

Prizes Awarded by the MAA and the AWM in San Diego

The Mathematical Association of America and the Association for Women in Mathematics awarded a number of prizes at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Diego in January 1997.

The MAA Yueh-Gin Gung and Dr. Charles Y. Hu Award for Distinguished Service to Mathematics is MAA's most prestigious award. First given in 1990, this award is the successor to the MAA's Award for Distinguished Service to Mathematics, established in 1962, and is made possible by the late Dr. Hu and his wife, Yueh-Gin Gung. Though a geologist and not a mathematician, Dr. Hu had strong feelings about the importance of mathematics to all human endeavors. The 1997 recipient of this award is Deborah Tepper Haimo, who served as MAA president during 1991-1992.

The MAA Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Awards for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics honor teachers who have been widely recognized as extraordinarily successful and whose teaching effectiveness has been shown to have had influence beyond their own institutions. Haimo Awards were presented to Carl C. Cowen Jr., of Purdue University, Carl Pomerance of the University of Georgia, and T. Christine Stevens of St. Louis University.

The MAA Chauvenet Prize for expository writing is given for an outstanding expository article on a mathematical topic by an MAA member. The recipient for 1997 is Thomas Hawkins of Boston University for his article "The birth of Lie's theory of groups", *Mathematical Intelligencer* 16 (1994), 6-17.

Certificates of Meritorious Service are presented for service to the MAA at the national level or for service to an MAA section. The awardees for 1997 are: Florida Section: Ernest R. Ross Jr., of St. Petersburg Junior College, Clearwater campus; Michigan Section: Don R. Lick, Eastern Michigan University; Northeastern Section: Frank P. Battles and Laura L. Kelleher, Massachusetts Maritime Academy; Rocky Mountain Section: William C. Ramaley, Fort Lewis College; Texas Section: Glen E. Mattingly, Sam Houston State University.

The Louise Hay Award for Contributions to Mathematics Education was established by the AWM in 1990. The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding achievements in any area of mathematics education, to be interpreted in the broadest sense. The award honors the memory of Louise Hay, who was the head of the Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The 1997 recipient of the Hay Award is Marilyn Burns of Marilyn Burns Educational Associates. Burns has written books, developed curricula, and created workshops and videos aimed at improving mathematics instruction in grade school.

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