

MAA-NJ Section 2019 Distinguished Service award

The recipient of the 2019 Sr. Stephanie Sloyan Award for Distinguished Service from the New Jersey section of the Mathematical Association of America is Professor Karen Clark of The College of New Jersey.

Karen has made many important contributions to the New Jersey section over the past two decades. She served as MAA-NJ's Section Chair from 2015-17 and three terms as Treasurer from 2002-15. She also served as Chair-Elect from 2014-15, Past-Chair from 2017-18, and coordinated meeting exhibitors and publicity from 2004-2015. Karen has played a significant role in planning and organizing thirty-two MAA-NJ sectional meetings and served on the hosting committee for two MAA-NJ meetings at The College of New Jersey. She has helped train the next generation of mathematics faculty with her involvement in NJ-NExT, serving as a mentor for two NJ-NExT faculty and on a NJ-NExT panel. Karen was on the Organizing Committee for the Garden State Undergraduate Mathematics Conference (GSUMC) for eleven years as treasurer from 2004-2014 and served as a judge for the GSUMC student poster competition.

Karen has served the Mathematics Association of America at the association level. She currently serves on the MAA's Committee on Sections. Karen previously served as a judge for the MAA's Undergraduate Research Poster Session at the Joint Mathematics Meetings.

Throughout her career, Karen has been a leader in improving mathematics education at every level. She served as a co-PI on two NSF/DUE grants from 2002-2007 to integrate software tools into the teaching of Linear Algebra. Karen was the organizer and co-organizer of the 2011 and 2012 Sonya Kovalevsky High School Mathematics Days at TCNJ. These NSF/AWM sponsored conferences brought together over one hundred female high school students each year for a day of mathematics activities. In 2014, MAA-NJ recognized her classroom accomplishments with its Distinguished Teaching Award.

Karen earned her Ph.D. in Mathematics from New York University in 1992. Following positions at The University of Michigan and Stevens Institute of Technology, she joined The College of New Jersey, where she has taught since 1994. Karen is a member of the Mathematical Association of America, the American Mathematical Society, the Association for Women in Mathematics, and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics.

The section is very appreciative and grateful to Professor Karen Clark for her many contributions to MAA-NJ and the MAA.