

Community Updates

AMS Department Chairs Workshop

The AMS held its annual Department Chairs Workshop this year on January 14 in a virtual format. Workshop leaders were Luca Capogna, professor and head, Department of Mathematical Sciences, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Kevin Knudson, professor and chair, Department of Mathematics, University of Florida; and Jennifer Zhao, professor and former chair, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Like almost every aspect of society, higher education has been in a state of turmoil since the COVID-19 pandemic hit. The 2021 AMS Department Chairs Workshop provided an opportunity to share experiences and reflect on what math department chairs, math departments, and colleges and universities have been doing to react to the emergency. Topics of discussion included Leadership Development during Challenging Times; The Logistics of Remote Teaching and Learning; and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and How COVID is Affecting Efforts.

The 2021 workshop was attended by sixty-four department chairs and leaders from across the country.

—Anita Benjamin
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Deaths of AMS Members

EDWIN F. BESCHLER, of Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, died on April 29, 2018. Born on December 27, 1931, he was a member of the Society for 56 years.

LOUIS R. BRAGG, of Novi, Michigan, died on May 6, 2018. Born on August 5, 1931, he was a member of the Society for 64 years.

P. T. CHURCH, of Fayetteville, New York, died on July 17, 2015. Born on March 18, 1931, he was a member of the Society for 58 years.

M. DO CARMO, professor, Institute for Pure-Applied Mathematics, died on April 30, 2018. Born on August 15, 1928, he was a member of the Society for 57 years.

MARY R. EMBRY-WARDROP, of Flat Rock, North Carolina, died on March 18, 2018. Born on August 22, 1933, she was a member of the Society for 60 years.

JOSEPH C. FERRAR, of Worthington, Ohio, died on May 16, 2018. Born on December 10, 1939, he was a member of the Society for 54 years.

D. J. FOULIS, of Amherst, Massachusetts, died on April 3, 2018. Born on July 26, 1930, he was a member of the Society for 62 years.

DAVID HANDEL, of Farmington Hills, Michigan, died on March 14, 2018. Born on June 20, 1938, he was a member of the Society for 57 years.

CHAIM SAMUEL HONIG, professor, University of Sao Paulo, died on March 19, 2018. Born on February 1, 1926, he was a member of the Society for 67 years.

ANATOLE KATOK, professor, Pennsylvania State University, died on April 30, 2018. Born on August 9, 1944, he was a member of the Society for 33 years.

SAROOP K. KAUL, of Canada, died on May 10, 2018. He was a member of the Society for 53 years.

L. J. LANGE, of Custer, South Dakota, died on May 2, 2018. Born on August 29, 1928, he was a member of the Society for 56 years.

MEHRZAD MONZAVI, professor, Texas A&M, died on May 5, 2018. Born on May 25, 1987, he was a member of the Society for 2 years.

RONALD C. O'NEILL, professor, Michigan State University, died on April 29, 2018. Born on July 20, 1929, he was a member of the Society for 60 years.

ILIE POPESCU, of Romania, died on April 11, 2018. Born on March 11, 1928, he was a member of the Society for 29 years.

HERMAN RUBIN, professor, Purdue University, died on April 23, 2018. Born on October 27, 1926, he was a member of the Society for 71 years.

FRED K. RUMFORD, of Vail, Colorado, died on March 14, 2018. Born on May 9, 1933, he was a member of the Society for 41 years.

MAURICE SION, professor, University of British Columbia, died on April 17, 2018. Born on October 17, 1927, he was a member of the Society for 68 years.

A. P. STONE, professor, University of New Mexico, died on April 7, 2018. Born on June 28, 1928, he was a member of the Society for 55 years.