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EDUCATION

Columbia University

- Ph.D. (2003) and M.Phil. (2002) in mathematics education

Dartmouth College

- Two years of doctoral studies in mathematics (1999-2001)

Columbia University, Teachers College

- M.A. in mathematics education (1999)

University of Puerto Rico

- B.S. in general science with 48 credits in mathematics and 24 credits in physics (1997)

United States Air Force Academy

- Honorably discharged (1992-1993)
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CERTIFICATIONS

- Florida Professional Certificate (2021-2026)
 - Mathematics (6-12)
 - Earth-Space Science (6-12)
 - Elementary Education (K-6)
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NONPROFIT & LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

CYFEMAT, the International Network of Math Circles and Festivals

[Executive Director and Founder](#) (07/2021 – Present)

- Established a nonprofit organization for leading a network of volunteers from more than 25 countries to advance CYFEMAT's mission: *Organize, promote, disseminate, and develop math circles and festivals around the world.*

Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival

Director of Outreach and Festivals (06/2018 – 07/2021)

- Oversaw more than 100 in-person festivals per year organized by local hosts around the world.
- Supervised production of educational materials in English and Spanish.
- Organized and led educator training sessions in English and Spanish.

Mathnasium of Chapel Hill

Center Director (01/2016 – 12/2016)

- Managed daily operations, including making hiring decisions and training instructors.
 - Created and updated individualized learning plans for more than 100 students.
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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Florida, Department of Mathematics

[Courtesy Professor](#) (10/2019 – Present)

- Coordinate outreach activities in the form of math circles and festivals.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Correctional Education Program

Visiting Lecturer (11/2016 – 6/2017)

- Taught Math 110 (Algebra) at Polk Correctional Institution and Orange Correctional Center.
- Taught Math 058 (Math, Art, and the Human Experience) at Johnston Correctional Institution.

University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez, Department of Mathematical Sciences

Professor (07/2014 – 06/2015); Associate Professor (07/2007 – 06/2014); Assistant Professor (07/2003 – 06/2007)

- Taught over a dozen different courses for mathematics, engineering, science, and non-STEM majors.

Universidad Pedagógica Nacional Francisco Morazán, HONDURAS

Visiting Professor to the Graduate Program in Mathematics Education (12/2007)

- Advised faculty for the creation of a new graduate program in mathematics education.
- Taught a graduate course on problem solving for in-service teachers.

Columbia University

Adjunct Instructor at the School of General Studies (01/2003 – 05/2003)

- Taught College Algebra.

Adjunct Instructor at Teachers College (01/2003 – 03/2003)

- Led and taught a study tour of 13 graduate students to Puerto Rico.

The City College of the City University of New York

Instructor (09/2001 – 05/2002)

- Appointed jointly by the School of Education and the Department of Mathematics.
 - Trained teachers of the second cohort of New York Teaching Fellows.
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K-12 TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

Eastside High School, Alachua County Public Schools

Teacher of Science (12/2021 – Present)

- Taught Environmental Science.

Bhaktivedanta Academy of North America

Teacher of Mathematics (part-time, 08/2019 – 07/2020)

- Taught Algebra I and Algebra 2 in IB Middle Years Programme.

Alachua Learning Academy

Teacher of Mathematics (part-time, 08/2019 – 07/2020)

- Taught Pre-Algebra.

South Gwinnett High School, Gwinnett County Public Schools

Teacher of Mathematics (07/2017 – 05/2019)

- Taught AP Calculus AB and Precalculus.

North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics

Instructor of Mathematics (08/2015 – 06/2016)

- Taught AP Calculus AB, Finite Applied Math, and Math 1.
- Created a problem-solving video series for NCSSM's YouTube channel.

Martin Luther King, Jr. High School, NYC Department of Education

Teacher of Mathematics (09/1997 – 08/1999)

- Taught Integrated Math 1 and 2 in English and Spanish, and Introductory Law in Spanish.
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AWARDS/GRANTS

- VELA Education Fund, Importing the Botetano Method into the US (12/2021)
 - \$10,000
 - Rosenthal Prize for Innovation and Inspiration in Math Teaching (02/2019)
 - Awarded by the National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath) "to recognize and promote hands-on math teaching in the upper elementary and middle school classrooms."
 - First runner-up (\$5,000)
 - Gwinnett Alliance for Gifted Education Hughes Award (04/2018)
 - Awarded "to any individual, club, business, corporation, or civic group who made an outstanding contribution to Gwinnett County Public Schools' gifted program."
 - Rookie of the Month, South Gwinnett High School (09/2017)
 - Eugene W. Hellmich Mathematics Fellowship (2001)
 - New England Board of Higher Education Doctoral Scholarship (1999–2001)
 - National Defense Service Medal (1992)
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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- [*Mathematical Outreach: Explorations in Social Justice around the Globe*](#). (2019). Hector Rosario (Ed.). World Scientific Publishing, Singapore
- [*Math Makes Sense! A Constructivist Approach to the Teaching and Learning of Mathematics*](#). (2016). Ana H. Quintero and Héctor Rosario. Imperial College Press, London
- [*Mathematics and Its Teaching in the Southern Americas*](#) – with an introduction by Ubiratan D'Ambrosio. (2015).

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Rosario, H. (2018). Kurt Gödel's Mathematical and Scientific Perspective of the Divine: A Rational Theology. In *Mathematics & Reality*. Kolkata, India: The Bhaktivedanta Institute (reprint)
- Rosario, H. (2015). Egalitarian Circles: From Gifted Programs to the General Classroom. In *In Honor of Professor Bruce Ramon Vogeli: Scholarship & Leadership in Mathematics Education*. Bedford, MA: COMAP
- Rosario, H., McGee, D., López, J., Quintero, A. H., & Hernández, O. (2015). Puerto Rico: The Forging of a National Identity in Mathematics Education. In *Mathematics and Its Teaching in the Southern Americas*. Singapore, Singapore: World Scientific Publishing

ARTICLES

- *Pedagogical Notes on Problem Solving*, National Association for Gifted Children - Creativity Network Newsletter, Fall 2017
- *Making Maths Make Sense*, Issue 6, Volume 3, Creative Teaching & Learning, July 2016 (with Ana H. Quintero)
- *Epistemology of the Exact Science(s): Mathematical Knowledge vis-à-vis Spiritual Knowledge*, Dialogue & Alliance, Inter Religious Federation for World Peace, Vol. 22, No. 1, Spring/Summer 2008
- *A Critique of Monetary Educational Incentives for Elementary and Middle School Students in New York City Public Schools*, with Jonathan Farley, Teachers College Record: The Voice of Scholarship in Education, May 15, 2008
- *Kurt Gödel's Mathematical and Scientific Perspective of the Divine: A Rational Theology*, The Digest, Volume 7 Issue 2, Metanexus Institute, February 2007
- *Simmons' Subliminal Channel*, The College Mathematics Journal, 35:3, May 2004

NEWS ARTICLES ABOUT MY WORK

- *Despite Pandemic Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival Expands Around the World* in FOCUS, the newsmagazine of the Mathematical Association of America, R. Neiman, April/May 2021
- *The Math Circle is Back* in Chapel Hill News, H. Rosario, November 9, 2016
- *What the World Can Learn from Latin America* in the Huffington Post, C.W. Rubin, October 12, 2014
- *What Do Finland and Puerto Rico Have in Common?* in the Huffington Post, C.W. Rubin, November 14, 2014
- *Mujeres Boricuas al Frente en Ciencias y Matemáticas* in El Nuevo Día, José A. Delgado, December 2, 2014

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- *Celebration of Mind*, Georgia Association for Gifted Children 38th Annual Convention, UGA Hotel and Conference Center, Athens, Georgia, March 5, 2018
- Keynote Lecture: *Emulating Hilbert and Schrödinger: Three Problems for the 21st Century*, 8th All India Students' Conference on Science and the Spiritual Quest, Varanasi, INDIA, February 1, 2014
- Keynote Lecture: *Círculos Matemáticos*, Primer Coloquio sobre Matemática Educativa y Aplicaciones "Maestro Remigio Valdés Gámez," Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila, Saltillo, MEXICO, January 27, 2014
- *Puerto Rico Math Circle: Explorations in Gifted Education*, International Symposium on the Education of Mathematically Talented Students, Future Road Teachers College, Shanghai, CHINA, July 17, 2013
- *From Math Circles to Math Classrooms: An Egalitarian Approach*, SIDIM XXVIII, Universidad Metropolitana, San Juan, PUERTO RICO, March 1, 2013
- Keynote Lecture: *Epistemology of the Exact Science(s): Mathematical Knowledge vis-à-vis Spiritual Knowledge*, 4th All India Students' Conference on Science and the Spiritual Quest, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, INDIA, December 27-29, 2008
- *Mathematical Minds in Action: Identifying and Nurturing Talent*, 11th International Conference on Mathematical Education (ICME 11), Monterrey, MEXICO, July 6-13, 2008
- *Puzzles and Proofs: From Informal to Formal Arguments*, 11th International Conference on Mathematical Education (ICME 11), Monterrey, MEXICO, July 6-13, 2008
- *Vaishnava Ontological Argument*, 3rd All India Students' Conference on Science and the Spiritual Quest, Tirupati, INDIA, December 22-23, 2007
- *Toward a New Ontological Argument: The Existence of the Soul vis-à-vis The Existence of God*, Convergence of Science and Spirituality Conference, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado, USA, September 29, 2007

- *Kurt Gödel's Mathematical Perspective of the Divine: A Rational Theology*, 2nd All India Students' Conference on Science and the Spiritual Quest, Puri, INDIA, December 9-10, 2006

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS and WORKSHOPS

- *El juego en la resolución de problemas*, Secretaría Nacional de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación, PANAMÁ, April 22, 2022
- *El juego en el desarrollo de habilidades básicas*, V Encuentro REFIMEG, GUATEMALA, March 13, 2022
- *El enfoque pedagógico de los festivales matemáticos*, EIME 24, MÉXICO, December 9, 2021
- *Matemáticas: Su divulgación y su didáctica*, 54 Congreso Nacional de la Sociedad Mexicana de Matemáticas, MÉXICO, October 21, 2021
- *El enfoque pedagógico de los círculos y festivales matemáticos*, X COME 2021, HONDURAS, August 10, 2021
- *Del juego al análisis matemático: Transiciones imperceptibles en el enfoque pedagógico de los círculos y festivales matemáticos*, XXII Congreso Boliviano de Matemática, BOLIVIA, August 9-11, 2021
- *International Mathematics Festival: A Fun and Collaborative Event for Students to Discover "Why" and "What If"*, ICME 14, CHINA, July 14, 2021
- *Métodos didácticos del Círculo Matemático y el Festival Matemático*, RELME 34, GUATEMALA, June 30 & July 2, 2021
- *Círculos y Festivales Matemáticos*, RELME 34, GUATEMALA, June 29 & July 1, 2021
- *Ontological and Cosmological Arguments in the Realm of Mathematical*, Center for Foundations of Science and Consciousness, Bhaktivedanta Institute Bhubaneswar, INDIA, September 26, 2020
- *Mathematical Outreach*, Talk Math with Your Friends, University of South Alabama, July 30, 2020
- *JRMF Maze Mats*, Orlando Math Teachers' Circle, Rollins College, February 1, 2020
- *Frogs and Toads and JRMF*, Orlando Math Teachers' Circle, Rollins College, August 17, 2019
- *Fold and Cut Challenge*, MOVES 2019, CUNY Graduate Center, August 6, 2019
- *Problem Solving and JRMF*, Mathus Academy, August 12, 2018
- *Squares Galore*, Intown Atlanta Math Teachers' Circle, Emory University, June 5, 2018
- *Conjecture and Proof: Nurturing Creativity in the K-12 Classroom*, Triangle Math Teachers' Circle, North Carolina State University, February 10, 2018
- *Problem-Solving the Math Circle Way*, workshop for graduate students and faculty, Florida State University, December 14, 2016
- *Frogs and Toads*, workshop for elementary and middle school students from the Tallahassee Math Circle, Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church, December 13, 2016
- *Mathematics and Its Teaching in the Muslim World*, Panelist, Teachers College – Columbia University, October 10, 2016
- *Do You Think Like a Mathematician?*, Hispanic Educational Summit, NCSU, March 11, 2016
- *Mathematics and Its Teaching in the Southern Americas*, book presentations, UPR Río Piedras, April 15, 2015; UPR Carolina, November 7, 2014; UPR Mayagüez, November 4, 2014
- *The Decades Ahead*, Columbus Day Symposium: Mathematics Education in Latin America, Teachers College - Columbia University, New York, October 13, 2014
- *Math Circle Workshops*, Primer Coloquio sobre Matemática Educativa y Aplicaciones "Maestro Remigio Valdés Gámez," Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila, Saltillo, MEXICO, January 27-28, 2014
- *Mathematics and Spirituality*, Center for Interdisciplinary Mathematical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, INDIA, February 4, 2014
- *Mathematical Puzzles: An Egalitarian Approach*, City College, City University of New York, May 22, 2012
- *Mathematical Puzzles: Liberating Remedial Instruction*, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, March 13, 2012
- *The History of Mathematics as a Didactic Tool*, UPR at Mayagüez, October 18, 2003
- *Special Secondary Schools: An International Panorama*, UPR at Mayagüez, September 25, 2003
- *Beautiful Minds Need Able Beholders – Preparing Middle School Teachers to Identify and Nurture Mathematical Talent*, City College, City University of New York, February 12, 2002

OUTREACH and SERVICE to the PROFESSION

- UF Math Circle, Co-Founder (January 2020–May 2020; restarting in fall 2022)

- Alachua Math Circle, Founder, (October 2019–May 2020)
- Orlando Math Circle, Advisory Board Member (May 2019–Present)
- Mathapalooza! at the Atlanta Science Festival, Co-organizer (March 9, 2019)
- Mensa International’s Gifted Youth Committee, Member (October 2018–September 2020)
 - Co-Organizer, IBD 2019 Youth Festival, Kuala Lumpur, MALAYSIA, October 12-13, 2019
- Mensa in Georgia, Gifted Youth Coordinator (December 2017–June 2019)
 - Monthly meetings for 10-30 children
- Khan Academy Ambassador 2018-2019
- Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival, Co-Organizer
 - Emory University (April 10, 2018)
 - UNC Chapel Hill (April 29, 2017; May 21, 2016)
 - UPR at Mayagüez (March 9, 2013)
- Innovative Mathematical Outreach in Alternative Settings, Co-Organizer
 - Contributed Papers Session at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Diego (January 11, 2018)
- Celebration of Mind, Organizer
 - Lawrenceville Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library (October 21, 2017)
 - South Gwinnett High School (December 12, 2017)
- Triangle Math Teachers’ Circle, Founding Director
 - Department of Mathematics at North Carolina State University (October 2016 – May 2017)
- Chapel Hill Math Circle, Co-Founding Director
 - Department of Mathematics at UNC at Chapel Hill (January 2016 – May 2017)
- Southern Mississippi Preparatory Academy, Chair of Board of Directors and K-3 Mathematics Teacher
 - 2013–2014
- National Association of Math Circles
 - Advisory Committee Member (2012–2015)
- Circle on the Road 2013, Organizer
 - UPR at Mayagüez (March 8-10, 2013)
- Puerto Rico Math Circle, Founding Director
 - 2012-2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Gwinnett Alliance for Gifted Education
 - Board Member, High School Representative (2017-2019)
- Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education
- Inter-American Committee of Mathematics Education (CIAEM)
 - Representative for Puerto Rico (2013-2017)
- Mathematical Association of America
 - Member, Centennial History Subcommittee of the Centennial Planning Committee (2010-2015)
- Red de Educación Matemática de América Central y el Caribe (REDUMATE)
 - International Advisory Board Member and Representative for Puerto Rico (2013-2017)

REFEREEING

- *Revista del Centro de Investigaciones Educativas Paradigma* (2021-Present)
- *Revista de Investigación Educativa de la REDIECH* (2021-Present)
- *Revista Educación Matemática* (2014-2018)
- *Mathematics Teacher*, NCTM (2008-2015)
- XIV CIAEM 2015 (2014-2015)
- Consejo de Educación de Puerto Rico (2012)

LANGUAGES

- Speak, read, and write Spanish and English with native fluency.
- Intermediate knowledge of Portuguese and basic knowledge of Sanskrit.

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