Matthew Simonson new Editor-in-Chief of AMS Graduate Student Blog

Matt Simonson, the new Editor-in-Chief of the AMS Graduate Student Blog, is pursuing a PhD in Network Science at Northeastern University. In high school he spearheaded a letter writing campaign to free Mexican political prisoner José Gallardo and, upon his release, invited him to speak at his school. In college he trekked by horseback across the Mongolian steppe and wrote a thesis on “The isoperimetric problem on Euclidean, spherical, and hyperbolic surfaces,” published in the Journal of the Korean Mathematical Society. After college he taught high school for seven years. Meanwhile he spent eight summers working at Seeds of Peace, an NGO with a summer camp in Maine that brings together teenagers from Israel, Palestine, Egypt, Jordan, India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. Notices wishes him every success in all of his endeavors.

Here are some blog excerpts, mostly from October, 2015:

Five Things to do as a Graduate Student in Mathematics
by Mohammed Kaabar, Washington State University

1. Join professional organizations...
2. Create a professional website...
3. Teach a course you like to teach...
4. Participate in research groups...
5. Participate in extra-curricular and academic-related activities...

CHAT-ing Our Way to a Better Community
by Sarah Salmon, University of Colorado, Boulder

...A CHAT is a time for grad students (and sometimes faculty) to get together and chat about a predetermined topic of interest....

Documenting the Academic Job Search—Part I
By Derek Smith, University of California, Santa Barbara

...the first in a series of posts documenting “lessons learned” from my own academic job search...

Thank You Tyler
by Frank Morgan, AMS Graduate Student Blog Publisher

As we welcome a new Editor-in-Chief Matthew Simonson, I want to express my admiration and gratitude to the outgoing Editor Tyler Clark, who over the past three and a half years has made the Graduate Student Blog what it is today. May happiness and success follow him wherever he goes.