

# Allyn Jackson Concludes 31-year Career at the AMS

We celebrate Allyn Jackson's 31-year career at the AMS, including service as *Notices* senior writer and deputy editor, which concluded in 2017.

Among the most memorable articles she wrote for the *Notices* are a two-part biography of Alexander Grothendieck (October and November 2004), a piece on the demise of the NSF Young Scholars Program (March 1998), a two-part article on the "math wars" (July/July and August 1997), and an investigative piece on the tenure case of Jenny Harrison (July/August 1994). Jackson described the workings of ten mathematical sciences institutes in a series of articles and did in-depth interviews with major mathematicians. One of her most recent and widely read articles is "Can Mathematics Light the Way?" (May 2017).

As deputy editor, she shepherded into print hundreds of articles on a wide variety of topics. In 2002 she founded

the "WHAT IS...?" column, soliciting and editing more than 100 pieces. She also solicited and edited nearly all of the book reviews published in the *Notices* over the past 20 years.

She performed a myriad of other writing and editing tasks for the Society, including launching the "Math Digest" feature on the AMS website and writing numerous news releases and other press material.

Jackson's wisdom and her broad knowledge of mathematics, mathematicians, and the *Notices* are irreplaceable, and we can only wonder what we will do without them. We cannot thank enough this person whose name has been most closely associated with *Notices* and its history. We wish her every happiness and success in the years ahead.

—Frank Morgan, Editor-in-Chief