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## AMS Congressional Fellow Chosen

The American Mathematical Society (AMS) is pleased to announce that JEFFRY PHAN has been chosen as the AMS Congressional Fellow for 2007-08.

The AMS will sponsor Jeffry's fellowship through the Congressional Fellowship program administered by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). The fellowship is designed to provide a unique public policy learning experience, to demonstrate the value of science-government interaction, and to bring a technical background and external perspective to the decision-making process in Congress.

Fellows spend a year working on the staff of a member of Congress or a congressional committee, working as a special legislative assistant in legislative and policy areas requiring scientific and technical input. The fellowship program includes an orientation on congressional and executive branch operations, and a year-long seminar series on issues involving science, technology, and public policy.

Jeffry Phan was chosen from a field of outstanding candidates. He earned his Ph.D. in mathematics from Columbia University after completing his thesis on order properties of monomial ideals and their free resolutions. He was a teaching fellow with Columbia University's Science and Math Partnership and most recently worked as an assistant professor of mathematics at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

—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 made to the AMS by Ky and Yu-Fen Fan in 1999. The awardees for 2007 follow.

Rutgers University was awarded a US\$5,000 grant to support the visits of Zhi Lu of Fudan University and Hao Zheng of Zhongshan University; the University of Illinois, Chicago, received a grant of US\$4,500 to support a visit from Yong Zhou of East China Normal University; and Harvard University received a grant of US\$4,500 to support a visit from Jixiang Fu of Fudan University.

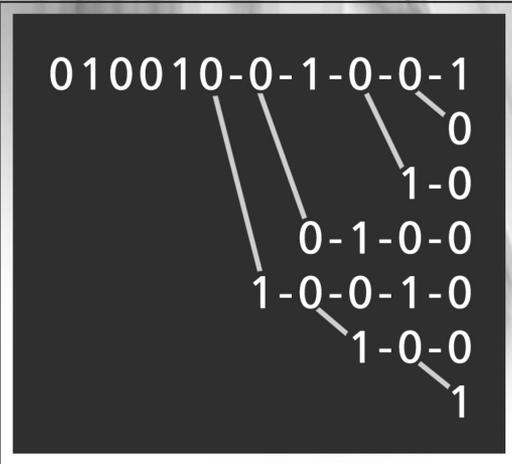
For information about the Fan China Exchange Program, visit the website <http://www.ams.org/outreach/chinaexchange.html>, or contact the AMS Membership and Programs Department, email: [prof-serv@ams.org](mailto:prof-serv@ams.org), telephone 401-455-4058 (within the U.S. call 800-321-4267, ext. 4058).

—Elaine Kehoe

## AMS Names 2007 Mass Media Fellow

The AMS is pleased to announce that ADRIANA SALERNO has been awarded its 2007 Mass Media Fellowship. Adriana is a Ph.D. student in mathematics at the University of Texas at Austin. She will be working at Voice of America for ten weeks over the summer under the sponsorship of the AMS.

The Mass Media Fellowship program is organized by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and is intended to strengthen the connections between science and the media, to improve public understanding of science, and to sharpen the ability of the fellows to communicate complex scientific issues to nonspecialists. The program is available to college or university students (in their senior year or in any graduate or postgraduate level) in the natural, physical, health,



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engineering, computer, social sciences, or mathematics who have outstanding written and oral communication skills and a strong interest in learning about the media. It is a highly competitive program, and the AMS wishes to congratulate Adriana Salerno on her accomplishment.

For a list of past AMS Media Fellows, see the website <http://www.ams.org/government/massmediafellowaward.html>.

—Anita L. Benjamin, AMS Washington Office

## Math in Moscow Scholarships Awarded

The AMS has made awards to three mathematics students to attend the Math in Moscow program in the fall of 2007. The following are the undergraduate students and their institutions: NATE BOTTMAN, University of Washington; MIRANDA INTRATOR, University of California, Santa Cruz; and JOAN PHARR, Wake Forest University. Each student has been awarded a US\$7,500 scholarship.

Math in Moscow is a program of the Independent University of Moscow that offers foreign students (undergraduate or graduate students specializing in mathematics and/or computer science) the opportunity to spend a semester in Moscow studying mathematics. All instruction is given in English. The fifteen-week program is similar to the Research Experiences for Undergraduates programs that are held each summer across the United States.

Since 2001, each semester the AMS has awarded several scholarships for U.S. students to attend the Math in Moscow program. The scholarships are made possible through a grant from the National Science Foundation. For more information about Math in Moscow, consult <http://www.mccme.ru/mathinmoscow> and the article “Bringing Eastern European mathematical traditions to North American students”, *Notices*, November 2003, pages 1250-4.

—Elaine Kehoe

## Deaths of AMS Members

DEBORAH TEPPER HAIMO, retired, from the University of California, La Jolla, died on May 18, 2007. Born on July 1, 1921, she was a member of the AMS for 60 years.

JOSEPH P. HEISLER, retired, from Notre Dame, IN, died on May 27, 2007. Born on August 9, 1934, he was a member of the Society for 21 years.

EMMA LEHMER, from Berkeley, CA, died on May 8, 2007. She was born on November 6, 1906. The widow of D. H. Lehmer, she wrote around 60 papers on different aspects of number theory, about 20 of these being joint publications with her husband.

ALFRED B. WILLCOX, retired executive director of the Mathematical Association of America, died on May 17, 2007. Born on September 18, 1925, he was a member of the Society for 58 years.