Department says farewell to two longtime faculty: Kerry and Alison Chapman Retire

Kerry has been with us for 26 years, teaching just about every course we have to offer, from Math 100 right up to graduate seminars. He was, in a sense, Clarence Stephen’s replacement, having started right after Stephen’s retirement. He came to us having worked at LeMoyne College, as well as at the Naval Underwater Systems Center in New London, Connecticut. He went to graduate school at Kansas State University, where he was influenced mathematically by Karl Stromberg, and by Louis Pigno, his advisor, and influenced mathematically and socially by Ernie Shult. He earned his doctorate in Mathematics from Kansas State University in 1980. Not bad for a Connecticut kid who started out in a vocational program in high school!

Kerry always brought to work a love of mathematics, as well as a love for his students. He had the neatest board writing of anyone in the department, and an elephantine memory. For him, events that occurred 35 years ago in Kansas are just as fresh in his mind as events that took place 20 years ago in Potsdam, which are just as fresh in his mind as events from 5 years ago in Potsdam, and just as fresh as events from 40 years ago in Massachusetts. With Kerry’s retirement, we are losing a large chunk of our departmental memory.

Kerry’s teaching career ended on a high note. In the Fall semester of 2012, he was selected by the Student Emerging Leaders Program as their favorite math professor. In the Spring semester of 2013, he taught a very successful Theory of Sets class, with 10 of the students enrolled entering our BA/MA program this past fall.

We are grateful to Kerry for his service these many years, for putting his heart and soul into his work. He will be greatly missed.

Alison has been teaching for the Mathematics Department for 16 years. She came to us with great life experience, having worked at GM in Massena for ten years, and then coming back as a non-traditional student at Potsdam to earn her BA in Mathematics and a MST in math teaching. From there, she went to work teaching at Franklin Correctional Facility. She subsequently earned her MA degree from our department, and has been teaching for us since. She has worked under three different department chairs, cheerfully teaching any course thrown at her. She will be most remembered for her enthusiasm and for her love of her students. We are grateful for Alison’s service.
2012-2013 Mathematics Department Faculty

Carroll Boswell, Adjunct Assist. Professor

Harold Ellingsen, BS, MS, PhD, Virginia Tech, Assoc Professor

Alison Chapman, Adjunct, BA, MA (Mathematics), MST (7-12 Mathematics), SUNY Potsdam

Kerrith Chapman, AB, Assumption College; MS, PhD, Kansas State Univ, Assoc Professor

Chair
Joel Foisy, BA, Williams College; PhD, Duke Univ, Professor; AMS, MAA

Derek Habermas, B.S., New Jersey Institute of Technology; M.S., Montclair State Univ; Ph.D., Univ of Arizona; Assoc. Professor; PME

Joel Foisy, BA, Williams College; PhD, Duke Univ, Professor; AMS, MAA

Harold Ellingsen, BS, MS, PhD, Virginia Tech, Assoc Professor

Jason Howald, B.S., M.A., Miami Univ of Ohio; Ph.D., Univ of Michigan; Assoc Professor; PME

Victoria Klawitter, BS, Univ of Bucharest; MA, PhD, Univ of Michigan; Assoc Professor; AMS; AWM; MAA

Jason Howald, B.S., M.A., Miami Univ of Ohio; Ph.D., Univ of Michigan; Assoc Professor; PME

More Faculty

Cornelia Yuen, B.S., Univ of California-Berkeley; M.A., Ph.D., Univ of Michigan-Ann Arbor; Assoc Professor (2006/2007)

Laura Person, BS, MA, PhD, Univ of California-Santa Barabara, Professor; AMS; AWM; MAA

Phyllis Charleston, Secretary 1 Mathematics & Anthropology

AMS = American Mathematical Society
AMTNYS = Association of Mathematics Teachers of New York State
ASL = Association of Symbolic Logic
AWM = Association for Women in Mathematics
MAA = Mathematical Association of America
NCTM = National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
In recognition of her service and dedication to SUNY Potsdam, The State University of New York presented Dr. Victoria Klawitter the 2013 Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr. Klawitter began her career at SUNY Potsdam in September 1997 as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics and was later promoted to Associate Professor in 2003.

During her time at SUNY Potsdam, Victoria has demonstrated enormous dedication in her role as an educator. Victoria consistently challenges her students to high levels of achievement and deep understanding and ensures that her courses establish a collaborative relationship between the instructor and the student in which the students become independent learners.

Her dedication to teaching shines through in her course evaluations. One student reports, “I simply cannot stress how much of a great professor Dr. Klawitter is. She truly believes that anyone can learn mathematics and as a result is extremely encouraging. She truly cares about her students and their success.” As a result of her dedication, Victoria was the recipient of the 2006 President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

In addition to her classroom teaching, Victoria’s contribution and direction of graduate seminars is invaluable. Her former seminar students include those who have been awarded a Ph.D. in Statistics at the University of Buffalo, Ph.D. in Mathematics at SUNY Albany, and Ph.D. in Bioinformatics at the University of Louisiana.

Victoria is known, by both her students and coworkers as an extremely dedicated and talented educator. She demonstrated her dedication to students outside the classroom by serving as a Residential Fellow, as well.
### Congratulations to our 2012/2013 Mathematics Major Graduates

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**GRADUATE KEY**

***Summa cum Laude, **Magna cum Laude, *cum Laude+ with distinction 3.90 or higher
BA/MA – 4 years completed Bachelor’s-Master’s degrees, PME-membership in New York Phi Mu Epsilon
Mathematics Department Awards

Department Scholars
The Department of Mathematics named six senior majors Departmental Scholars in 2013. Each of the students designated had a mathematics average of 3.50 or better and college GPA of 3.51 or better.

Jonathan Gould, Samantha Larson, Benjamin Schermerhorn, Nicole Summers, Deborah Scharbach & Nathaniel Turcotte

Susan Portugal Statistics & Business Award
The Susan Portugal Award is awarded to a junior or senior student majoring in mathematics and minoring or pursuing a second major in business administration. This award recognizes the value of a strong mathematics background for students pursuing a career in business.

2013 Recipient, Brittany Sutliff

Susan Dewitt Kaiser Award
The Susan DeWitt Kaiser Award is given to the graduating mathematics major who has the highest academic average on record prior to the May graduation, who will also graduate with teacher certification, and who has also completed all academic years at Potsdam. The award was established in 1986 by the family and friends of the late Susan DeWitt Kaiser, mathematics teacher, class of 1967.

013 Recipient, Carole Shattuck (Dr. Madore)
M.A.A.E.M Awards

The Mathematics Alumni Award for Excellence in Mathematics Senior award consists of a check and a framed certificate of award. The name of each recipient is also inscribed on a plaque that is on permanent display in the Mathematics Department area. Both the check and certificate are presented at the College Honors Convocation held in the Spring. Junior and sophomore M.A.A.E.M. awards consisting of credit at the College Bookstore and a certificate are presented at the School of Arts & Sciences Honors Convocation. Funds for the MAAEM awards are provided by our Alumni, through the Department’s College Foundation Account, and by the Charlie Smith Mathematics Scholarship Fund.

Junior MAAEM

Roslyn Brandes, Esmeralda Quintana, (Dr. Howald), & Dakota Pruiss

Sophomore MAAEM

James Myer, Ellen Lehet, Jonathan Doane, Brabim Baral, & David Cervantes-Nava & Matthew Bishop
# Senior MAAEM

Richard Teammco, Mark Shatraw, (Dr. Ellingsen), John Brown, and Eric Nelson

## Previous Senior MAAEM Recipients

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Clarence F. Stephens Mathematics Scholar

This award, established in 1987, is given annually by the School of Arts & Sciences and the Mathematics Department to the non-graduating mathematics major who, by his or her achievement in mathematics, best personifies C. F. Stephens’ vision of the mathematics student who is becoming all he or she is capable of being. The award is a check from the C. L. Smith Mathematics Scholarship Fund and SUNY Potsdam Foundation. In addition, the recipient will be designated a Clarence F. Stephens Mathematics Scholar and his or her name will be inscribed on a plaque to be displayed in Carson Hall. The recipients of the C. F. Stephens Mathematics Scholar award are chosen by the Mathematics Faculty.

2013 Recipient, Aaron Morse (Dr. Person)

Previous C. F. Stephens Mathematics Scholars
(The first two scholars were chosen by Dr. Stephens himself in consultation with the Mathematics faculty.)

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Charlie Smith Calculus Prizes

Beginning in the academic year 1997-1998, through a grant from the San Antonio Area Foundation, an anonymous donor has pledged to donate at least $5,000 per year to a fund in honor of Dr. Charles L. Smith, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Mathematics, bearing the name THE CHARLIE SMITH MATHEMATICS SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

**Calculus I Fall 2013**

This prize is a cash award given to the Calculus I student in the fall of the year that makes the highest score on the common final. In the event of ties, each high scorer shall receive the same (undiminished) cash prize.

Emily Cunningham  David Deininger  Jonathan Doane

**Calculus II Spring 2012**

This prize is a cash award given to the Calculus II student in the spring of the year that makes the highest score on the common final. The student(s) receiving the Calculus II Prize will be recognized at the following year’s School of Arts and Sciences Honors Convocation.

Vasily Cateforis Scholarship

The Vasily Cateforis Scholarship fund was established in 2004, and the first award was presented in the Fall of 2007. This award is given annually, by the Mathematics Department, to non-graduating mathematics majors, who are fully admitted into the BA/MA Program. The award is a minimum of $1000 from the Vasily Cateforis Scholarship Fund, and the ultimate, long-term goal is to reach an endowment of $100,000 for multiple scholarships. The recipients of the Vasily Cateforis Scholarship award are chosen by the Mathematics Faculty.

Elizabeth Herr, (Dr. Habermas) & Kathleen Morrissey
Pi Mu Epsilon Sr. Award

This is given by Pi Mu Epsilon to a graduating senior for outstanding achievement in mathematics and for the promotion of scholarly activity in mathematics.

(Dr. Yuen), Recipient: Justin Raimondi, (PME President: Cassie Lebauer)

Previous PME Senior Award Recipients

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The officers and members of New York Phi Chapter, Pi Mu Epsilon welcome into membership the following thirteen inductees:

2013 Inductees:

Edward M. Banner……………Ballston Lake, NY
Brabim Baral………………Jackson Heights, NY
Justin Benedict………………Batavia, NY
Matthew Bishop……………Dickinson Center, NY
Alexandra Briedis……………Canton, NY
John Brown………………….Van Etten, NY
David Cervantes-Nava………Sodus, NY
Ian Christoferson……………Rome, NY
Matthew Gaulin……………Hudson Falls, NY
Jennifer M. Hults……………Latham, NY
Ellen V. Lehet………………Waterford, CT
James Myer………………….Ronkonkoma, NY
Deborah J. Scharbach……….White Plans, NY
Christopher Schembry……..Ogdensburg, NY
Brittany E. Sutliff…………...Queensbury, NY
Junyu Tang………………..Guangzhou, Guangdon
Christina Judith Wahl………..Sodus, NY
Laura A. Wessing……………Rome, NY
Current PME Members:
- Roslyn Brandes
- Raymond Cummings
- Danielle Fountain
- Evan Freitag
- Sean M. LaPlante
- Cassie Lebauer
- Kathleen Morrissey
- Aaron Morse
- Alexander Murray
- Eric Nelson
- Kayla Phillips
- Dakota Pruiss
- Khylee Rowe
- Benjamin Schermerhorn
- Carole Shattuck
- Amy Smith
- Nathaniel Turcotte
- Hang Yin

2012-2013 PME Officers

President: Cassie Lebauer & VP: Ben Schermerhorn

PME Awards Ceremony

Dr. William J. Martin, Professor, Mathematical Sciences and Computer Science

Title: “You do the math!”

A meandering rant-partly autobiographical, partly nostalgic-from a SUNYP math alumnus. Part armchair critic, part educator, part researcher, Bill Martin is a professor of mathematics and computer science who travels the world to learn and teach math and travels the world wide web to get the latest on technology, world events, and the New England Patriots successes and failures.

Bill Martin graduated from SUNY Potsdam in 1986 with a B.A./M.A. in mathematics and a B.A. in Computer Science. After working for a time at AT&T Bell Laboratories, he completed a PhD in Combinatorics & Optimization at the University of Waterloo in 1992. He has held academic positions at the University of Winnipeg and Worcester Polytechnic Institute and visiting positions at Vermont, Waterloo and MIT. With over 30 research papers and participation in over $1.5 million in grants, Bill has given invited lectures in a dozen or so countries and has taught mathematics at both the undergraduate and graduate level, focusing on discrete mathematics, operations research and algebra. In addition to guitar, food and travel, Bill’s interests include algebraic graph theory and cryptography.
### Math Majors/Minors Receiving Potsdam Scholarships

#### Mt. Emmons Scholarships
- Sean Murphy
- Benjamin Schermerhorn
- Mark Shatraw

#### Honors Scholarship
- Matthew Bishop
- Jonathan Gould
- Joseph Scutarro

#### Foundation Award/Grant
- Edward Banner
- John Brown
- Eric Cassidy
- Ian Christoferson
- Evan Freitag
- Jonathan Gould
- Tackie Huff
- Ellen Lehet
- Kathleen Morrissey
- Aaron Morse
- Eric Nelson

#### SUNY Potsdam Freshman Scholars

**Majors**
- Roslyn Brandes
- Kathleen Morrissey
- James Myer
- Eric Cassidy
- James Myer
- Ian Christoferson
- Eric Nelson
- Alex Cohen
- Katelyn Odierna
- Kurtis Parker
- Chelsea Connors
- Stefanie Davis
- Dakota Pruiss
- Jonathan Doane
- Deborah Scharbach
- Nicolle Eagan
- Christopher
- Elizabeth Herr
- Sehembry
- Robert Jarvis
- Carole Shattuck
- Katelyn Jessie
- Amy Smith
- Anna Jimenez
- Robert Spahn
- James Kersey
- Briana Teele
- Nick King
- Christina Wahl
- Elizabeth Labarge
- Shannon Weader
- Samantha Larson
- Laura Wessing
- Kelley Mitchell
- Joshua Wheeler
- Minors
- Sarah Adams
- Taylor Hughes
- Brittany Bausinger
- Kathryn Schneyer
- John Bilardello
- Courtney Tripp

#### National Science Foundation Scholarship
- Edward Banner
- Jonathan Gould
- Matthew Hunger
- Minor, Jonathan Miodownik

#### SUNY Potsdam Transfer Scholars
- Edward Banner
- Katherine Dixon
- Jennifer Hults
- Matthew Hunger
- Britney Livingston
- Andrew Ranieri
- Mikayla Robert
- Alicia Salmon

#### Hunt Scholarship
- Deborah Scharbach
- Sarah Adams

#### SUNY Empire Scholarship
- Allison Ostrander
- Minor, Victoria Hall

#### Handley Memorial Scholarship
- Tackie Huff

#### Sipher Memorial Scholarship
- Brittany Martin

#### Eaton Scholarship
- Matthew Bishop

#### Clements Scholarship
- Sarah Adams

#### Foreign Student Scholarship
- Junyu Tang

#### Kaplan Award
- Tackie Huff

#### Ortel Scholarship
- Brittany Sutliff

#### Thornton Scholarship
- Amy Wormwood

#### Stillman Award
- Edward Banner
- Jonathan Gould

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#### Dorf Scholarship
- Samantha Larson

#### McNall Scholarship
- Kathleen Morrissey

#### Pete Baker Scholarship
- Tackie Huff

#### CIS Alumni Scholarship
- Ellen Lehet

#### Physics Prize
- Benjamin Schermerhorn

#### Stillman Scholarship
- Sunying Yang

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Gary VanHooker
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(* Students who earned a 4.0)

Dean’s List

Fall 2012
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Sean Murphy
Alexander Murray
Dakota Pruiss
Justin Raimondi
Mark Shatraw

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James Barton
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Hannah Groshner
Samuel Holsen
Jennifer Hults
James Kersey
Katelyn Odierna
Esmeralda Quintana
Ioherase Ransom
Christopher Schembry
Robert Spahn
**Don Tompkins (’68),** After teaching HS math at Colton-Pierrepont Central School for 34 years and teaching Math at SUNY Canton for 9 years, I am now and have been doing student teaching supervision at SUNY Potsdam for the last couple years.

**Judy Matthews (‘70),** I retired from teaching Middle School math and am presently working in a wine tasting room!

**Andy Mastronardi (’72),** Global Director, University Programs, Freescale Semiconductor-My team works with schools, faculty, and students to put our latest technologies in use to best prepare students for industry. We implement our technology solutions in courses-of-study, conduct robotic competitions, sponsor student projects, and work with younger students in advocating STEM initiatives.

**Diane Lightfoote (’76),** Working in Glens Falls City School District as a Registered Nurse National Board Certification in School Nursing since 2002. 2010: Past President of the New York State Association of School Nurses: Still active on the Board of Directors and currently serving on the Executive Board of the Glens Falls Teachers’ Association.

Family: 3 Grown children, 3 Grandsons, Widowed in 2008 but now happily in a relationship. Looking towards retiring in a few years and traveling!

**Rosemary M. Moors (’77),** I just retired from The Hartford after 36 years of service in Claims. I am starting consulting work shortly. My youngest is going into 10th grade and my oldest is in Grad School. I was proud to have my daughter attend my alma mater and graduate from Crane. She will soon be a practicing music therapist.

**Kathleen Hetzler Riordan (’78),** I have 35 years of service with IBM. I am a Global Sales Operation Manager for Industry Solutions Acquisitions Sales Integration. After living for 30 years in Raleigh, NC I moved to Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia in 2012. I have 3 sons who live in Portland OR, Raleigh NC, and Winston-Salem NC.

**David J. Valois (’80),** I will be retiring as Assistant Superintendent in the Ogdensburg City School District at the end of August. I spent 18 years as a Math teacher and 14 years in Administration.

**Leonard Van Wyk (physics & mathematics, ’80),** professor of mathematics at James Madison University, is running his eleventh NSF-REU program this summer, and is supervising a project on singular knots. He enjoyed running into Joel Foisy at the Unknot Conference at Denison University last summer, a conference focused on undergraduate research in knot theory and related topics. He is now old enough so that six of his former professors are on the department's emeriti page, while none are on the department's faculty page!

**Karen (Cinzio) Corman (‘84),** My husband Warren (Info/Sys 1984 graduate) and I, as well as our 3 children live in Stewartsville, NJ. After graduating I entered the insurance industry for over 10 years and later became a stay home mom for 10 years. I went back to grad school to attain my teacher's certification about 9 years ago. I am currently a middle school math teacher in Stewartsville, NJ. I teach 6th and 7th grade math as well as tutor 6th-9th graders. This year I wrote the curriculum for 6th grade. I am a member of the NCTM and I am an advisor for the National Junior Honor Society.

I have been busy exploring the common core standards as well as STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) in my classroom. This year I had 100 students, and next year I am expected to have about 117 students.
Kelly Lynch Redder (‘86), Living on Cayuga Lake in Seneca Falls, NY and working at Rochester Institute of Technology as the AVP for Alumni Relations. I Love international traveling and have recently completed trips to Egypt, Holland, Belgium, China, Tibet. Eagerly anticipating future trips to Israel, Jordan, Ethiopia, and Peru in the next couple of years. Happily married for nearly 20 years, with two fabulous little grandchildren.

“Tiny” John D. McElhearn (‘86), I am currently working per diem as a substitute teacher in the Ogdensburg City School District after being in the banking industry for 7 yrs. I am married to my best friend Lori. I have many friends that I have met in the last 8 yrs that were graduates from Potsdam and they bring back great memories.

Dave Belcher (‘87), My wife Cheryl (Beldue) Belcher (‘86) and I were math majors at Potsdam. We will be celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary on June 25th.

Terry J. Bush (‘87), I worked for Eastman Kodak as a Software Engineer and Senior Software Engineer for 5 1/2 years. In August ’93 my wife and I decided to move out West to Reno, NV where I worked for a gaming company (International Game Technology) for 17+ years in multiple capacities from Firmware Engineer, Firmware Engineering Management, Hardware Engineering Management, International Business Development among other roles. After leaving IGT I embarked on a business path as a co-owner of a small manufacturing company that engineered and built ATM machines. Unfortunately the downturn in the economy ended that venture after which I took an engineering management position with another gaming company out of Australia (Ainsworth Game Technology) and now live in Las Vegas. It's been a good career with very few facets that I would want to change as I look back upon it. My wife Debbie and I have been married for 37 years, have 3 grown children (girl, boy, girl), a couple grand children (hoping for more someday) and have a real estate investment corporation that we are actively expanding in order to eventually be footloose and fancy free from a J.O.B. Getting the dual major degree (Math/Computer Science) from Potsdam State opened the door to get it all started and I have many fond memories of my time there.

Terry Estelle D’Imperio (‘88) is married to Charles D’Imperio (1986) with two children (Emily - a freshman at Michigan State University and Chuckie a junior at Ohio Northern Pharmacy School). She lives and works in Livonia, NY where she teaches leadership class, math class and advises student council. She is also the math department chair and link crew coordinator. She is an executive officer and the District II adult representative for the NYS Council on Leadership and Student Activities. Terry has run workshops for students and advisors at local, state and national conferences and has written for Leadership Magazine. She was honored as the 1993 Teacher of the Year for the University of Rochester and was awarded the 2005 region 2 Warren E Shull Advisor of the Year.

Alex Raskin (‘89), I've been with ADTRAN for 15 years now as a Sales Engineer. I won our National Sales Engineer of the Year award for 2012! I am enjoying life in Delray Beach, FL with my wife of 9 years, 5 1/2 year old daughter Lillian and 3 year old son, Nathaniel!
Memorie Shampine ('92), I am currently the Registrar at SUNY Canton. I have two daughters, one who is graduating from high school this year and one who graduated from High school in 2001. I live in Gouverneur, NY.

Barbara (Buffy) Zehr ('92 Bachelors) and ('95 Masters) Principal at Philadelphia Primary and K-12 ESOL Director for Indian River School District.

Jessica Ryan ('93), I'm still working part-time at Saab Sensis as a systems engineer in Air Traffic products. I'm also making use of my right-brain as a parenting coach, supporting moms with anxiety, depression, or bipolar. You can reach me at www.jessryan.com.

Joe Shaver ('98), As of 9/8/12, I celebrated my 10-year anniversary with the Department of Homeland Security, and will be celebrating my 10-year wedding anniversary to my wife Lisa (not an alum) on 6/28/13.

Kayden David Kendall ('99), Ogdensburg City School District. My new position as of July 1 - Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. My son was born on May 9, 2013.

Jennifer Golek ('00), It has been a number of years since I graduated back in 2000 (Jennifer Hespen back then), but I have never forgotten the experiences I had while at Potsdam and as part of the BA / MA program. They really were the foundation which have enabled my graduate work and the successes I have had in my career. Just to let you know where I have been since I left you – I went to work for Traveler’s Insurance for a year after I finished up in a Leadership Development Program, and then went to the University of Tennessee to get my MS and PhD in Business with a concentration in Statistics. I then spent some time with DuPont doing a combination of statistical consulting and Six Sigma training globally before moving to work for Barclays in their international credit card business. In the 5 years I was there I did a variety of roles and led teams which were responsible for all the non UK credit card portfolios modeling at various times. For the last year I have been with Capital One where I lead the Decision Sciences function for our Direct Bank, part of which used to be ING Direct.

Timothy A. Mann ('07), In December 2012, I received my PhD in Computer Science from Texas A&M University (Advisor: Yoonsuck Choe). My dissertation is titled: SCALING UP REINFORCEMENT LEARNING WITHOUT SACRIFICING OPTIMALITY BY CONSTRAINING EXPLORATION Reinforcement learning is a subfield of machine learning and artificial intelligence that focuses on developing algorithms for learning how to behave based on rewards and punishments. Now I am a postdoctoral fellow at the Technion in Haifa, Israel working with Dr. Shie Mannor. My current research is on the development of planning algorithms for control of high dimensional, noisy processes.

Sean Clemens ('08), in his 6th year at NCSU. His research is in Mechanical Systems--he says it is really theoretical math that sounds applied.
**Mathematics Alumni News**

**Leanne Merrill (’10),** I just finished my second year in the Ph.D. Program in Mathematics at the University of Oregon. I am spending this summer studying for my qualifying exams in Algebra and Algebraic Topology. Pending my success on the exams, I will begin research next year. I am supported as a Graduate Teaching Fellow at UO, and I've taught a variety of calculus and pre-calculus courses over the last two years. Last summer, I received the university-wide award for best teaching by a first-year Graduate Teaching Fellow.

**Nia Rowe (’12),** I have been working at Ross Valve Manufacturing in Troy for almost a year now! I cannot believe I graduated a year ago. I am the Corporate Office Assistant for the company and I am still learning new things every day. I will be getting a raise in July after being here for a year which is also a plus! I have even bought a new car from working so hard. Can't wait to attend Alumni Weekend in July! Hope all is well!

(Congratulations to all of our Alumni on your many achievements!)

The Mathematics Department celebrated the publication of “Essentials for Modern Algebra” by faculty member, Dr. Cheryl Miller.

Congratulations, Dr. Miller!
In the Spring of 1992 the Department established the AMTNYS Award to encourage prospective teachers of mathematics.

To be eligible for the award students must be juniors or seniors who have completed at least four courses in the Potsdam College mathematics major (or their equivalent) with an average of at least 3.25 in all mathematics courses taken (transfer grades in mathematics courses will be included in this average). In addition, the student must have declared a major in one of the mathematics teacher certification programs of the School of Professional Studies.

**New Members:**

**Fall 2012**
- Kassandra Averrill-Gouverneur MS/Clifton-Fine K-12
- Colleen Flaherty-Scholar’s Academy Grade MS/HS
- Alexander Murray-Salmon River HS/Brushton-Moira MS

**Spring 2013**
- Kylie Barr-Parishville-Hopkinton MS/Indian River HS
- Alexandra Briedis-Parishville-Hopkinton HS/Massenas HS
- Kandi Peck- Potsdam HS/Brushton-Moira MS

**Mathematics Memberships**

ASSOCIATION OF MATHEMATICS TEACHERS OF NEW YORK STATE (A.M.T.N.Y.S.) AWARDS
Members of the AWM are chosen from a list of junior and senior women *math majors* with a *Math GPA* of 3.80 or higher.

Nicole Summers, Sam Larson, Cassie Lebauer, Elizabeth Herr, (Dr. Miller)

Sarah Adams, Jennifer Hults, Kathleen Morrissey, Dakota Pruiss, Deborah Scharbach & Amy Smith

In recognition of their high academic achievement as a graduate student at our college, the following student’s dues will be paid by the Mathematics Department:

Jennifer Hults, Sean LaPlante, Sean Murphy, Kathleen Morrissey, Dakota Pruiss
(No picture) Evan Freitag & Sundiata Weaver

John Brown, Richard Teammco, Mark Shatraw, Eric Nelson, Justin Raimondi, Aaron Morse & Elizabeth Herr.
**Mathematical Association of America**

The MAA Institutional Membership is in recognition of high academic achievement as a student at our college. These recipients are recognized at the spring Honors Convocation of the School of Arts and Sciences and are presented with a certificate and their annual dues will be paid by our Mathematics Department.

Pictured: John Brown, Eric Nelson, & Mark Shatraw
Not Pictured: Evan Freitag, Kathryn Lentini & Nathan Turcotte

Seaway MAA Conference

Antone P., Kelsey R., Chris S., Eliz L., Joel D., Alicia S., Jessica M., Kyhlee R., Dr. Madore, Keiko S. & Adam D.

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Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)

This is a joint program involving SUNY-Potsdam and Clarkson University Mathematics Department and funded by the NSF. The program engages a select number of students in research and learning advanced topics in mathematics for eight weeks during the summer. The student participants are recruited nationally.

Dr. Joel Foisy is the director of this program. Dr. Christino Tamon (Clarkson University), Dr. Kelly Black, Dr. Harold Ellingsen, and Dr. Joel Foisy were this year’s summer advisers.

For more information on this program, please visit the Potsdam-Clarkson REU webpage, or contact Professor Joel Foisy at foisyjs@potsdam.edu.

2013 REU
2013 SUNY Potsdam/Clarkson Summer REU in Mathematics

**Algebraic Graph Theory**
Advisor: Christino Tamon, tino@clarkson.edu
Stephen Cameron, College of William and Mary
Shannon Fehrenbach, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
Leah Granger, Clarkson University
Sunrose Shrestha, Hamilton College

**Stochastic Differential Equations**
Advisor: Kelly Black, kblack@clarkson.edu
Candace Liu, Clarkson University
Elizabeth Sweeney, The College of New Jersey
Lindong (Linton) Zhou, Middlebury College

**Time Scale Calculus**
Advisor: Victoria Klawitter, klawitv@potsdam.edu
Juan Posso, Lafayette College
Esmeralda Quintana, SUNY Potsdam
Abagail (Abby) Mosca, Smith College

**Topological Graph Theory**
Advisor: Joel Foisy, foisyjs@potsdam.edu
Omar de la Cruz Vite, Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Hidalgo (UAEH, Mexico)
Claire Gibbons, Morningside College (Iowa)
Aaron Morse, SUNY Potsdam
Chris Negron, SUNY Potsdam

Clarkson-Potsdam REU Program
2013 REU Speakers

John Jack, North Carolina State
“Statistical Genetics: How to clean concentration response and genetic data, how to link genotypes to phenotypes, and how to predict multivariate responses for human biology”

Chris Godsil, University of Waterloo
“Algebraic Graph Theory”

Fernando Barrera Mora, Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Hidalgo
“Pythagorean Triples in a UFD, Integral Quaternions, and Pi”

Joseph Skufca, Clarkson University
“The Dating Game: Sampling with Costs”

Sam Northshield, SUNY Plattsburgh, Iterates of 1+1/x

Mateja Sajna, University of Ottawa
“Cycle Systems: A Never Ending Fascination”

Louis Kauffman, University of Illinois at Chicago
“Knot Theory”

Brandt Kronholm, Juniata College/Johannes Kepler Institute
“Partition Theory”

Michael Puls, John Jay College
“Geometric Group Theory”

Guangming Yao, Clarkson University
“Numerical Simulations to a Partial Differential Equation Model for Calcium Signaling in Heart Muscle Disease”

SUNY Potsdam students attended REU at other colleges:

David Cervantes-Nava-Lafayette College
Jennifer Hults-Fairfield University
“Tackling Graph Theory with Commutative Algebra”
Dakota Pruiss-Logic Summer School at UCLA
Ellen Lehet-St. Mary’s College of Maryland
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