Combinatorics and Combinatorial Commutative Algebra. AMS Sectional Meeting. SFSU, San Francisco, CA.
- July 12, 2014. Cuarto Encuentro Colombiano de Combinatoria ECCO2014. Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia.

- October 19, 2013. Special Session on Topological Combinatorics. AMS Sectional Meeting. Washington University, St. Louis, MO.
- June 17, 2013. The 11th Nordic Combinatorial Conference (NORCOM). KTH, Stockholm, Sweden.
- June 24, 2013. (Poster) FPSAC'13 The 25th International Conference on Formal Power Series and Algebraic Combinatorics. Paris, France.
- October 14, 2012. Special Session on Algebraic and Topological Combinatorics. AMS Sectional Meeting. Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.

In seminars

- October 19, 2020 Seminario MADIS de Matemáticas Discretas. Universidad del Cauca. Popayán, Colombia
- October 5, 2020 Combinatorics Seminar. Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, USA
- April 23, 2020 Discrete Math Seminar. UMass Amherst, MA, USA.
- March 5, 2020 Seminario Sabanero de Combinatoria. Fundación Universitaria Konrad Lorenz, Bogotá, Colombia.
- September 19, 2019 Seminario Sabanero de Combinatoria. Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia.
- April 22, 2019 Representation theory seminar. UMass Amherst, MA, USA.
- April 8, 2019 Combinatorics seminar. University of Miami, FL, USA.
- March 15, 2019. Seminario Sabanero de Combinatoria. Universidad Sergio Arboleda. Bogotá, Colombia.
- September 17, 2018. Seminario Sabanero de Combinatoria. Universidad de los Andes. Bogotá, Colombia.
- August 22, 2018. Coloquio Universidad Sergio Arboleda. Bogotá, Colombia.
- March 5, 2018. Seminario Sabanero de Combinatoria. Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Bogotá, Colombia.
- November 27, 2017. Applied Algebra Seminar. York University. Toronto, Canada.
- October 30, 2017. Discrete CATS seminar. U. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.
- September 25, 2017. Applied Algebra Seminar. York University. Toronto, Canada.
- June 21, 2017. Combinatorics Seminar. University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL.
- April 21, 2017. Combinatorics Seminar. Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC.
- April 3, 2017. Discrete CATS seminar. U. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.
- November 16, 2016. Algebra-Geometry-Combinatorics seminar at SFSU, San Francisco, CA.
- November 14, 2016. Algebra and Discrete Mathematics seminar at UC Davis, Davis, CA.
- October 24, 2016. Discrete CATS seminar. U. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.
- April 4, 2016. Discrete CATS seminar. U. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.

- September 14, 2015. Discrete CATS seminar. U. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.
- May 13, 2015. Combinatorics seminar. U. of Washington. Seattle, WA.
- November 24, 2014. Applied Algebra Seminar. York University. Toronto, Canada.
- October 31, 2014. Discrete CATS seminar. U. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.
- October 2, 2010. Combinatorics Seminar. U. of Miami, Coral Gables, FL.
- March 2, 2010. Combinatorics Seminar. U. of Miami, Coral Gables, FL.
- May 27, 2009. Combinatorics Seminar. KTH-The Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden.

ORGANIZED CONFERENCES AND SESSIONS

(Postponed due to COVID19) Nov 30 - Dec 4, 2021 III Encuentro de mujeres matemáticas en latinoamérica. Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia.

(Postponed due to COVID19) July 20-24, 2020 Sesión temática en Combinatoria algebraica de funciones simétricas, cuasisimétricas y aplicaciones <https://www.clam2020.cmat.edu.uy/>. VI Congreso latinoamericano de Matemáticos. Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay.

(Postponed due to COVID19) June 16-27, 2020 7th Encuentro Colombiano de Combinatoria ECCO 2020. Universidad Sergio Arboleda y Universidad de los Andes. Bogotá, Colombia. June, 2020. <http://ecco2020.combinatoria.co>

(Postponed due to COVID19) June 12-14, 2020 Applied and Computational Mathematics in the Americas ACMA/IMSA. Institute of the Mathematical Sciences of the Americas. University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, USA.

Días de Combinatoria DIAS 2019. Universidad del Cauca, Popayán, Colombia. July 15-26, 2019. <http://dias2019.combinatoria.co>

Seminario Sabanero de Combinatoria SeSaCo. Bogotá, Colombia. Spring-Fall 2018, Spring-Fall 2019, Spring-Fall 2020.

CIMPA research school: 6th Encuentro Colombiano de Combinatoria ECCO 2018. Universidad del Norte. Barranquilla, Colombia. June 5-16, 2018. <http://ecco2018.combinatoria.co>

Días de Combinatoria DIAS 2017. Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana, Medellin, Colombia. July 17-28, 2017. <http://dias2017.combinatoria.co>

AMS special session on applications of Partially Ordered Sets in Algebraic, Topological, and Enumerative Combinatorics at the 2017 Joint Mathematics Meetings. Atlanta, GA. January 4-7, 2017.

Special session on algebraic combinatorics, Hopf algebras and tensor categories at the V Congreso Latinoamericano de Matemáticos. Universidad del Norte. Barranquilla, Colombia. July 11-15, 2016.

CIMPA research school: 5th Encuentro Colombiano de Combinatoria ECCO 2016. Universidad de Antioquia. Medellin, Colombia. June 13-24, 2016. <http://ecco2016.combinatoria.co>

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Member of the gender and equality commission of the Colombian Mathematical Society. 2019-current.

Co-organizer of the Math Circles program of the Colombian Mathematical Society. Universidad Sergio Arboleda. Spring-Fall 2019.

Co-leader of the research group **Comunidad Colombiana de Combinatoria** with Colciencias code COL0180477 since January of 2016.

Faculty co-advisor for the Math Club. University of Kentucky, Fall 2016-Spring 2017.

Co-organizer of the UM Math Graduate Students Seminar. Fall 2010 to Spring 2012.

Students delegate on the faculty counsel of Electrical Engineering and on the Engineering School 2003-2004. UPB University, Medellín, Colombia.

SKILLS

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent).

Operating Systems: GNU/Linux and WINDOWS.

Computer Languages: Python, MATLAB, Octave, Sage Math.

REFERENCES

Available on request