

# Latinxs and Hispanics in Mathematical Sciences



## Virginia Naibo

Virginia Naibo grew up in Rosario, Argentina. She discovered her love for mathematics in high school and was inspired and encouraged by her parents and teachers to pursue her passions. She earned her undergraduate degree, or Licenciatura, in mathematics from Universidad Nacional de Rosario and her doctorate in mathematics from Universidad Nacional del Litoral, Argentina. She held a three-year postdoctoral position at the University of Kansas and was a tenure-track assistant professor at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology for a year before joining the faculty of the mathematics department at Kansas State University, where she is professor and associate department head.

Naibo's research in Fourier Analysis has been funded by grants from the National Science Foundation and her work has been published in internationally recognized journals. She has delivered numerous invited lectures in the U.S. and abroad. Her ties to the mathematical community in Argentina have continued throughout the years; she was a distinguished plenary speaker at the 2018 annual meeting of the Argentine Mathematical Union and a main speaker at the 2018 KaSaFe Analysis Meeting at the Institute of Applied Mathematics of Litoral in Argentina. Featured in the educational project "Science in Kansas - 150 years and counting" sponsored by the Ad Astra Kansas Initiative, Naibo's teaching accomplishments have been recognized through nominations for teaching awards at the college and university levels.

Naibo actively contributes to the broad dissemination of mathematics through the organization of seminars, conferences, and symposia, and is currently one of the organizers of the Prairie Analysis Seminar, an NSF-funded annual international conference. Her outreach activities include the organization of workshops for K-12 students, such as the Sonia Kovalevsky Day and The First MathPhysChem Symposium for Middle School Students in Kansas, as well as collaborations with the K-State Office for the Advancement of Women in Science and Engineering through the Girls Researching our World Program.

Naibo was the director of the K-State Center for the Integration of Undergraduate, Graduate and Postdoctoral Research from 2010 to 2013. She served as chair of the Kansas Section of the Mathematical Association of America from 2012 to 2013. She is currently a member of the Human Resources Advisory Committee of the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute at Berkeley.

*"I am grateful for the excellent education that I received in Argentina and to the people who have inspired me throughout my professional career. By showcasing the accomplishments of Latinas, Latinos and Hispanics in the mathematical sciences, Hispanic Heritage Month brings role models to the attention of current and future generations and emboldens them to pursue careers in STEM disciplines. This important endeavor contributes to a culturally enriched and diversified mathematical community."*

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Lathisms was founded in 2016 in order to showcase the contributions of Latinx and Hispanic mathematicians during Hispanic Heritage Month, which is celebrated in the United States from September 15 and October 15 every year. During this time, we feature/reveal a prominent Latinx/Hispanic mathematician daily. See all the featured mathematical scientists at [LATHISMS.ORG](http://LATHISMS.ORG).

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