

Lorena Aguirre Salazar

Curriculum Vitæ

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Education

- 2016 - 2021 **Ph.D. in Mathematics**, *McMaster University - Canada*, Supervisors: Drs. Stan Alama and Lia Bronsard, Thesis title: Solutions and limits of the Thomas-Fermi-Dirac-Von Weizsäcker energy with background potential
- 2012 - 2014 **M.Sc in Applied Mathematics**, *Technion - Israel*, Supervisor: Dr. Itai Shafrir, Thesis title: On Semi-linear elliptic systems exhibiting critical behavior
- 2010 **Exchange student**, *Ingeniería Civil Matemática - Universidad de Chile, Santiago*, Courses taken: Fourier Analysis, Partial Differential Equations, Optimization
- 2009 - 2011 **B.Sc in Mathematics**, *Universidad Nacional de Colombia*

Professional Development

- 2022-2023 **One year program**, *TPSE Leadership institute*, Leadership in transforming post-secondary education in Mathematics. Project-based
- 2022 **Certificate**, *Kognito*, At-risk Mental Health for Faculty & Staff
- 2021 **Online Specialization**, *University of Colorado*, The Teacher and Social and Emotional Learning
- 2020 **Online Specialization**, *University of California*, Virtual Teacher
- 2020 **Online Certificate**, *University of Michigan*, Leading for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Higher Education
- 2020 **Online Certificate**, *University of Illinois*, An introduction to Accessibility and Inclusive Design
- 2020 **Certificate**, *McMaster University*, Professor Hippo-on-Campus Student Mental Health Education Program for Educators and Navigators
- 2018-2019 **Certificate**, *McMaster University*, Teaching and Learning Scholar
- 2018 **Certificate**, Instructional Skill Workshop (ISW)
- 2017-2018 **Certificate**, *McMaster University*, Teaching and Learning Foundations

Research Interests

Reflective Practices in Teaching and Learning Mathematics, Pattern formation in the Calculus of Variations and PDEs both theoretically and computationally.

Experience

- 2023-2024 **Limited term Assistant Professor**, *Lakehead University*, Currently teaching: Calculus I for Engineers (MATH 1210), Matrix Methods and Differential Equations (MATH 2090), Vector Analysis (MATH 3012)
- 2022-2023 **Assistant Professor**, *Valdosta State University*, Taught: Analytic geometry & Calculus I (MATH 2261), Analytic geometry & Calculus II (MATH 2262), Introduction to Linear Algebra (MATH 2150), Numerical Analysis (MATH 4561), Introduction to Mathematical Modeling (MATH 1101 online)
- 2017-2021 **Instructor**, *McMaster University*, in-person or online, Introduction to Differential Equations (2C03), Engineering Mathematics II A (1ZB3)
- 2016-2021 **Teaching Assistant**, *McMaster University*, in-person or online, Calculus for Mathematics and Statistics I (1X03), Engineering Mathematics III (2Z03), Advanced Calculus I (2X03), Advanced Calculus II (2XX3), Introduction to Differential Equations (2C03), Partial Differential Equations for Engineers (3I03), and Real Analysis (3A03)
- 2015-2016 **Researcher**, *Universidad Nacional de Colombia*, Researcher in the academic group "Scientific Calculus and Mathematical Modelling", Partially mentoring Master students
- 2016 **Instructor**, *Universidad de Caldas, Colombia*, in-person, Differential and Integral Calculus, Descriptive Statistics
- 2014-2016 **Instructor**, *Universidad Nacional de Colombia*, in-person, Single Variable Calculus, Integral Calculus, Linear Algebra, Numerical Methods, Complex Analysis

Projects and Publications

- 2023 **L. Aguirre Salazar**, *Community building in Mathematics at VSU*, Early stages
- 2023 **L. Aguirre Salazar**, *On an Ohta-Kawasaki model in \mathbb{R}^3* , In preparation
- 2021 **L. Aguirre Salazar, S. Alama, and L. Bronsard**, "Convergence of the TFDW Energy to the Liquid Drop Model", *SIAM J. Math. Anal.*, **53**(3), pp. 3493-3519
- 2020 **L. Aguirre Salazar, S. Alama, and L. Bronsard**, "Mass splitting in the Thomas-Fermi-Dirac-von Weizsäcker model with background potential", *Journal of Mathematical Physics*, **61** 021502
- 2017 **L. Aguirre, H. Contreras and C.D. Acosta**, "Numerical solution to a nonlocal and nonlinear Black-Scholes model by discrete mollification" (Spanish), *Revista Colombiana de Matemáticas*, **51**(2), pp. 195-220
- 2015 **L. Aguirre Salazar and S. Reich**, "A remark on weakly contractive mappings", *Journal of Nonlinear Convex Analysis* **16**(4), pp. 767-773

Service

- 2022-2023 **Committee member**, *Valdosta State University*, Faculty committee on student engagement, MESA (a committee that serves the Hispanic students at VSU), Undergraduate Research Committee, various departmental committees.
- 2020 **Reviewer**, *SIAM Studies in Applied Mathematics*
- 2020 **Initiative**, *McMaster University*, Started the team "Teaching and Learning Math at Mac!", where students, faculty and staff have discussions on teaching and learning Mathematics

Activities

- Dec/2023 **Speaker**, *CMS Winter Meeting*, Montréal, Québec, Canada
- June/2023 **Speaker**, "*Emerging trends in Variational Models of Materials*", Centre de Recherches Mathématiques, Montréal, Québec, Canada
- June/2023 **Speaker**, *CMS-Summer meeting*, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- May/2023 **Attendee**, *First-Year Math and Stats in Canada*, Online
- July/2022 **Attendee**, *BIRS Workshop "Theoretical and Applied Aspects for Nonlocal Models"*, Banff, Alberta, Canada
- May/2022 **Attendee**, "*IMD 2nd Annual Conference in Mathematics and Politics*", The institute for Mathematics and Democracy
- April/2022 **Attendee**, "*Graduate Research Symposium*", VSU, Valdosta, Georgia, U.S
- April/2022 **Attendee**, "*VSU-USG Teaching & Learning Conference regional event welcome*", VSU, Valdosta, Georgia, U.S
- April/2022 **Attendee**, *USG Teaching & Learning Conference 2022*, Valdosta, GA, U.S
- Dec/2021 **Speaker and co-organizer of a session**, *2021 CMS Winter Meeting*, online
- June/2021 **Attendee**, *BIRS Workshop Novel Mathematical Methods in Material Science: Applications to Biomaterials*, online
- May/2021 **Attendee**, *SIAM Conference on Mathematical Aspects of Material Science - MS21*, online
- April/2021 **Speaker**, *Seminar*, Virginia Commonwealth University, online
- Feb/2021 **Attendee**, *Mathematical and Computational Materials Science Workshop*, online
- Jan/2021 **Attendee**, *One nonlocal World*, online
- Dec/2020 **Attendee**, *CMS Virtual Winter Meeting*, online
- Jul/2020 **Attendee**, *CMS COVID-19 Research and Education Meeting (CCREM)*, online
- July/2020 **Speaker**, *Second Joint CAIMS-SIAM Annual Meeting*, Toronto, ON, Canada, online
- May/2020 **Attendee**, *First-Year Math and Stats in Canada: Creating Epsilons of Improvement*, University of Toronto, Mississauga, ON, Canada
- Dec/2019 **Speaker**, *SIAM Conference on Analysis of Partial Differential Equations*, La Quinta, CA, U.S
- Sep/2019 **Speaker**, *Seminar*, University of British Columbia, and the University of Victoria

- Jul/2019 **Attendee**, *UCT Teaching and Learning Conference*, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Jun/2019 **Speaker**, *Workshop on New Trends in Variational Models: From Superconductors to Liquid Crystals*, The Fields Institute, Toronto, ON, Canada
- May/2019 **Attendee**, *First-Year University Mathematics across Canada*, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada
- Mar/2019 **Poster**, *Workshop on Mathematical Pattern Formation*, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, U.S
- May/2018 **Attendee**, *Topics in the Calculus of Variations: Recent Advances and New Trends*, Banff, AB, Canada
- Jul/2015 **Attendee**, *XX Colombian Congress of Mathematics*, Manizales, Colombia
- Jun/2014 **Summer School**, *Partial Differential Equations and Geometric Measure Theory*, Fondazione CIME Centro Internazionale Matematico Estivo, Cetraro, Italy
- Jan-Feb/2010 **Summer school**, *Measure Theory*, Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), Brazil
- Jan-Feb/2010 **Summer school**, *Functional Analysis*, Instituto de Matemática Pura y Aplicada (IMPA), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Jul/2008 **Attendee**, *XXII Coloquio Distrital de Matemáticas y Estadística*, Bogotá, Colombia
- Jul/2007 **Attendee**, *XVI Congreso de Matemáticas*, Medellín, Colombia

Awards and Scholarships

- 2020 **Scholarship**, *McMaster University*, Dr. F. R. Britton scholarship 2020/2021
- 2019 **Scholarship**, *McMaster University*, Dr. F. R. Britton scholarship 2019/2020
- 2019 **Student Travel Award**, *SIAM*, Conference on Analysis of PDEs
- 2019 **Research Award**, *McMaster University*, James Stewart Student Research Award
- 2018 **Scholarship**, *McMaster University*, Dr. F. R. Britton scholarship 2018/2019
- 2016 **Scholarship**, *McMaster University*, Dr. F. R. Britton scholarship 2016/2017
- 2016-2021 **Scholarship**, *McMaster University*, Ph.D program in Mathematics
- 2012-2014 **Scholarship**, *Technion*, M.Sc in Applied Mathematics
- 2010 **Scholarship**, *Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)*, Brazil, Summer course. course taken: Measure Theory, graduate level
- 2010 **Scholarship**, *Instituto de Matemática Pura y Aplicada (IMPA)*, Brazil, Summer course. course taken: Functional Analysis, graduate level
- 2009-2011 **Waived tuition**, *Universidad Nacional de Colombia*, Five terms with top average marks during my undergraduate studies
- 2007 **First Admission Place**, *Universidad Nacional de Colombia*, B.Sc in Mathematics Sede Manizales, starting in Feb/2007. I transferred to Bogotá in Feb/2009

Language Skills

English: Advanced; Chinese, Hebrew, Portuguese, Russian: Basic; Spanish: Native Language.

Programming Skills

Matlab, Java, C++, Maple, R.

References

- Professor and Department Head **Shaun Van Ault**, *Department of Mathematics, Valdosta State University*, svault@valdosta.edu, +1 229 333 5778
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