

# Inside the AMS

## From the AMS Public Awareness Office

**Mathematics Events at the 2014 AAAS Meeting.** The AMS hosted an exhibit at the annual meeting in Chicago that featured materials on the role mathematics plays in bringing solutions to global problems (the theme of the meeting). Steven Strogatz, Jacob Gould Schurman Professor of Applied Mathematics at Cornell University, received the 2014 AAAS Award for Public Engagement with Science for “his exceptional commitment to and passion for conveying the beauty and importance of mathematics to the general public.” A report on some of the mathematics sessions as well as a slideshow are at <http://www.ams.org/meetings/aaas2014>.



Left to right: AAAS Executive Director Alan Leshner, Steve Strogatz, AAAS President Phillip A. Sharp.

**Selected Highlights of the 2014 Joint Mathematics Meetings.** See slideshows of Invited Addresses, Sessions and Panels; Prizes and Awards session and reception; Exhibits and Sponsors; Mathematical Art Exhibition and Awards; Graduate School Fair; Employment Center; and AMS Activities at JMM, including the AMS Publications Exhibit, national *Who Wants to Be a Mathematician?* game, AMS Fellows Reception, and the “Celebrating Connection and Collaboration” AMS Dinner, where over 200 enjoyed seeing old friends, making new friends, entering the raffle, having their photos taken, and hearing remarks of AMS President David Vogan and Executive Director Donald McClure, at <http://www.ams.org/meetings/national/jmm14-highlights>.

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## AMS Hosts Congressional Briefing

The AMS hosted a congressional briefing presented by Mark L. Green, professor emeritus at the University of California Los Angeles, held on December 11, 2013, in Washington, DC. His presentation, titled “How Math Fuels the Knowledge Economy”, discussed how the role of the mathematical sciences has expanded dramatically in recent years. He illustrated this expansion by providing examples drawn from the dynamic and rapidly growing driver of American prosperity, the knowledge economy—including Internet startups, biotech, film production, computer games, and individualized medicine.

Professor Green’s presentation was based on results from a recent National Academies/National Research Council study, “Fueling Innovation and Discovery: The Mathematical Sciences in 2025”. The report describes the many contributions of the mathematical sciences to our technologically advanced society and how they permeate virtually every aspect of the modern world.

The AMS holds annual congressional briefings as a means to communicate information to policymakers. Speakers discuss the importance of mathematics research and present their work in layman’s terms to congressional staff as a way to inform members of Congress of how mathematics impacts today’s important issues.

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## Deaths of AMS Members

CARL FAITH, of Princeton, New Jersey, died on January 12, 2014. Born on April 28, 1927, he was a member of the Society for 57 years.

HEINI HALBERSTAM, professor, University of Illinois, died on January 25, 2014. Born on September 11, 1926, he was a member of the Society for 58 years.

DAVID O. LOMEN, professor, University of Arizona, died on November 15, 2013. Born on May 11, 1937, he was a member of the Society for 45 years.

SAMUEL L. MARATECK, of Long Beach, New York, died on January 14, 2014. Born on September 28, 1939, he was a member of the Society for 23 years.

JIRI JAN SICHLER, professor, University of Manitoba, died on November 26, 2013. Born on December 30, 1941, he was a member of the Society for 42 years.

CLINTON CURTIS WILLIAMS, of Oakland, Michigan, died on December 3, 2013. Born on January 29, 1936, he was a member of the Society for 22 years.