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Kevin Clancey Named MR Executive Editor

Kevin Clancey of the University of Louisville has been named executive editor of *Mathematical Reviews*. He succeeds Jane Kister, who is retiring from the position after twenty-five years of service at MR.

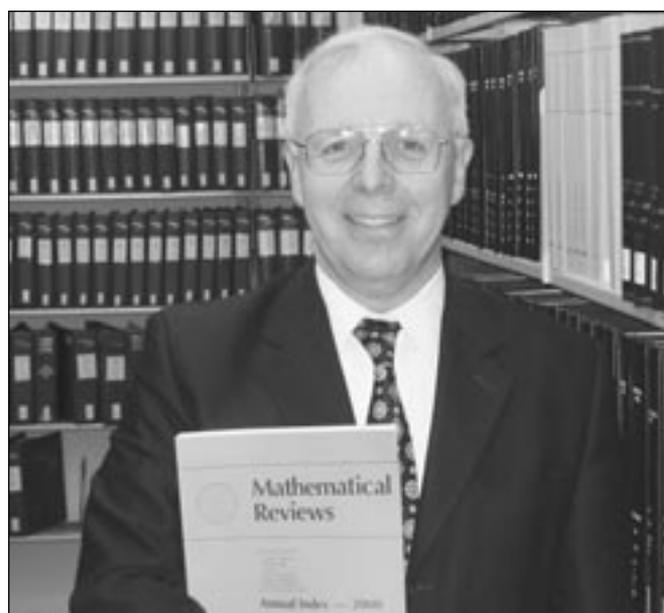
Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, Clancey received his B.S. degree from Saint Mary's University in Halifax (1965) and his M.S. (1967) and Ph.D. (1969) from Purdue University. He held positions at Carleton University and the University of California, Los Angeles, before moving in 1971 to the University of Georgia, where he spent most of his career. He was head of the mathematics department there from 1995 to 2001, when he accepted a position as chair of the mathematics department at the University of Louisville. From 1993 to 1995 he was a program director in the modern analysis program of the Division of Mathematical Sciences at the National Science Foundation (NSF). He received the Outstanding Performance Award for Program Management for his service at the NSF.

Clancey's area of research is operator theory. He is the author or coauthor of nearly fifty research papers and two books in the subject. He has presented many lectures at universities and conferences in the United States and Europe. Since 1978 he has been on the editorial board of *Integral Equations and Operator Theory*.

What follows is the text of an email interview with Clancey, in which he reflects on the importance of maintaining and enhancing MR as the premier bibliographic tool for mathematicians.

Notices: *Why did you want to become the executive editor of MR?*

Clancey: Like almost all mathematical scientists, I've derived great benefit from *Mathematical Reviews* over the years. Thus, when the opportunity to serve as executive editor popped up, I eagerly explored the matter. A visit to the MR offices made it clear that serving as executive editor would be an interesting and satisfying occupation. There are many facets of the duties of executive editor that appeal to me. I'm looking forward to working with the



Kevin Clancey, MR Executive Editor.

dedicated scientific and production staff at MR, interacting with the community of reviewers, viewing the broad mathematical landscape, and communicating with the publishing world. The position involves significant managerial duties, and I believe my previous administrative experience can be put to good use at MR. My goal is to effectively guide the publication in a manner consistent with the excellent stewardship that has been offered by past executive editors such as Jane Kister. I am quite honored to have this opportunity.

Notices: *How do you see the role of MR in the mathematical enterprise?*

Clancey: The readers of the *Notices* know the value of *Mathematical Reviews* as both a research tool and a historical record of our discipline. In an age of copious publication, MR, aka MathSciNet, allows us to stay current with research activity "close to home" and then to gain perspective on new directions. From personal experience I know that the best place to start learning about a new

mathematical topic is a text search of MR. Similarly, an author search in MR defines an individual researcher in greater depth than a CV. The links provided in MR yield important connections to past research that could easily have slipped off our radar screens. MR is a pretty amazing product and plays a central role in the mathematical enterprise.

Notices: What are your thoughts about the future of MR? How will MR be influenced by, or influence, the electronic revolution in how mathematical research is communicated?

Clancey: In the age of voluminous and electronic publication of mathematical research, the information contained in *Mathematical Reviews* is more important than ever. The significance of many electronic research publications can be easily lost in the ether. MR must be there to put things in context and develop connecting links. Establishing appropriate relationships with electronic journals and publications is an essential future task for MR. It is going to take considerable effort to keep on top of electronic publishing developments; however, MathSciNet is already an electronic publication and has demonstrated its ability to keep pace with publishing developments.

Notices: Do you have specific plans for things you want to accomplish at MR?

Clancey: MR seems to be quite healthy, and I don't think it is wise to change successful strategies. Accordingly, I'm not going into the position of executive editor with a heavy agenda. My objective will be to work hard to maintain the many qualities and value of MR for the community. Naturally, issues related to electronic publishing and the volume of mathematical publications will require our attention at MR. There will be ways to enrich the publication via the electronic media.

For these and other issues, we'll look to the community and advisory board for input. In general I'm a firm believer in the merits of collective wisdom and will welcome input on ways the publication can improve its service to the community. At the end of the day, the quality of this service is the measure of accomplishment at MR.

—Allyn Jackson

AMS-AAAS Media Fellow Named

Each year the AMS sponsors a fellow to participate in the Mass Media Fellowship program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). This program places science and mathematics graduate students in summer internships in media outlets.

The 2004 AMS-AAAS Mass Media Fellowship has been awarded to LISA DEKEUKELAERE, a mathematics graduate student at Brown University. She will be based at *Scientific American* for her summer fellowship upon completion of the program orientation in Washington, DC.

—AMS Washington office

Fan China Exchange Program Names Awardees

The Society's Fan China Exchange Program awards grants to support collaborations between Chinese and U.S. or Canadian researchers. Institutions in the United States or Canada apply for the funds to support a visitor from China or vice versa. This funding is made possible through a generous gift to the AMS from Ky and Yu-Fen Fan in 1999.

The names of the awardees for 2004 follow. The first name given is that of the host; the second is the name of the visitor. RUSSELL THOMPSON, Utah State University, U.S.; YONGQING LI, Fujian Normal University, China, two months. DAVID GRIFFEATH, University of Wisconsin, Madison, U.S.; JIAN ZHONG PAN, Academia Sinica, China, one month. BERNARD A. MAIR, North Carolina State University, U.S.; SHAO-MING FEI, Capital Normal University, China, two months. BERNARD RUSSO, University of California, Irvine, U.S.; BO DAI, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China, six months.

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—Elaine Kehoe