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# Inside the AMS

## From the AMS Public Awareness Office

• **Arnold Ross Lecture by David Kelly.** David Kelly (Hampshire College) gave his lecture *From Pascal's Triangle to Sierpinski's Triangle in Base 2* to over one hundred



**David Kelly**

enthusiastic students at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) in late October. Arnold Ross (1906–2002) started a mathematics enrichment program for high school teachers in 1947. He started his multi-level summer program for gifted high school students in 1957 and ran it every summer until 2000, giving the number theory lecture each morning. In keeping with this prestigious tradition, the AMS presents a lecture for talented high school mathematics students each year to stimulate their interest in mathematics beyond the traditional classroom and to show them the tremendous opportunities for careers in mathematics—as mathematics teachers and as researchers in government, industry, and university programs. The 2009 lecture will be held at the National Science Center in Augusta, Georgia. Read about the 2008 lecture and *Who Wants to Be a Mathematician* that immediately followed at <http://www.ams.org/wwtbam/archive/ar12008.html>.

• **Feature Column.** Recent columns include “From Bézier to Bernstein”, by Bill Casselman, “Inside-out Frieze Symmetries in Ancient Peruvian Weavings”, by Tony Phillips, “Gray Codes”, by Joe Malkevitch, and “Percolation: Slipping through the Cracks”, by David Austin, at <http://www.ams.org/featurecolumn/>.

• **Mathematicians in the media** over the past few months include **Jason Brown** (Dalhousie University) for work he did analyzing the opening chord of “A Hard Day’s

Night”; **Donald Saari** (University of California, Irvine) and **John Allen Paulos** (Temple University), explaining aspects of mathematics and voting; **Oded Schramm**, a member of the Theory Group at Microsoft Research, who died in a tragic hiking accident; **Donald Clayton Spencer**, who had a mountain peak in Colorado named after him; and **Manil Suri** (University of Maryland Baltimore County), who also writes novels. Find these and other mathematicians quoted in newspapers and interviewed on radio in the 2008 Math Digest archive at <http://www.ams.org/mathmedia/mathdigest/md-2008-toc.html>.

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## AMS Email Support for Frequently Asked Questions

A number of email addresses have been established for contacting the AMS staff regarding frequently asked questions. The following is a list of those addresses together with a description of the types of inquiries that should be made through each address.

**abs-info@ams.org** for questions regarding a particular abstract.

**abs-submit@ams.org** for information on how to submit abstracts for AMS meetings and MAA sessions at January Joint Mathematics Meetings. Type HELP as the subject line.

**acquisitions@ams.org** to contact the AMS Acquisitions Department.

**ams@ams.org** to contact the Society’s headquarters in Providence, Rhode Island.

**amsdc@ams.org** to contact the Society’s office in Washington, D.C.

**amsmem@ams.org** to request information about membership in the AMS and about dues payments or to ask any general membership questions; may also be used to submit address changes.

**ams-survey@ams.org** for information or questions about the Annual Survey of the Mathematical Sciences or to request reprints of survey reports.

**bookstore@ams.org** for inquiries related to the online AMS Bookstore.

**classads@ams.org** to submit classified advertising for the *Notices*.

**cust-serv@ams.org** for general information about AMS products (including electronic products), to send address changes, place credit card orders for AMS products, or conduct any general correspondence with the Society's Customer Services Department.

**development@ams.org** for information about giving to the AMS, including the Epsilon Fund.

**eims-info@ams.org** to request general information about Employment Information in the Mathematical Sciences (EIMS). For ad deadlines and rates go to <http://www.ams.org/eims>.

**emp-info@ams.org** for information regarding AMS employment and career services.

**eprod-support@ams.org** for technical questions regarding AMS electronic products and services.

**mathcal@ams.org** to send information to be included in the "Mathematics Calendar" section of the *Notices*.

**mathrev@ams.org** to submit reviews to *Mathematical Reviews* and to send correspondence related to reviews or other editorial questions.

**meet@ams.org** to request general information about Society meetings and conferences.

**meetreg-request@ams.org** to request email meeting registration forms.

**meetreg-submit@ams.org** to submit completed registration forms.

**mmsb@ams.org** for information or questions about registration and housing for the Joint Mathematics Meetings (Mathematics Meetings Service Bureau).

**msn-support@ams.org** for technical questions regarding MathSciNet.

**notices@ams.org** to send correspondence to the managing editor of the *Notices*, including items for the news columns. The editor ([notices@math.ou.edu](mailto:notices@math.ou.edu)) is the person to whom to send articles and letters. Requests for permission to reprint from the *Notices* should be sent to [reprint-permission@ams.org](mailto:reprint-permission@ams.org) (see below).

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**notices-booklist@ams.org** to submit suggestions for books to be included in the "Book List" in the *Notices*.

**notices-letters@ams.org** to submit letters and opinion pieces to the *Notices*.

**notices-what@ams.org** to comment on or send suggestions for topics for the "WHAT IS...?" column in the *Notices*.

**paoffice@ams.org** to contact the AMS Public Awareness Office.

**president@ams.org** to contact the president of the American Mathematical Society.

**prof-serv@ams.org** to send correspondence about AMS professional programs and services.

**pub@ams.org** to send correspondence to the AMS Publication Division.

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**sales@ams.org** to inquire about reselling or distributing AMS publications or to send correspondence to the AMS Sales Department.

**secretary@ams.org** to contact the secretary of the Society.

**statements@ams.org** to correspond regarding a balance due shown on a monthly statement.

**tech-support@ams.org** to contact the Society's typesetting Technical Support Group.

**textbooks@ams.org** to request examination copies or inquire about using AMS publications as course texts.

**webmaster@ams.org** for general information or for assistance in accessing and using the AMS website.

## Deaths of AMS Members

ANTONIO AIZPURU, professor, University of Cadiz, Spain, died on March 1, 2008. Born on September 13, 1954, he was a member of the Society for 10 years.

JACK M. ANDERSON, retired, from Hill City, SD, died on August 18, 2008. Born on June 13, 1937, he was a member of the Society for 14 years.

DAVID GOTTLIEB, professor, Brown University, died on December 6, 2008. Born on November 14, 1944, he was a member of the Society for 19 years.

CRACIUN IANCU, associate professor, University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania, died on March 12, 2007. Born on September 15, 1939, he was a member of the Society for 15 years.

KIYOSHI ITO, from Kyoto-shi, Japan, died on November 10, 2008. Born on September 7, 1915, he was a member of the Society for 47 years.

HENDRIK S. KONIJN, professor emeritus, University of California, Berkeley, died on October 14, 2008. Born on March 17, 1918, he was a member of the Society for 61 years.

WILLIAM LIGHT, professor, University of Leicester, England, died on December 8, 2002. Born on April 19, 1950, he was a member of the Society for 17 years.

DAVID MIDDLETON, from New York, NY, died on November 16, 2008. Born on April 19, 1920, he was a member of the Society for 37 years.

KATSUMI NOMIZU, professor emeritus, Brown University, died on November 5, 2008. Born on December 1, 1924, he was a member of the Society for 57 years.

GEORGE PIMBLEY, retired, from Los Alamos, NM, died on August 14, 2008. Born on March 11, 1922, he was a member of the Society for 50 years.

ROBERT H. SMITH, from Woodbury, NJ, died on July 31, 2008. Born on March 7, 1943, he was a member of the Society for 2 years.

SUSAN WILLIAMSON, from Newton Centre, MA, died on July 26, 2008. Born on December 29, 1936, she was a member of the Society for 41 years.