

## **The 2011 Distinguished Service Award**

The recipient of the 2011 MAA-NJ Section Sr. Stephanie Award Distinguished Service is Hieu D. Nguyen of Rowan University.

Dr. Hieu D. Nguyen's service to the New Jersey Section of the MAA has been outstanding. He has served as Chair (2007-2009), Vice Chair for Speakers (2003-2006), Director of the Garden State Undergraduate Mathematics Conference (2004), Public Information Officer (2001-2003), and Door Prize/Silent Auction Coordinator (2002-2007). He is currently serving as member of the Nominating Committee.

Hieu's service to the MAA-NJ Section started in 2001 when he served as the contact person on the Host Committee at Rowan University for the Spring 2001 Section meeting. He did an excellent job and the meeting was very successful. After the meeting, to the delight of the Section Executive Committee, he accepted the appointment to serve as the Section Public Information Officer. The following year, he took on the additional responsibility of Door Prize/Silent Auction Coordinator.

While serving as Vice Chair for Speakers and Door Prize/Silent Auction Coordinator, Hieu founded the Garden State Undergraduate Mathematics Conference (GSUMC) and served as the Director of the first GSUMC held in March 2004 at Rutgers University, New Brunswick. He wrote the grant proposal to the National MAA that funded the first GSUMC. In addition to making sure that all members of the Organizing Committee did their job in preparing for the Conference and running activities at the Conference, Hieu designed and ordered t-shirts for the Conference. Further, he created and collected the evaluation forms, and took pictures during the Conference. The Conference was a huge success.

As Public Information Officer of the Section, Hieu created the first online registration for Section meetings in 2003. In Spring 2007, when another meeting was held at Rowan University, he was a member of the Host Committee.

Hieu has actively presented his research results in contributed papers session at MAA-NJ Spring meetings. The titles of his presentations at these meetings are Soliton Radiation (2002), Traveling Wave Solutions to the Molecular Laser Equations (2003), Functional Inequality for Hypergeometric Zeta Functions (2005), A Half-Marriage in Error: When Zeta Integrates a Gaussian (2006), and Sums of Products of Hypergeometric Bernoulli Polynomials (2010). We appreciate and are very grateful to Hieu for his many years of effective and dedicated service to the New Jersey Section of the Mathematical Association of America.