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AMS Congressional Fellow Announced

JAMES RICCI has been awarded the 2018–2019 AMS Congressional Fellowship. Ricci is currently an assistant professor at Daemen College, teaching courses in math and computer science. He received his PhD in mathematics from Wesleyan University.

Ricci was part of an effort with Daemen’s Natural Sciences Department to address the retention issues of educationally disadvantaged students. The team created a multidisciplinary freshman course focused on sparking interest in STEM for students whose minimal mathematics backgrounds did not support their chosen majors. He used a similar approach to redesign an introductory computer science course, incorporating current topics such as cybersecurity, cryptocurrencies, artificial intelligence, and net neutrality into class discussions in order to address topics in a more meaningful and engaging way.

The Congressional Fellowship program is administered by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and provides an opportunity for scientists and engineers to learn about federal policy making while contributing their knowledge and analytical skills to the process. 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 professional development program.

The Fellowship is designed to provide a unique public policy learning experience that demonstrates the value of science-government interaction and brings a technical background and external perspective to the decision-making process in Congress.


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AMS Blog Posts to Revisit for the New Academic Year

• “Advice for New Doctoral Advisors,” “Mathematical Culture beyond the Classroom” and “To Active Learning and Beyond: Attending to Student Thinking AND Student Experience in Active-Learning Math Classes” by Benjamin Braun, University of Kentucky, founder and editor-in-chief of the On Teaching and Learning Mathematics blog, who retired from the blog in June. We thank him for his vision and enlightening posts at https://blogs.ams.org/matheducation/author/ben-braun.
• “Radical Notation” by Anna Haensch: https://blogs.ams.org/blogonmathblogs/2018/04/09/radical-notation

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Deaths of AMS Members

JAMES H. ABBOTT, of Plano, Texas, died on July 19, 2015. Born on August 19, 1924, he was a member of the Society for 61 years.

ROY L. ADLER, of Chappaqua, New York, died on July 26, 2016. Born on February 22, 1931, he was a member of the Society for 59 years.

FRANK W. ANDERSON, professor, University of Oregon, died on February 5, 2016. Born on February 5, 1928, he was a member of the Society for 62 years.

HUBERT BERENS, professor, University of Erlangen-Nurnberg, died on February 9, 2013. Born on May 6, 1936, he was a member of the Society for 46 years.

JONATHAN BORWEIN, professor, University of Newcastle, died on August 2, 2016. Born on May 20, 1951, he was a member of the Society for 26 years.

J. W. S. CASSELS, of the United Kingdom, died on July 27, 2015. Born on July 11, 1922, he was a member of the Society for 46 years.

E. W. CHENEY, of Austin, Texas, died on July 13, 2016. Born on June 28, 1929, he was a member of the Society for 63 years.

ROMAN J. DWILEWICZ, professor, Missouri University of Science & Technology, died on July 29, 2016. Born on November 6, 1949, he was a member of the Society for 27 years.

ELMER EISNER, of Houston, Texas, died on August 2, 2016. Born on March 8, 1919, he was a member of the Society for 56 years.

EUGENIA E. FITZGERALD, of Nashua, New Hampshire, died on March 17, 2016. Born on November 8, 1925, she was a member of the Society for 39 years.

MELVIN D. GEORGE, of Columbia, Missouri, died on April 25, 2016. Born on February 13, 1936, he was a member of the Society for 59 years.

ANTHONY A. GIOIA, of Augusta, Michigan, died on January 4, 2016. Born on April 7, 1934, he was a member of the Society for 54 years.

NEIL E. GRETSLY, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, died on September 21, 2015. Born on March 17, 1941, he was a member of the Society for 50 years.

JOHN W. HARDY JR., of Bakersfield, California, died on August 17, 2014. Born on April 21, 1927, he was a member of the Society for 63 years.

DAVID LEE HILLIKER, of Costa Mesa, California, died on February 1, 2012. Born on September 1, 1935, he was a member of the Society for 44 years.

MELVIN F. JANOWITZ, of Haworth, New Jersey, died on December 8, 2015. Born on May 8, 1929, he was a member of the Society for 53 years.

JOHN F. KURTZKE JR., of Notre Dame, Indiana, died on February 28, 2013. Born on March 28, 1951, he was a member of the Society for 38 years.

NORMAN M. MARTIN, of Austin, Texas, died on July 13, 2016. Born on January 16, 1924, he was a member of the Society for 67 years.

EDWARD B. MCLEOD JR., of Long Beach, California, died on December 20, 2014. Born on July 25, 1924, he was a member of the Society for 61 years.

MARVIN G. MUNDT, professor, Valparaiso University, died on May 6, 2013. Born on April 5, 1933, he was a member of the Society for 52 years.

DONALD E. SANDERSON, of Torrey, Utah, died on January 17, 2016. Born on February 4, 1926, he was a member of the Society for 66 years.

SOL SCHWARTZMAN, of Providence, Rhode Island, died on January 30, 2016. Born on October 17, 1926, he was a member of the Society for 26 years.

ATWELL R. TURQUETTE, of Champaign, Illinois, died on December 14, 2014. Born on July 14, 1914, he was a member of the Society for 77 years.

ROGER P. WARE, of Lincoln, California, died in June, 2016. Born on April 2, 1942, he was a member of the Society for 48 years.

WILLIAM C. WATERHOUSE, of State College, Pennsylvania, died on June 26, 2016. Born on December 31, 1941, he was a member of the Society for 51 years.

JOHN A. WINN JR., of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, died on April 3, 2016. Born on April 8, 1945, he was a member of the Society for 37 years.

PAUL M. YOUNG, of Manhattan, Kansas, died on July 13, 2016. Born on February 13, 1916, he was a member of the Society for 70 years.

Paweł DOMANSKI, professor, Adam Mickiewicz University, died on August 4, 2016. Born on May 19, 1978, he was a member of the Society for 26 years.

Waclaw SZYMANSKI, professor, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, died on August 7, 2016. Born on December 12, 1949, he was a member of the Society for 31 years.

ALAN G. MCINTOSH, professor, Australian National University, died on August 8, 2016. Born on January 17, 1942, he was a member of the Society for 50 years.

NICHOLAS SCHEALL, professor, University Center, Michigan, died on August 18, 2016. Born on May 19, 1978, he was a member of the Society for 13 years.