

## **2010 MAA Certificate of Meritorious Service**

The MAA Certificate of Meritorious Award was awarded to **Amy Cohen**, Rutgers University, at the Prize Session of the 2010 Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Francisco. The MAA Certificate is presented for service at the national level or for service to a section of the Association to a member of New Jersey Section every five years. The first such awards were made in 1984. At each January meeting honorees from several MAA sections are recognized.

### **Citation**

Amy Cohen is a graduate of Radcliffe College and received her Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. She has been a member of the faculty at Rutgers University since 1972. Her research interests include partial differential equations, inverse scattering, and the Korteweg-de Vries equation. Recently, she has turned her attention to issues of diversity, graduate education, and teacher preparation.

Amy Cohen's service to the MAA, both at the local and national levels, has been outstanding. In the Section, she has chaired the Teaching Award Committee, helped organize workshops and panels for Section meetings, and made presentations for NJ Section NExT.

Her national service includes the Committee on Research on Undergraduate Mathematics Education, CUPM, the AMS-MAA Joint Data Committee, and the Committee on the Gung-Hu Award. She served as a member of the MAA Board of Governors as the New Jersey governor 2000-03.

Her service to other national organizations on behalf of mathematics includes a term as treasurer of the Association for Women in Mathematics, a term on the Council; on the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and membership on the AMS Committee on an Award for an Exemplary Program or Achievement in a Department of Mathematics.

Because of her concern about a New Jersey law governing transfer from community colleges to public four-year institutions, Amy Cohen organized a statewide conference on transfer articulation in mathematics to encourage mutual understanding and cooperation to mitigate unintended consequences and enhance student achievement.

The MAA proudly presents the Certificate of Meritorious Service to Dr. Amy Cohen.

### **Response**

It is crucial to our country and our profession that undergraduate education in mathematics become more effective and more satisfying for faculty and students alike. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with the MAA---both in the New Jersey Section and in the national organization---toward the improvement of undergraduate education in mathematics. This award is an added cause for gratitude. I hope to continue to work with the MAA and to enjoy the professional community it provides.