

Mathematical Association of America  
 MD-DC-VA Section, April 15-16, 2011  
 Randolph-Macon College  
 Schedule of Speakers

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**Friday, April 15**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>2:30 – 3:45</b>	Copley 200	<b>Section Officers Meeting</b>
<b>4:00 – 6:00</b>	Copley 101	<b>Workshop: <i>A Game Theory Approach to Quantitative Literacy</i></b> <b>Rick Gillman</b> Valparaiso University
<b>6:00 – 7:00</b>	Copley lobby	<b>Registration</b>
	Alumni Gym	<b>Reception</b> Refreshments and Cash Bar
<b>7:00 – 8:00</b>	Alumni Gym	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b> <b>Provost Bill Franz</b> Randolph-Macon College <b>Banquet Dinner</b>
<b>8:00 – 9:00</b>	Alumni Gym	<b>Banquet Address: <i>Faster, Safer, Healthier: Adventures in Operations Research</i></b> <b>Sommer Gentry</b> US Naval Academy

**Saturday, April 16**

*Saturday activities for Section NExT will be held in Copley 205.*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>8:00 – noon</b>	Copley lobby	<b>Registration</b>
<b>8:00 – 9:00</b>	Copley lobby	<b>Coffee/Tea/Water</b>
<b>8:00 – noon</b>	Copley lobby	Paola Luchi State Department Representative
<b>8:00 – noon</b>	Copley lobby	Andy Dorsett Mathematica Representative
<b>8:00 – 3:30</b>	Copley lobby	<b>MAA Book Sale</b>
<b>8:00 – 8:45</b>	Copley 205	<b>Section NExT Lecture (open to all meeting attendees)</b> Ezra Brown, Virginia Tech <i>How to Give a Talk</i>

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<b>8:20 – 8:40</b>		<b>Contributed Papers, Session 1</b>
	Copley 101	Raymond Fletcher, Virginia State University <i>Perfect Polygons with Irreducible Cubic Envelope</i>
	Copley 132	Student: Guan Wang, Randolph College <i>Non-repetitive Sequences and the Tower of Hanoi</i>
	Copley 133	Student: Patricia Bellew, James Madison University <i>Dynamical Periodic Orbits</i>
	Fox 106	Hongwei Chen, Christopher Newport University <i>When Harmonic meets Fibonacci</i>
	Fox 107	Anna Johnston, Embedics, LCC <i>Truncated Taylor Series, Interpolation, and the Chinese Remainder Theorem</i>
	Fox 108	Student: Caleb Gibson, Virginia Military Institute <i>Superbolae: Generalizing the Generalized Parabola</i>
<b>8:45 – 9:05</b>		<b>Contributed Papers, Session 2</b>
	Copley 101	Adrian Rice, Randolph-Macon College <i>A Tale of Two Surfaces: Why Ellipses Are Not Elliptic Curves (Part II)</i>
	Copley 132	Student: James Street, Randolph-Macon College <i>Finding Complete Minor-Minimal Sets Using <math>\Delta - Y</math> Moves</i>
	Copley 133	Student: Geoffrey Driskell, University of Mary Washington <i>A Comparison of Two Derivations of the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model</i>
	Copley 200	Student: Kelsie Snyder, University of Mary Washington <i>c-Dominating Sets for Families of Graphs</i>
	Fox 106	Kenneth Whipple, Georgia State University (retired) <i>An Efficient Way to Generate Permutations</i>
	Fox 107	Andy Dorsett, Wolfram Research <i>Mathematica 8 for Education</i>
	Fox 108	Student: Natalie Horvath, Roanoke College <i>Should I Stay or Should I Go: An Optimal Solution to the Ride and Tie Problem</i>
<b>9:10 – 9:30</b>		<b>Contributed Papers, Session 3</b>
	Copley 101	Ezra Brown, Virginia Tech <i>Elliptic Curves, Weierstrass, Doughnuts, and 49/20: Why Ellipses Are Not Elliptic Curves (Part III)</i>
	Copley 132	Student: Jessica Zlotkowski, Longwood University <i>Area Ratios in Euclidean Geometry</i>
	Copley 133	Student: Kevin Doubleday, University of Mary Washington <i>Application of Markov Chains to Stock Trends</i>
	Copley 200	Dante Manna, Virginia Wesleyan College <i>Expected Independence Polynomials</i>
	Fox 106	Heidi Hulsizer, Hampden-Sydney College <i>Resolutions of Determinantal Ideals</i>
	Fox 107	Bruce Torrence, Randolph-Macon College <i>The Viewable Sphere: Mathematics Meets Photography</i>
	Fox 108	Student: Ryan Shifler, Salisbury University <i>Universal Groebner Bases of Circulant Polynomial Systems</i>

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<b>9:45 – 10:50</b>	Blackwell Auditorium	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b> <b>Robert Lindgren</b> President, Randolph-Macon College  <b>Invited Address:</b> <i>Rubik's Cube Games on Spheres: Geometry of Spherical Orbifolds</i> <b>Sarah Greenwald</b> Appalachian State University
<b>11:00–11:50</b>	Copley 100	<b>Meeting of the General Membership</b>
<b>11:00–11:40</b>	Copley lobby	<b>Radical Dash Teams 1<sup>st</sup> meeting</b>
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	Copley lobby	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>1:00 – 2:00</b>	Copley 100	<b>Student Jeopardy Competition</b>
<b>2:00 – 3:30</b>	Copley lobby	<b>Student Poster Session</b> See Poster Session Schedule for list of presenters
<b>2:00 – 3:00</b>	Copley lobby	<b>Coffee/Tea/Water</b>
<b>2:15 – 2:35</b>		<b>Contributed Papers, Session 4</b>
	Copley 101	Robb Koether, Hampden-Sydney College <i>How to play a game when you do not know what game you are playing</i>
	Copley 132	Michael Smith, Hollins University <i>Cone Tipping: A Cooperative Initiative in Abstract Algebra</i>
	Copley 133	Student: Kathryn Christian, University of Mary Washington <i>Mathematical and Numerical Solutions for a Heat Conduction Model</i>
	Fox 106	James Sochacki, James Madison University <i>The Newton Cannon Ball Problem is a Polynomial Problem</i>
	Fox 107	Dan Kalman, American University <i>Newton's Identities via Reverse Long Division</i>
	Fox 108	Rebecca Field, James Madison University <i>Which Sudoku boards are essentially different?</i>
<b>2:40 – 3:00</b>		<b>Contributed Papers, Session 5</b>
	Copley 101	Roland Minton, Roanoke College <i>Some Data Mining Cave-Ins</i>
	Copley 132	Robert Sachs, George Mason University <i>Discussion on Survey – Transition from k-12 to College</i>
	Copley 133	Student: Andrew Snyder-Beattie, U of Mary Washington <i>Dissecting Two Approaches to Energy Prices</i>
	Fox 106	Marcus Pendergrass, Hampden-Sydney College <i>Galton Meets Bayes: Prior Beliefs Inform The Scientific Method</i>
	Fox 107	John Nolan, American University <i>Math for America DC</i>
	Fox 108	John Lorch, Ball State <i>Modular Magic Sudoku</i>

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<b>3:05 – 3:25</b>		<b>Contributed Papers, Session 6</b>
	Copley 101	Brian Heinold, Mount St. Mary's University <i>Iterating a discontinuous function</i>
	Copley 132	Jerome Dancis, University of Maryland <i>Statistics versus Endless Algebra for Grade 12 Math</i>
	Copley 133	Zhou Dong, Montgomery College <i>Three chords and a circle</i>
	Fox 106	Brian Sutton, Randolph-Macon College <i>Conformal Maps for Numerical Analysis</i>
	Fox 107	Bryan Faulkner, Ferrum College <i>Introductory Algebra Applets with GeoGebra</i>
	Fox 108	Brian Lins, Hampden-Sydney College <i>Liberal Arts Mathematics on a Logarithmic Scale</i>
<b>3:35 – 4:30</b>	Copley 100	<b>Invited Address:</b> <i>Everyday Questions, Not-So-Everyday Mathematics</i> <b>Rick Gillman</b> Valparaiso University
<b>4:35 - 4:55</b>	Copley 100	<b>Undergraduate Prize Session</b> Including Radical Dash