

# JOSÉ J. GARCIA

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## EDUCATION

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**University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM** *Expected Graduation May 2026*  
Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics  
Member of the Pi Mu Epsilon, and American Mathematical Society

**Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI** *Graduated May 2020*  
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics  
Member of the Pi Mu Epsilon, SACNAS, Mathematical Association of America,  
American Mathematical Society, and the GVSU Math & Stats Club.

**Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Rapids, MI** *Graduated May 2017*  
Associate of Arts.  
President of Student Alliance

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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**CTL Graduate Teaching Scholars Program** August 2023 - May 2024  
*UNM Center for Teaching and Learning/ UNM office of Graduate Studies*  
*University of New Mexico*  
*\$1000*

**Regents Winrock Minority Fellowship** August 2020 - April 2022  
*UNM Graduate Studies*  
*University of New Mexico*  
*\$40000*

**APEX Fellowship** August 2020 - April 2021  
*UNM El Centro de la Raza*  
*University of New Mexico*  
*\$1000*

**Alayont Fellowship** August 2019 - April 2020  
*Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships*  
*Grand Valley State University*  
*\$4000*

**McNair Stipend** May 2019 - July 2019  
*McNair Scholars Program*  
*Grand Valley State University*  
*\$4000*

**Research Stipend** August 2018 - April 2019  
*Center for Undergraduate Research in Mathematics*  
*Occidental College*  
*\$3000*

**MiCUP Stipend** May 2017 - June 2017  
*MiCUP Scholars Program*  
*Michigan Technological University*  
*\$2000*

## AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

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<b>UNM Mathematics and Statistics - Outstanding Graduate Student in Teaching</b>	April 2023
<b>Mathematics Department Senior Award at Grand Valley State University</b>	April 2020
<b>GVSU Undergraduate Research Scholar at Grand Valley State University</b>	April 2020
<b>Outstanding Poster Award at The Joint Mathematics Meeting</b>	January 2019
<b>Dean's List at Grand Valley State University</b>	Winter 2018, Winter 2019, Fall 2019
<b>President's List at Grand Rapids Community College</b>	Winter 2015, Fall 2015
<b>Dean's List at Grand Rapids Community College</b>	Fall 2011, Winter 2014, Summer 2014, Summer 2016, Winter 2017

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>UNM - Research Assistant</b> <i>Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies User</i>	May 2023 - Present
Investigate composite operators that provide information about tight binding models. Such information can include joint eigenvalues and eigenvectors as well information on perturbations to a system.	
<b>Regents Winrock Minority Doctoral Fellowship</b> <i>Regents Winrock Minority Fellow</i>	August 2020 - April 2022
Investigate algorithms for computing Floquet Hamiltonians of systems with time reversal and chiral symmetries.	
<b>Alayont Fellowship, OURS at GVSU</b> <i>Alayont Fellow</i>	August 2019 - April 2020
Investigation into guessing games with two unknowns and one lie. Funding provided by the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships at Grand Valley State University.	
<b>McNair Scholars Program, OURS at GVSU</b> <i>McNair Scholar and Researcher</i>	May 2019 - July 2019
Investigated domination on planar graphs with automated conjecture making as a tool. Funding was provided by McNair and the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships at Grand Valley State University.	
<b>Center for Undergrad Research in Mathematics, CURM at OC</b> <i>Research Collaborator</i>	August 2018 - April 2019
Investigated Stirling numbers of the second kind for star graphs denoted as $F_{p,\ell}^d$ . Funding was provided by the Center for Undergraduate Research in Mathematics at Occidental College in California.	
<b>MiCUP Scholars Program, at MTU</b> <i>Research Collaborator</i>	May 2017 - June 2017
Investigated and updated the poling oven for the optoelectric devices that were being developed by the graduate students. Funding was provided by the MiCUP Scholar Program at Michigan Technological University.	

## ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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### **Composite Operators, Joint Approximate Eigenstates, and Applications to Physics**

Upcoming - October 4, 2024

*University of New Mexico*

*Oral Presentation*

Mathematical Analysis Seminar.

### **A Composite Operator Approach to Non-Hermitian Physics**

September 11, 2024

*Sandia National Laboratories*

*Poster/Virtual/Oral Presentation*

Recent results on composite operator approach to non-Hermitian physics.

### **Composite Operator Approach to Non-Hermitian Physics**

August 7, 2024

*ORISE/DOE*

*Oral Presentation*

Recent results on composite operator approach to non-Hermitian physics.

### **On the Spectral Variation of Almost Normal Matrices and it's Applications** September 22, 2023

*The University of New Mexico*

*Oral Presentation*

Investigation on the spectral variation of almost normal matrices and it's applications.

### **An Operator Based Approach to Localized States in Non-Hermitian Systems** September 14, 2023

*Sandia National Laboratories*

*Poster/Virtual/Oral Presentation*

Pseudospectra, approximately localized states and non-Hermitian physics.

### **Computing Floquet Hamiltonians with Time Reversal Symmetry**

July 27, 2022

*Center for Integrated Nanotechnology at Sandia National Laboratories*

*Oral Presentation*

Investigate algorithms for computing Floquet Hamiltonians of systems with time reversal and chiral symmetries.

### **Guessing Games - A bound for the Responder**

December 5, 2019

*Mathematics Department at Grand Valley State University*

*Oral Presentation*

We investigate guessing games with two unknown numbers where the responder can lie at most one time. Specifically we provide a bound that must be met in order for a responder to win the game.

### **Automated Conjecture Making: Domination on Planar Graphs**

December 5, 2019

*Mathematics Department at Grand Valley State University*

*Oral Presentation*

Communicated results for domination on planar graphs with automated conjecture making as a tool. Funding was provided by McNair and the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships at Grand Valley State University.

### **Automated Conjecture Making: Domination on Planar Graphs**

November 2, 2019

*Undergraduate Mathematics Day at University of Dayton*

*Oral Presentation*

Communicated results for domination on planar graphs with automated conjecture making as a tool. Funding was provided by McNair and the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships at Grand Valley State University.

### **Automated Conjecture Making: Domination on Planar Graphs**

September 5, 2019

*Summer Scholars Showcase 2019 at Grand Valley state University*

*Poster Presentation*

We communicate our final results on domination on planar graphs with automated conjecture making as a tool to the McNair Scholars program and the other undergraduate research programs funded by the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship at Grand Valley State University.

**Automated Conjecture Making: Domination on Planar Graphs**

August 1, 2019

*Mathematical Association of America at MathFest 2019*

*Oral Presentation*

Investigated domination on planar graphs with automated conjecture making as a tool. Funding was provided by McNair and the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships at Grand Valley State University.

**Analysis on Children's Healing Center Population**

August 1, 2019

*Pi Mu Epsilon at MathFest 2019*

*Oral Presentation*

On behalf of my group, I communicate our final results from PIC Math project.

**Approaches to Stirling Numbers of Sunflower Graphs**

April 18, 2019

*Grand Valley State University Mathematics Department*

*Oral Presentation*

We communicate our final results to the GVSU Mathematics Department. Specifically we talk about different mathematical techniques we discovered and also came up with to find graphical Stirling numbers.

**Membership and Children's Healing Center**

April 18, 2019

*Grand Valley State University Mathematics Department*

*Oral Presentation*

We communicate our final results from our semester project based math course. We look at data from the Children's healing center in Grand Rapids, and help them identify their membership demographics, and what they can do to grow intelligently.

**Stirling Numbers for Sunflower Graphs**

April 13, 2019

*Midwest Undergraduate Mathematics Symposium*

*Oral Presentation*

At the Midwest Undergraduate Mathematics Symposium we talk about our most recent results on graphical Stirling numbers. Specifically we use both the idea of proper graph colorings and recursion relations to find the Stirling numbers of a Sunflower Graph.

**Stirling Numbers for Sunflower Graphs**

January 18, 2019

*Mathematical Association of America at the Joint Mathematics Meetings*

*Poster Presentation*

We talk about the graphical Stirling numbers. Specifically how they relate to traditional Stirling numbers and we finalize with the idea of deletion/contraction of a graph.

**Graph Stirling Numbers**

December 6, 2018

*Grand Valley State University Mathematics Department*

*Oral Presentation*

We talk about preliminary results about graphical Stirling numbers, and present our results to the mathematics department.

**On the Origin of Numbers**

April 20, 2017

*Grand Rapids Community College Mathematics Department*

*Oral Presentation*

The talk mentions historical development of numerical nomenclature and their different uses.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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### **2024 Groundwork for Operator Algebras Lecture Series**

July 15 - July 27

*University of California Los Angeles*

The workshop provided graduate students with an accelerated introduction to the basics of operator algebras that is not often found in the typical Mathematics graduate coursework.

### **2023 Modern Mathematics Workshop**

October 25 - October 26

*Oregon Convention Center*

The intention of the workshop was to strengthen the interactions between the harmonic analysis, partial differential equations, and probability communities.

### **2023 Potential Theory Workshop: Intersections in Harmonic Analysis, Partial Differential Equations and Probability**

October 2 - October 6

*Centro de Investigación en Matemáticas (CIMAT)*

The intention of the workshop was to strengthen the interactions between the harmonic analysis, partial differential equations, and probability communities.

### **Responsible Conduct of Research**

Fall 2022

*The University of New Mexico*

The training consisted of research ethics across curriculum in mathematics.

### **Career Paths in the Mathematical Sciences**

June 6, 2019 - June 7, 2019

*IMA/Math Alliance Workshop at the University of Minnesota*

The workshop consisted of plenary lectures, panel discussions, active-learning modules and networking opportunities.

### **Embracing and Maximizing Feedback**

June 17, 2019

*McNair Scholars Program at Grand Valley State University*

The workshop focuses on learning how to identify and take feedback with Dr. Lauren Keough.

### **How to Build Mentor Networks**

June 17, April 2019

*McNair Scholars Program at Grand Valley State University*

The workshop focuses on learning how to identify and seek out academic and nonacademic mentors as well as becoming a mentor with Dr. Jae Basiliere.

### **Work-life Balance in Graduate School**

June 24, 2019

*McNair Scholars Program at Grand Valley State University*

Professional development workshop focused on balancing work and Life with Dr. Jae Basiliere.

## WORK AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Research Assistant**

August 2024 - Present

*The University of New Mexico*

### **MEISPP Internship**

May 2024 - August 2024

*Oakridge Institute for Science and Education*

Minority Educational Institution Student Partnership Program (MEISPP) Research Assistant.

**Math 1512 - Calculus I** August 2023 - December 2023  
*The University of New Mexico*  
Instructor of Record.

**Math 375 - Grader** August 2023 - December 2023  
*The University of New Mexico*  
Grader for Introduction to Numerical Computing.

**TA-Seminar** August 2023 - December 2023  
*The University of New Mexico*  
Co-led recitation for teaching assistants starting off in the Calculus sections offered in The University of New Mexico.

**Math 1522 - Calculus II** January 2023 - May 2023  
*The University of New Mexico*  
Instructor of Record.

**Teaching Assistant - Mathematics** August 2022 - December 2022  
*The University of New Mexico*  
Running Recitation for Calculus II as well as Instructor of record for the course in the Spring of 2023.

**Grader - Mathematics** August 2020-December 2022  
*The University of New Mexico*  
Course Grading for Mathematics Department at UNM.

**GEARUp Tutor - Mathematics** December 2019 - April 2020  
*Grand Rapids Community College*  
Provided in class tutoring to underrepresented middle school students in various schools as part of the GEARUp program.

**Professional Tutor - Mathematics** September 2015 - August 2018  
*Grand Rapids Community College*  
Provided one-on-one and group tutoring. Gave weekly updates to Supervisor and attended training sessions and workshops.

**Orientation Ambassador** May 2018 - August 2018  
*Grand Rapids Community College*  
Assisted students signing up for classes, as well as provided information on College resources.

**Tutor - TRiO Upwardbound** June 2018 - July 2018  
*Grand Valley State University*  
Planned activities for students in the summer program as well as tutored students in mathematics, physics and Spanish.

**Tutor - Cruisin' to College** June 2018 - August 2018  
*Grand Rapids Community College*  
Tutored high school students in entry level college math courses.

**Various Companies**

2005-2016

*Grand Rapids Community College*

Tutored high school students in entry level college math courses.

**SERVICE**

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**URInspiration/URInspiración, ASU, UNM, FIU**

April 5 2023

*Moderator and Evaluator - Spanish/Español***2023 UNM Teaching Conference**

March 22, 2023

*Humanizing Math Education - Panelist***UNM McNair Program**

October 2022 - Present

*Volunteer-Panelist*

Once a year.

**Math In Action Conference, GVSU**

February 23 2019

*Volunteer***Grand Rapids Community College**

September 2016 - September 2020

*Volunteer Mathematics Tutor***NOTABLE SKILLS**

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**Software**

Inventory, Microsoft Office Suite, LaTeX

**Programming**

Visual BASIC, Python, Mathematica, FORTRAN, zsh/bash, Matlab

**Mathematics**

Tutoring, Research Methodology, Mentoring

**Other**

Leadership, Mentoring, Delegation, Bilingual (Spanish)