

# Mauricio Gómez López

*Curriculum Vitae*

Lafayette College

Department of Mathematics

Easton, PA 18042-1778

☎ Phone: 541-780-5973

✉ Email: [gomezlom@lafayette.edu](mailto:gomezlom@lafayette.edu)

## Academic Positions

- 2020-2025 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, *Lafayette College*, United States.
- 2017-2020 **Paul Olum Postdoctoral Scholar**, *University of Oregon*, United States.
- 2015-2017 **Scientific Assistant**, *University of Southern Denmark*, Denmark.

## Education

- 2011- 2015 **Ph.D. in Mathematics**, *University of Copenhagen*, Denmark.  
Dissertation: *Spaces of piecewise linear manifolds*.
- 2009-2011 **M.S. in Mathematics**, *University of Copenhagen*, Denmark.
- 2005-2009 **B.S. in Mathematics**, *Universidad Nacional de Colombia*, Colombia.

## Research Interests

- General Matroid Theory, Algebraic Topology, Theory of PL and Topological Manifolds.
- Specific Cut-and-Paste K-Theory, Matroid Invariants (e.g., the Tutte Polynomial), Cobordism Categories, Spaces of Manifolds.

## Publications and Preprints

1. **The homotopy type of the topological cobordism category**, with Alexander Kupers. *Documenta Mathematica* 27, 2107-2182 (2022). [arXiv:1810.0527](https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.0527).
2. **The homotopy type of the PL cobordism category. I.** To appear in *Algebraic and Geometric Topology*. [arXiv:1608.06236](https://arxiv.org/abs/1608.06236).
3. **The homotopy type of the PL cobordism category. II.** To appear in *Algebraic and Geometric Topology*. [arXiv:2308.04612](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.04612).
4. **Realizing the Tutte polynomial as a cut-and-paste K-theoretic invariant.** Submitted to *Annals of K-Theory*. [arXiv:2501.12250](https://arxiv.org/abs/2501.12250).

## Papers in Preparation

1. **The magnitude of a matroid.** To be submitted to *Orbita Mathematicae*.
2. **Symmetric monoidal categories of matroids and cut-and-paste K-theory.** To be submitted to *Homology, Homotopy and Applications*.

## Supervised Undergraduate Research Projects

1. **Matroids from tilings.** Student: Nitan Avivi (University of Oregon, Fall 2019).
2. **Cohomology theory.** Student: Søren Eriksen (U. of Southern Denmark, Spring 2016).

## Teaching Experience (as Instructor of Record)

### Lafayette College

Spring 2025 **Vector Spaces (Advanced Undergraduate Course)**  
Spring 2025 **Statistical Concepts (Two Sections)**  
Fall 2024 **Applied Statistics (Two Sections)**  
Fall 2024 **Statistical Concepts**  
Spring 2024 **Linear Algebra with Applications (Two Sections)**  
Spring 2024 **Applied Statistics**  
Fall 2023 **Modeling and Differential Calculus**  
Fall 2023 **Calculus II (Two Sections)**  
Spring 2023 **Modeling and Differential Calculus**  
Spring 2023 **Calculus II (Two Sections)**  
Fall 2022 **Calculus I (Two Sections)**  
Fall 2022 **Complex Analysis (Advanced Undergraduate Course)**  
Spring 2022 **Applied Statistics**  
Spring 2022 **Calculus III (Two Sections)**  
Fall 2021 **Calculus III**  
Fall 2021 **Calculus I (Two Sections)**  
Spring 2021 **Linear Algebra with Applications**  
Spring 2021 **Calculus II (Two Sections)**  
Fall 2020 **Calculus I (Three Sections)**

### University of Oregon

Spring 2020 **Fundamentals of Analysis II**  
Spring 2020 **Fundamentals of Analysis I**  
Winter 2020 **Fundamentals of Analysis II**  
Fall 2019 **Fundamentals of Analysis I**  
Spring 2019 **Elements of Discrete Mathematics II**  
Winter 2019 **Fundamentals of Analysis I**  
Winter 2019 **Elementary Linear Algebra I**  
Fall 2018 **Morse Theory (Graduate-Level Course)**  
Spring 2018 **Elements of Discrete Mathematics I**  
Winter 2018 **Introduction to Differential Equations**  
Fall 2017 **Calculus I**

### University of Southern Denmark

Spring 2017 **Generalized Linear Models**  
Spring 2016 **Algebraic Topology (Undergraduate Reading Course)**  
Spring 2016 **Algebra II: Introduction to Rings and Groups**  
Spring 2016 **Vector Calculus**  
Fall 2015 **Probability and Statistics**  
Spring 2015 **Algebra II: Introduction to Groups and Rings**

---

## Presentations

- 24 February 2020 **Matroid theory: A unified theory of independence**, *Undergraduate Mathematics Colloquium at The College of Wooster*. Wooster, Ohio.
- 8 October 2019 **Matroid theory: A unified theory of independence**, *Algebra and Combinatorics Seminar at the Claremont Center for the Mathematical Sciences*. Claremont, California.
- 8 October 2019 **Cobordism categories and spaces of manifolds**, *Topology Seminar at the Claremont Center for the Mathematical Sciences*. Claremont, California.
- 14 April 2018 **The homotopy type of the topological cobordism category**, *AMS Western Sectional Meeting*. Portland, Oregon.
- 21 November 2017 **The homotopy type of the PL cobordism category**, *Topology Seminar at the University of Oregon*. Eugene, Oregon.
- 7 September 2015 **The homotopy type of the PL cobordism category**, *Third Congress of Young Researchers of the Royal Spanish Mathematical Society*. Murcia, Spain.
- 6 June 2015 **Spaces of piecewise linear manifolds**, *Topology Seminar at the University of Münster*. Münster, Germany.
- 7 November 2014 **Spaces of piecewise linear manifolds**, *Topology Seminar at the University of Copenhagen*. Copenhagen, Denmark.

---

## Scholarships and Awards

1. **Danish Governmental Scholarship.** Scholarship consisting of a tuition waiver and financial support to cover living expenses throughout my graduate studies.
2. **Colfuturo Scholarship.** Merit-based scholarship granted to Colombian academics admitted to a graduate program abroad.

---

## Conferences Attended

- January 2024 **Joint Mathematics Meetings 2024**, San Francisco, California.
- January 2020 **Joint Mathematics Meetings 2020**, Denver, Colorado.
- May 2019 **62nd Cascade Topology Seminar**, *Portland State University*, Portland, Oregon.
- April 2018 **AMS Western Sectional Meeting**, *Portland State University*, Portland, Oregon.
- June 2016 **Topology of Manifolds: A conference in honor of Michael Weiss's 60th birthday**, *University of Lisbon*, Lisbon, Portugal.
- September 2015 **Third Congress of Young Researchers of the Royal Spanish Mathematical Society**, *University of Murcia*, Murcia, Spain.
- July 2014 **Young Topologists Meeting 2014**, *University of Copenhagen*, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- June 2014 **Manifolds, K-theory, and related topics**, *Inter-University Center*, Dubrovnik, Croatia.
- July 2013 **Young Topologists Meeting 2013**, *EPFL*, Lausanne, Switzerland.
- August 2013 **Masterclass on Homological Stability**, *University of Copenhagen*, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- April 2013 **Masterclass on String Topology**, *University of Copenhagen*, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- August 2012 **Fourth Arolla Conference on Algebraic Topology**, Arolla, Switzerland.
- July 2012 **Young Topologists Meeting 2012**, *University of Copenhagen*, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- June 2012 **Topology and Groups**, *Freie Universität Berlin*, Berlin, Germany.

---

## Outreach and Service

- 2020-2022 **Mathematics Colloquium**, Lafayette College (Organizer).  
2019-2020 **McNair Scholars Program**, University of Oregon (Mentor).

---

## Conferences Organized

- July 2014 **Young Topologists Meeting 2014**, *University of Copenhagen*, Copenhagen, Denmark.

---

## Professional Development

- Spring 2024 **International Faculty Community of Practice**, Lafayette College.  
Fall 2021 **Inclusive Instructors Academy**, *semester-long program on inclusive teaching strategies and methodologies*, Lafayette College.  
2020-2021 **New Faculty Learning Community**, *year-long orientation for new faculty at Lafayette College*, Lafayette College.  
July 2019 **Summer Institute on Scientific Teaching**, *week-long workshop focused on strategies for fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion in scientific teaching*, University of Oregon.  
April 2019 **Engaging Students and Making Classrooms Fair and Inclusive: Cross-Disciplinary Strategies and Language to Promote Student Success**, *workshop led by Professor Kimberly Tanner (San Francisco State University)*, University of Oregon.

---

## Academic Visits

- Spring 2013 **University of Cambridge**. Cambridge, United Kingdom.  
(3 weeks) Host: Oscar Randal-Williams.  
Fall 2013 **University of Cambridge**. Cambridge, United Kingdom.  
(6 weeks) Host: Oscar Randal-Williams.  
Spring 2014 **University of Cambridge**. Cambridge, United Kingdom.  
(6 weeks) Host: Oscar Randal-Williams.

---

## Language Skills

- Spanish** Native  
**English** Fluent  
**Norwegian** Proficient

---

## References

- |   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| <b>Daniel Dugger</b> , University of Oregon     | ddugger@uoregon.edu   |
| <b>Robert Root</b> , Lafayette College          | robroot@lafayette.edu |
| <b>Martin Svensson</b> , U. of Southern Denmark | svensson@imada.sdu.dk |