

Important Dates!

EVENTS

Math Contest in Modeling (MCM)
Feb 5-9, 2009

CLAS Spring Meeting
Wed Mar 4 10:50am
Boyd Recital Hall

Rowan Sciences Day
Fri Mar 27 Sciences Hall

MAA-NJ Section Spring Meeting/Garden State Undergraduate Math Conference (GSUMC)
Sun Mar 29, 2009
Monmouth University
West Long Branch, NJ

NCTM Annual Meeting and Exposition: Equity: All Means All, April 22-25, 2009
Washington DC

DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

Spring 2009
Feb 4, Mar 11, Apr 8
May 13 (Retreat)

TUTORS

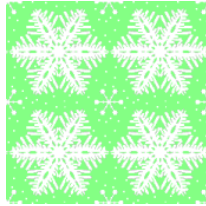
Bob Booth, Lusin Karabulut, Nick Stugard, John LaRocco, Hollie Butler, Stefanie Bulleck

Tutoring Hours Spring 08

Mon 11am-5pm, STAT 3-4pm
Tue 11-3pm, STAT 11-12pm
Wed 12-4pm, STAT 11-12pm
Thu 12:30-4pm, STAT 12:15-2:15pm, Fri 8:50-10:50am
Full schedule available at www.rowan.edu/math

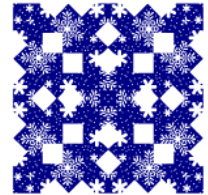
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Create falling snow:

<http://www.trainstation.cc/Tutorials/Flash/snowfall.html>



Math Awareness Month Heats Up - April 2009

The theme for Mathematics Awareness Month April 2009 is **Mathematics and Climate**.

The Math Department will be sponsoring colloquium talks discussing this theme in April. Look out for further announcements.

The MAA NJ Spring Meeting on Sun Mar 29, 2009, Monmouth University, will host a special contributed paper session on *Mathematics and Climate, Atmosphere and Environment*. For more information, go to www.maa-nj.org/

Information about Math Awareness Month 2009 and its activities can be found at www.mathaware.org.



Professor Honored in Naming of Award

The MAA's SIGMAA on Statistics Education created the **Dexter Whittinghill** Outstanding Contributed Presentation Award in 2006 to recognize Dex's substantial contributions in the formation of the SIGMAA. Each year since then, the outstanding contributed presentation in the SIGMAA's sponsored sessions at the Joint Mathematics Meetings is recognized with a \$100 honorarium and a commemorative plaque. The winners of the award have been:

2006: Allan Rossman (co-authored with Beth Chance), Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, "Examples of Assessments to Improve Student Learning in Introductory Statistics."

2007: Robin Lock, St. Lawrence University,

"What is R-square? Using Dynamic Graphs to Illustrate Ideas in Regression."

2008 (co-winners): Cora Neal, Sonoma State University, "Using Humming to Teach Experimental Design in Elementary Statistics."; Rodney X Sturdivant*, United States Military Academy, "Anthrax, Killer Bees and Murder to Motivate Statistics."
(Contributed by Chris Lacke)



Dexter Whittinghill

SUMMER 2009 CLASSES

First 5-week session
May 18 - June 18

Second 5-week session
June 22 - July 23

Registration begins March 2:
www.rowan.edu/colleges/cpc/e/summer/

HOLIDAYS

Spring Break
March 17-21 (NO CLASSES)

Good Friday
March 21 (NO CLASSES)

2009 NSF SUMMER REU'S

See full list of math REU's at:
http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/list_result.cfm?unitid=5044

Noteworthy Achievements

PRESENTATIONS

Lee Collins, *Conjectures from a historic table by John Wallis*, MAA Student Poster Session, Joint Math Meetings, Wash DC, Jan 2009.

F. Olcay Ilicasu, *Developing 3rd, 4th and 5th order Difference Techniques on a Singular Perturbation Problem and Their Stability Comparison*, Joint Math Meetings, Wash DC, Jan 2009.

Hieu Nguyen, *Discovering Bernoulli Number Identities Via Euler Maclaurin*

Summation, Joint Math Meetings, Wash DC, Jan 2009.

Thomas Osler, *Morphing Lord Brouncker's continued fraction for pi into the Wallis product*, Joint Math Meetings, Wash DC, Jan 2009.

Adam Romasko, *Triangles of equal area inside the hyperbola*, MAA Student Poster Session, Joint Math Meetings, Wash DC, Jan 2009.

Jay Schiffman, *TI N-Spire CAS Capabilities Using the Calculator Application*, South

Jersey Math Alliance, Rowan Univ, Dec 2008; *Exploring Goldbach's Conjecture via CAS (Computer Algebra System) Technology*, Joint Math Meetings, Wash DC, Jan 2009.

Dexter Whittinghill, *My First Semester Using 'Clickers' for Rapid Feedback: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*, Joint Math Meetings, Wash DC, Jan 2009.

LEADERSHIP

Chris Lacke, SIGMAA on Statistics Education and ASA-MAA Joint Committee on Statistics Panel Discussion: Hiring, tenuring, and promoting statisticians in a mathematics or mathematical sciences department (co-organizer); MAA Session on Statistics Resources on the Web (co-organizer); SIGMAA on Statistics Education Panel Discussion: Technology in statistics education (co-organizer), Joint Math Meetings, Wash DC, Jan 2009.

Christopher Simons, Co-Director of Garden State

Undergraduate Math Conference 2009.

AWARDS

Thomas Osler, Editorial Excellence Award, Mathematics and Computer Education Journal, 2008.

Lusin Karabulut and **Nick Stugard**, Rowan Math Dept Barnes and Nobles Scholarship, \$250.

Sudoku

	1	3		B	7			5	A	F			4		9		
		8			3		E		1			D		0	B	3	A
5				F				3			4	8	C	E	7		
B					8			F	0	7		A				D	
2	8	5			1	7			D					0			4
			A		F	D			5		1				C		
	9			6		B	4	2			3					5	
0		2			5		F	B	A					7			
	C	6			9			8	3		D						
8	5				3			2	4		9			F	6		
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	2	9	E			7		C					5				
6	A					C			E								
D	7			2	A	4			6	3			F	8			

Monster Daily SuDoku: Fri 30-Jan-2009 easy

Professor Emeritus Finds Success with Words

Dr. Francis Masat, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics (1972-98) and former Chair of the Math Dept (1980-89), continues to be active in retirement. After retiring to Florida 10 years ago, he began running marathons (Miami, Honolulu, Tucson, San Francisco, Key West) and performing volunteer work: Saturday food deliveries for the Metropolitan Community Church since 2000; 24/7 wildlife rescues for the Key West Wildlife Center since 1999 (Honorary Conch Award, 2003); served with AIDS Help since 2001 (Volunteer of the Year, 2006). He recently signed with Florida Keys Community College to do tutoring in math. He also volunteered for four years with the Key West Robert Frost Poetry Festival and reads with the Key West

Poetry Guild. His poetry appears in more than 75 anthologies, literary journals, and e-magazines around the world. His first chapbook of poetry, [A Taste of Key West](#), was published by Pudding House Press in 2008. The collection is the result of a search for insight and understanding of relationships on a rare and unique tropical island. His second chapbook, [Lilacs After Winter](#), is comprised of Japanese style haibun and themed around loss and redemption. It was published by MET Press in 2008. He is working on a fifth book of poems. He is planning on passing through the Rowan area in March 2009. If anyone from the Department even gets close to Key West, please give him a call or write cfmasat@bellsouth.net.

She's My New Wife

– The Tiki Hut

Under tropical palms
two bikinied snowbirds
slick onto bar stools,
smiling the bartender.

"I'm hot," one pouts.
"Yes, you are," says he,
his eyebrows seeking,
but finding nothing.

Breezes ease through
their seeming glances.
"Champagne" says one,
winking him a smile.

With a nod sideways
she slowly murmurs
what he now knows:
"She's my new wife."

- [A Taste of Key West](#),
Pudding House Press, 2008;
First appeared in [The Secret of Salt](#), No.3, 2007.



Francis Masat