

A WORD FROM...

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By the time this is published, it is my sincere hope that several thousand of us are preparing to travel to Seattle, WA, for the Joint Mathematics Meetings from January 5–8, 2022. Although our virtual JMM 2021 was successful, I'm looking forward to seeing mathematicians gather in person again. Given the size of the JMM and the excitement and energy that comes from thousands of mathematicians gathering to exchange ideas, we intend to hold this meeting in person whenever possible.

We spent over two years reimagining the Joint Mathematics Meetings. After considering your input from surveys, listening sessions, and town halls, along with hundreds of hours of planning sessions, we believe that the reimagined JMM will offer our entire mathematics community an exciting new venue for scientific exchange, professional growth, and social engagement. This largest annual mathematics gathering in the world offers a broad range of presentations, panels, exhibits, and minicourses on research, pedagogy, inclusion, career opportunities, and more.

JMM Partners

Scientific exploration and discovery remain at the heart of JMM 2022. Please visit www.jointmathematicsm meetings.org to see the robust offerings that grew out of the collective energy poured into planning this gathering. A new partnership model is the kernel of the reimagined JMM. As of when this issue of the *Notices* went to press, the organizations leading and shaping events at our JMM are:

- American Mathematical Society (AMS)
- American Statistical Association (ASA)
- Association for Symbolic Logic (ASL)
- Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM)
- Consortium for Mathematics and its Applications (COMAP)
- International Linear Algebra Society (ILAS)
- Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival (JRMF)
- Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI)
- National Association of Mathematicians (NAM)
- Pi Mu Epsilon (PME)
- Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)
- Association for LGBTQ+ Mathematicians (Spectra)
- Transforming Post-Secondary Education in Mathematics (TPSE)

These partner organizations have made extraordinary commitments to ensure the success of this and future meetings, and I am grateful to them for their energy and engagement. Many other professional societies, mathematics institutes, publishers, and exhibitors will participate in the JMM, as well.

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Registration

Registration rates for JMM 2022 match those from two years ago. New in 2022 is that anyone who is a member of the AMS, ASA, AWM, NAM, or SIAM qualifies for the reduced registration rate. The discount rate is available to members from these five organizations because they have taken a leadership role as “Level A” partners. In addition to providing their own programming content, these organizations launched the new minicourse-style Professional Enhancement Programs (PEP). Level A partners are involved with reviewing proposals for JMM panels and PEP sessions submitted by the wider mathematics community. The JMM partners strive to ensure the meeting will be inclusive and welcoming to all.

We recognize that the availability of travel funds has been diminishing in recent years, and the AMS is pleased to offer expanded travel grant opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students. In addition, an AMS donor has made it possible for us to introduce new travel grants for faculty at predominantly undergraduate institutions.

New Program Elements

The JMM will feature all of our traditional events, as well as several new additions. With more than 37 invited addresses and special lectures, 147 special sessions, and hundreds of contributed talks and poster presentations, there’s something for everyone. Please take a look at the schedule at www.jointmathematicsm meetings.org to make sure you don’t miss anything!

Here are just a few examples:

Events for Students: The activities for students—such as the graduate school fair, the employment center, the BIG career booth, and the undergraduate student poster session (now run by Pi Mu Epsilon)—will continue in Seattle. In addition, we’re adding a new lecture for students called the Erdős Lecture.

Receptions: In addition to long-established social activities such as the AWM Reception, there are several new and free events open to all registrants. A new Welcoming Reception sponsored by all the JMM partners will be held on Day 1. This event will feature hors d’oeuvres and entertainment with a cash bar and special offers from our exhibitors. Other free receptions include the Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion Reception sponsored by the ASA and the Industrial Math Modeling Reception sponsored by SIAM, as well as other new receptions sponsored by a variety of organizations.

Lectures: The ASA, along with the Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies, is introducing a new annual invited address on mathematical statistics; the AMS is sponsoring an annual invited address on Education and the new Erdős Lecture for students; the Association for the Advancement of Science is offering a new joint invited address with the AMS featuring a mathematician who is an AAAS fellow; Spectra is launching the Lavender Lecture to feature the research of a member of our LGBTQ+ community. In addition, the MAA-SIAM-AMS Hrabowski-Gates-Tapia-McBay lecture has grown to become a featured invited address, as have the four lectures in the popular Current Events Bulletin series.

PEP Sessions & Panels: A wide variety of professional development opportunities are brought to you by the new JMM Program Committee, which includes volunteers from the AMS, ASA, AWM, NAM, and SIAM. JMM Program Committee chair Dr. William Y. Vélez says, “This year’s panels and JMM Professional Enhancement Programs (PEP) address the many responsibilities of a modern mathematical sciences department. They range from lessons learned from online teaching, the art and practice of effective classroom techniques, the content of the undergraduate courses and the major program of study, and ideas on how to attract and engage those communities who previously have been far removed from the mathematical sciences enterprise. The JMM Program Committee would welcome your comments and suggestions for JMM 2023.”

A Safe and Welcoming Environment



The JMM partners are committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment in Seattle. The convention center and conference hotels will be following all appropriate local, state, and federal safety protocols related to COVID. JMM wellness and safety protocols will align with them and will include proof of vaccinations or proof of a negative 72-hour PCR test, a mask mandate, a required wellness screening form, and more. Details will be posted on the JMM website. See the conference program for information about gender-neutral bathrooms, nursing stations, a quiet room, and other accommodations. We are introducing a new program called MathSafe at the JMM, where any conference goer can approach a volunteer wearing a MathSafe button to receive support and aid if they are concerned that the JMM’s Welcoming Environment Policy is not being upheld. If

you would like to volunteer for a future training to become a MathSafe volunteer, visit the JMM registration booth or go to <https://mathsafe.org>.

In closing, you can expect to learn, network, and build relationships through invited addresses, special and contributed sessions, poster sessions, professional development panels and PEP sessions, social gatherings, and more. Prepare to come together to connect and collaborate. At JMM 2022, we will learn from each other. We will see old friends, and we will make new ones.

Stay tuned for JMM updates via social media and www.jointmathematicsm meetings.org. I look forward to seeing you January 5–8 in Seattle.

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