

## About the Cover

### Old North Church, Boston

The cover shows a watercolor sketch of Old North Church in Boston, site of the annual Joint Mathematics Meetings in January 2012. It was done by Karl Hofmann. We don't mean to deceive you about Boston weather in January, so we show below a more typical winter scene, the Great Spirit statue next to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, also by Karl.



This is the third cover we have had from Karl Hofmann. He is a member of the mathematics faculties of both Tulane University and Universität Darmstadt. He still works at mathematics, but his most unusual accomplishment is an extraordinarily long series of poster designs in tempera colors and felt pen calligraphy accompanying colloquium talks in Darmstadt, which you can see at

<http://www3.mathematik.tu-darmstadt.de/galerie-der-kolloquiumsposter.html>

He has also provided illustrations for mathematics books, most notably the very popular *Proofs from the Book* by Martin Aigner and Günter Ziegler.

The photograph below shows him at work in his “studio” at the university in Darmstadt.



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