



The AMS Graduate Student Blog, by and for math graduate students, includes crossword puzzles, and a variety of interesting columns and excerpts. This month's blog section offers the following excerpts from the December, 2015 blogs.ams.org/mathgradblog.

In "Looking at the Prism," djbruce discusses bias, looking at the example of sexism in teaching evaluations and presenting a chart by Ben Schmidt "that allows you to see how frequently various words are used in RateMyProfessor reviews by gender and field. So for example, if you search the word 'genius' we see that in every field, but especially math, it is much more frequently used in the reviews of male instructors as opposed to those of female instructors. On the other hand, reviews for female instructors are much more likely to use the words 'unprofessional' or 'bossy.'"

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(Not) Noticing Personal Progress

by Sarah Salmon, University of Colorado, Boulder

"...how can we remember that we are getting smarter? For me, the most satisfying way is by helping other people.... When a newer-than-you graduate student asks you a math question and you can provide some insight, it feels awesome!"

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