

Iowa State University
Ames, IA
April 7-8, 2006



**2006 Iowa
Mathematics/Statistics
Meeting**

Pocket Press

Recreational Opportunities:

- Stop by the registration desk to get your first clue for the Murder Mystery Puzzle.
- Enter your favorite undergraduate problem in the Problem Contest
- Join us for Dinner at the Olde Main Brewing Company

Friday:

All rooms in Carver

- 2:30 – 4:30 **Registration and Exhibits**
 3:00 – 4:25 **Concurrent Session 1 – C 202**
 Irvin Hentzel, Iowa State University
 Mariah Birgen, Wartburg College
 Reginald Laursen, Luther College
 3:00 – 4:25 **Concurrent Session 2 – C 204**
 M. Anne Dow, Maharishi University of Management
 Zhongming WANG, Iowa State University
 Kunlun Liu, Iowa State University
 3:00 – 4:25 **Concurrent Session 3 – C 205**
 Jeremy Alm, Iowa State University
 Charles Ashbacher, Mt. Mercy College
 Ryan Martin, Iowa State University
 4:35 – 5:20 **Panel Discussion – C 202**
 4:35 – 5:20 **Round Table Discussion – C 204**
 7:30 – 8:30 **Plenary Session 1 – C 101**
 Jim Tattersall
 8:30 - ? **Reception**

Saturday:

- 8:30 – 9:30 **Plenary Session 2 – C 101**
 Jim Tattersall
 9:45 – 11:05 **Concurrent Session 4 – C 124**
 Jacob Manske, Iowa State University
 Alexander Kleiner, Drake University
 Steve Bean, Cornell College
 9:45 – 11:05 **Concurrent Session 5 – C 128**
 Scott Wood, University of Iowa
 Michael Larsen, Iowa State University
 Di Wu, Iowa State University
 9:45 – 11:05 **Concurrent Session 6 – C 132**
 Joseph Keller, Iowa State University
 Dave Renfro
 Alfredo Villanueva, University of Iowa
 11:25 – 12:10 **Business Meeting – C 101**

- 1:40 – 2:30 **Concurrent Session 7 – C 124**
 Brian Birgen, Wartburg College
 Marc Chamberland, Grinnell College
 1:40 – 2:30 **Concurrent Session 8 – C 128**
 Wolfgang Kliemann, Iowa State University
 Justin From, Central College
 1:40 – 2:30 **Concurrent Session 9 – C 132**
 Giovanna Llosent, University of Iowa
 Christian Roettger, Iowa State University
 2:45 – 4:05 **Concurrent Session 10 – C 124**
 Luz De Alba, Drake University
 Catherine Gorini, Maharishi University of Management
 Mark Mills, Central College
 2:45 – 4:05 **Concurrent Session 11 – C 128**
 Stephen Willson, Iowa State University
 Rick Spellerberg, Simpson College
 WEN ZHOU, Iowa State University
 2:45 – 4:05 **Concurrent Session 12 – C 132**
 Kenneth Driessel

**Jim Tattersal
 Providence College
 Executive Secretary of the MAA
 Plenary Sessions I
 Episodes in the Early History of the Lucasian Chair**

In 1663, Henry Lucas, the long-time secretary to the Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, made a bequest, subsequently granted by Charles II, to endow a chair in mathematics. A number of conditions were attached to the Chair. Among the more prominent Lucasian professors were Newton, Babbage, Stokes, Dirac, and Hawking. We focus attention on the early Lucasians. Many of whom were very diligent in carrying out their Lucasian responsibilities but as history has shown such was not always the case. In the process, we uncover several untold stories and some interesting mathematics

**Plenary Session II
 Vignettes in Number Theory**

Properties and the history of several numbers that lend themselves naturally to undergraduate research projects will be discussed. Topics include Demo numbers, polite numbers, sad numbers, decimal Columbian numbers, Smith numbers, and Niven numbers.