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# Inside the AMS

## Fan China Exchange Program Names Awardees

The Society's Fan China Exchange Program awards grants to support collaborations between Chinese and U.S. or Canadian researchers. Institutions in the United States or Canada apply for the funds to support a visitor from China or vice versa. This funding is made possible through a generous gift to the AMS from Ky and Yu-Fen Fan in 1999.

The names of the awardees for 2005 follow. Host: YONGQING LI, Fujian Normal University, China; visitor: YUM-TONG SIU, Harvard University, U.S., length of stay to be determined. Host: JIANYA LIU, Shandong University, China; visitor: YANGBO YE, University of Iowa, U.S., three months. Host: BRUCE DRIVER, University of California, San Diego, U.S.; visitors: YUXIN DONG, Fudan University, and YU ZHENG, East China Normal University, China, two months. Host: DAVID GRIFFEATH, University of Wisconsin, Madison, U.S.; visitor: YINGI WU, University of Science and Technology of China, three months.

For information about the Fan China Exchange Program, visit the website <http://www.ams.org/outreach/chinaexchange.html>, or contact the AMS Membership and Programs Department, email: [prof-serv@ams.org](mailto:prof-serv@ams.org), telephone 401-455-4058 (within the U.S. call 800-321-4267, ext. 4058).

—Allyn Jackson

## Epsilon Awards for 2005

The AMS Epsilon Fund for Young Scholars was established in 1999 to provide financial assistance to summer programs for mathematically talented high school students in the United States. For many years these programs have provided mathematically talented youngsters with their first serious mathematical experiences. The name for the fund was chosen in remembrance of the late Paul Erdős, who was fond of calling children “epsilons”.

The AMS has chosen nine summer mathematics programs to receive Epsilon grants for activities in the summer of 2005. The grants will support program expenses and student scholarships and, in some cases, scholarships only. The programs were chosen on the basis of mathematical excellence and enthusiasm. Award amounts were governed by the varying financial needs of each program and totaled \$80,000.

The programs receiving grants are: All Girls/All Math Summer Camp for High School Girls, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Canada/USA Mathcamp, Reed College, Portland, Oregon; Hampshire College Summer Studies in Mathematics, Amherst, Massachusetts; MathPath, Colorado College, Colorado Springs; Michigan Math and Science Scholars Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; PROMYS, Boston University; Ross Mathematics Program, Ohio State University; Texas State Honors Summer Math Camp, Texas State University, San Marcos; University of Chicago Young Scholars Program.

The grants for summer 2005 are paid for by the AMS Epsilon Fund for Young Scholars (supplemented by the AMS Program Development Fund). The AMS is continuing to build the endowment for the Epsilon Fund, with a goal of raising \$2 million through individual donations and grants. Once the Epsilon Fund endowment has reached the targeted amount, the AMS intends to award a total of \$100,000 in Epsilon grants each year.

For further information about the Epsilon Fund for Young Scholars, visit the website <http://www.ams.org/giving-to-ams/>, or contact [development@ams.org](mailto:development@ams.org), telephone 800-321-4267, extension 4111, or 401-455-4111. Information about how to apply for Epsilon grants is available at <http://www.ams.org/outreach/epsilon.html>. A fairly comprehensive listing of summer programs for mathematically talented high school students (including those with and without Epsilon grants) is available at <http://www.ams.org/outreach/mathcamps.html>.

—Allyn Jackson

## AMS Sponsors Mass Media Fellow

The American Mathematical Society (AMS) is pleased to announce that BRENT DESCHAMP has been awarded its 2005 Mass Media Fellowship. Deschamp is a graduate student in civil engineering/mathematics at the University of Wyoming. He will be working at WOSU-AM in Columbus, Ohio, for ten weeks over the summer under the sponsorship of the AMS.

The Mass Media Fellowship program is organized by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and is intended to strengthen the connections between science and the media, to improve public understanding of science, and to sharpen the ability of the fellows to communicate complex scientific issues to non-specialists. The program is available to college or university students (in their senior year, or in any graduate or postgraduate level) in the natural, physical, or health sciences; engineering; computer science; social sciences; or mathematics who have outstanding written and oral communication skills and a strong interest in learning about the media. It is a highly competitive program, and the AMS wishes to congratulate Brent Deschamp on his accomplishment.

The program is in its thirty-first year and has supported nearly 500 fellows. The AMS has sponsored 10 fellows since it began participating in the program in 1997. For more information on the AAAS Mass Media Science and Engineering Fellows Program, visit the AAAS website <http://www.aaas.org/programs/education/MassMedia/>. For information on the AMS program, contact Anita Benjamin, AMS Washington office, [amsdc@ams.org](mailto:amsdc@ams.org).

—Anita Benjamin, AMS Washington office

## Deaths of AMS Members

DALLAS O. BANKS, professor emeritus, from Davis, CA, died on June 27, 2003. Born on October 21, 1928, he was a member of the Society for 44 years.

HELEN P. BEARD, retired, from Lynchburg, VA, died on January 8, 2004. Born in November 1915, she was a member of the Society for 62 years.

KENNETH P. BOGART, professor, Dartmouth College, died on March 30, 2005. Born on October 6, 1943, he was a member of the Society for 40 years.

TRUMAN BOTTS, retired, from Arlington, VA, died on February 4, 2005. Born on November 26, 1917, he was a member of the Society for 64 years.

BERNARD EPSTEIN, retired, from Potomac, MD, died on March 30, 2005. Born on August 10, 1920, he was a member of the Society for 60 years.

BRUCE FRECH, Planalytics Energy, Wayne, PA, died on January 29, 2005. Born on December 11, 1956, he was a member of the Society for 27 years.

ROBERT FULTON, professor, University of Louisville, KY, died on March 10, 2005. Born on April 11, 1938, he was a member of the Society for 5 years.

HERBERT GOLDSTEIN, professor, Columbia University, died in January 2005. Born on June 26, 1922, he was a member of the Society for 37 years.

J. RAY HANNA, retired, from Cheyenne, WY, died on March 11, 2005. Born on January 26, 1914, he was a member of the Society for 52 years.

PETER HANNA, retired, from Santa Cruz, CA, died on April 8, 2005. Born on December 9, 1918, he was a member of the Society for 39 years.

GEORGE E. HAY, professor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, died on January 12, 2005. Born on June 11, 1914, he was a member of the Society for 65 years.

VIRGIL C. KOWALIK, professor emeritus, Texas A&M University, Kingsville, died on March 19, 2005. Born on February 8, 1932, he was a member of the Society for 41 years.

ZHENXIU MAO, professor, MIT, died on February 28, 2005. He was a member of the Society for one year.

THOMAS A. METZGER, associate professor, University of Pittsburgh, died on February 24, 2005. Born on July 14, 1944, he was a member of the Society for 38 years.

MIRCEA MIȘICU, prin. sci. res., National Institute for Earth Physics, Romania, died on March 23, 2005. Born on February 27, 1926, he was a member of the Society for 9 years.

MICHIHIRO NAGASE, professor, Osaka University, died on January 10, 2004. Born on February 13, 1944, he was a member of the Society for 17 years.

EDWARD A. NORDHAUS, professor emeritus, Michigan State University, died on November 18, 1998. Born on February 23, 1912, he was a member of the Society for 62 years.

IGOR V. SKRYPNIK, director, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, (Inst. of Applied Math. and Mech.), died in February 2005. Born on November 13, 1940, he was a member of the Society for 10 years.

JAMES SNOVER, retired, Florida State University, died on June 9, 2001. Born on November 23, 1920, he was a member of the Society for 52 years.

THEODOR D. STERLING, from Vancouver, Canada, died on January 26, 2005. Born on July 3, 1923, he was a member of the Society for 50 years.

SAURO TULIPANI, professor, University of Perugia, died in March 2005. Born on August 6, 1946, he was a member of the Society for 22 years.

JACOBUS H. VAN LINT, retired, Eindhoven University of Technology, the Netherlands, died on September 20, 2004. Born on September 1, 1932, he was a member of the Society for 44 years.