

## Annual Conference

### Mathematical Association of America, Southeastern Section

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### Ninety-first Annual Meeting

Clayton State University

Morrow, GA

Friday—Saturday, 9—10 March 2012

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Sessions will be held in the James M. Baker University Center (UC) and Student Activities Center (SAC). Social events will be in the Continuing Education (CE) building.

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#### Thursday, 8 March

1:45 – 3:00 pm      Registration, UC Lobby

2:00 – 5:00 pm      Project NExT-SE Activities, UC 262

6:15 – 8:00 pm      Registration, UC Lobby

6:30 – ?              Executive Committee Dinner and Meeting:  
H. S. Downs Center for Continuing Education, First Floor Atrium and CE-101

Student Treasure Hunt. UC Lobby for Check-in. Organizer: Julie Barnes

7:00 pm              Check-in

7:30 pm – 9:30      Activities

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#### Friday, 9 March

7:00 – 4:30      Registration: UC Lobby

8:00 – 11:30      Refreshments available, UC Main Street (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

8:00 – 11:30      Project NExT-SE Activities, UC 262

8:00 – 12:00      Math Jeopardy Preliminary Rounds, UC 265, 267, and 327

11:00              Semifinals: UC 265, 267, and 327

Organizers: Ron Taylor (Berry College), Mike Berry (UT Knoxville), Jeffrey Powell (Samford University) and Brian Wagner (UT Martin).

Moderators: Mike Berry (UT Knoxville), Tim Chartier (Davidson College) and Brian O'Connor (Tennessee Tech).

## 8:30 – 11:30 Short Courses and Workshops

- **UC 409:** *Hands-on Activities for use in the Secondary or Middle Grades Mathematics Class*, Carroll Wells, Amy Nelson, and Gary Hall (Lipscomb University)
- **UC 420:** *Introduction to Knot Theory*, Ramanjit K. Sahi, (Austin Peay State University)
- **UC 424:** *Shortest, Quickest, or Best: An Introduction to Variational Calculus*, Jeffrey Ehme (Spelman College)
- **UC 425:** *Helping Statistics Students Develop Understanding and Communication about Statistical Inference*, Jennifer Kaplan, (University of Georgia)

## UC 416. Contributed Session on General Math Education. Session Chair: Queen Harris, Georgia Perimeter College.

- ☼ 9:00 GME.1 *Are our students prepared for College Mathematics - An effort to raise the preparedness level of freshmen at Coastal Carolina University*, Keshav Jagannathan, Coastal Carolina University
- ☼ 9:20 GME.2 *Tracking Student Resource Usage*, Edward Johnson, UNC Asheville
- 9:40 GME.3 *Common Core State Standards: What's a Mathematics Educator to do?*, Nathan Borchelt, Western Carolina University, Anthony Stinson, Clayton State University
- ☼ 10:00 GME.4 *A Fresh Start in Mathematical Literacy*, Cindy Box, Ray Collings, Georgia Perimeter College
- ☼ 10:20 GME.5 *Political Science and Mathematics*, Daniel C. Biles, Belmont University
- ☼ 10:40 GME.6 *Math Circles for Students and Teachers*, Virginia Watson, Mary Garner and Beth Rogers, Kennesaw State University

## UC 268. Contributed Session on General Research I. Session Chair: Keith Driscoll, Clayton State University.

- ☼ 9:00 RES1.1 *CNUC graphs*, Sarah Holliday, Southern Polytechnic State University, Kelly Bragan, Peter Johnson, Auburn University, Matthew Walsh, Indiana University/Purdue University Fort Wayne
- ☼ 9:20 RES1.2 *Permutation Ups and Downs*, William Griffiths, Daniel Karasek, Southern Polytechnic State University
- 9:40 RES1.3 *A Measure Associated with a Nonlinear Operator on a Banach Lattice*, Jessica Stovall, University of North Alabama
- ☼ 10:00 RES1.4 *His boy Elroy: A descriptive approach to geometric phase*, Jeffrey Lawson, Matthew Rave, Western Carolina University
- ☼ 10:20 RES1.5 *A Relation Between Triangular Numbers and Prime Numbers*, Leandro Junes, Rigoberto Florez, University of South Carolina Sumter
- ☼ 10:40 RES1.6 *GCD Properties in Hosoya's Triangle*, Rigoberto Florez, Leandro Junes, University of South Carolina Sumter

## UC 322. Distinguished Lectures for Students. Session Chair: Laurie Heyer, Davidson College.

- ☼ 9-9:45 DSL.1 *The Most Interesting Numbers and Neatest Problems*, David Stone, Georgia Southern University
- ☼ 10-10:45 DSL.2 *Too Good to be True*, Ben Klein, Davidson College

## 9:30 – 4:00 Exhibits, UC Main Street (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

**11:45 – 12:30 Graduate School and Career Fair: UC Commons, sponsored by Georgia Power.**  
Networking, professional development, career planning and free pizza for undergraduates.

**11:30 – 12:30 Lunch available at UC Laker Dining Hall -- salad bar, pre-made sandwiches, entree and sides, drink, dessert; fixed price \$6.50**

**11:30 – 12:30 Liaisons' Lunch. UC 416 Sponsored by Pearson.**

**12:45 – 1:45 General Session I, SAC Ballrooms A - C, Jeff Knisley, MAA-SE Chair, presiding.**

**Welcome from Clayton State University: President Thomas (Tim) J. Hynes, Jr. and Provost Micheal Crafton**

**Invited addresses:**

**TBD**

Barry Spieler, Birmingham-Southern College, 2011 Section Teaching Award Recipient

**“Determinant, Trace and Fred?”**

Tom Hoffman, Coastal Carolina University, 2011 Section Teaching Award for Beginning Faculty Recipient

**2:00 – 4:00 Refreshments available, UC Main Street (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**

**2:00 – 4:00 Concurrent Special and Contributed Sessions**

**UC 268. Special Session on Presentations by Beginning Faculty. Organizer Ron Taylor, Berry College.**

- 2:00 BF.1 *Minimal Zero-Dimensional Extensions*, Marcela Chiorescu, Georgia College, Fred Richman, Florida Atlantic University
- \* 2:20 BF.2 *Computing arithmetic invariants of  $SP^k$ -adic fields*, Chad Awtrey, Elon University
- \* 2:40 BF.3 *Optimal Control of Treatments in a Two-Strain*, F.B. Augusto, A. Adeshina, Austin Peay State University
- 3:00 BF.4 *Energy Decay Rates of Potential Well Solutions to a Nonlinear Wave Equation with  $p$ -Laplacian Damping*, Zahava Wilstein, Berry College, Mohammad Rammaha and Daniel Toundykov, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 3:20 BF.5 *Beginning Research with Undergraduates*, Jill Cochran, Berry College
- \* 3:40 BF.6 *Order Accessibility of the Non-negative Rational Numbers*, Patrick Taylor, Clayton State University, Joseph Neggers, University of Alabama

**UC 265. Special Session on Discrete Mathematics and its Applications I. Organizers Colton Magnant and Hua Wang, Georgia Southern University.**

- \* 2:00 DM1.1 *Using Google's PageRank to Motivate Student Study of Markov Chains*, Jeffrey Clark, Elon University (Note: this is a 35 minute presentation)
- \* 2:40 DM1.2 *Metropolis for the Metropolis*, Michael Mossinghoff, Davidson College
- \* 3:00 DM1.3 *Toy Stories and Combinatorial Identities*, Dennis Walsh, Middle Tennessee State University
- \* 3:20 DM1.4 *Graph Theory in Sports*, Mark Ginn, Appalachian State University
- \* 3:40 DM1.5 *Cospectral Mate of a Random Tree*, Hua Wang, Georgia Southern University, Stephan Wagner, Stellenbosch University

**UC 416. Special Session on Inquiry-Based Learning in Undergraduate Classrooms I. Organizers Joshua Roberts and Hope Menzel, Piedmont College.**

- ✿ 2:00 IB1.1 *Using Guided Worksheets to Introduce Inquiry Based Learning in a Practical Flexible Way*, Jack Bookman, Duke University
- ✿ 2:20 IB1.2 *Students Doing the Unthinkable: Coming to class ONE HOUR early! (Increasing Student Success in Calculus I)*, Queen Harris, Georgia Perimeter College
- ✿ 2:40 IB1.3 *Teaching Abstract Algebra Through Discovery, Conjectures, and Proof*, Steve Nimmo, Piedmont College
- ✿ 3:00 IB1.4 *Revitalizing a Business Calculus Course*, Ben Ntatin, Austin Peay State University
- ✿ 3:20 IB1.5 *An Inquiry Based First Differential Equations Course*, Andy Q. Yingst, University of South Carolina Lancaster

**UC 327. Special Session on Teaching Mathematical Modeling to Lower-Level Undergraduates. Organizers Stacey Ernstberger, LaGrange College and Tessa Weinstein, Coastal Carolina University.**

- ✿ 2:00 MLU.1 *Mathematical Modeling in the Everyday*, Sam Kaplan, UNC Asheville
- ✿ 2:20 MLU.2 *Mathematical Models in Real World*, Rodica Cazacu, Georgia College
- ✿ 2:40 MLU.3 *Mowing the Lawn: An Introductory Modeling Activity*, Andy Miller, Belmont University
- ✿ 3:00 MLU.4 *A First Year Modeling Course*, Tessa Weinstein, Coastal Carolina University
- ✿ 3:20 MLU.5 *But I'm an English major!*, Shemsi Alhaddad, University of South Carolina Lancaster
- ✿ 3:40 MLU.6 *Instructional Technology: Using a Graphing Utility in a Mathematical Modeling Classroom*, Aaron A. Rafter, Clayton State University

**UC 425. Special Session on Best Practices in Teaching Statistics. Organizers Pat Humphrey, Georgia Southern University and Jennifer Kaplan, University of Georgia.**

- ✿ 2:00 STA.1 *Are You Getting Your Daily Dose of Data?*, William Notz, The Ohio State University
- ✿ 2:20 STA.2 *Bored with the Board: Collecting Data for Introductory Statistics*, John Wagaman, Western Carolina University
- ✿ 2:40 STA.3 *Incorporating Writing Into an Introductory Statistics Course Focused on Sports and Games*, Joe DeMaio, Amy Hillen, Kennesaw State University
- ✿ 3:00 STA.4 *Critical Thinking in Introductory Statistics Class*, Cathy Whitlock, UNC Asheville
- ✿ 3:20 STA.5 *Probability Facts, Fallacies and Flim Flam*, Patricia Humphrey, Georgia Southern University
- ✿ 3:40 STA.6 *Simulations, Clickers and Conceptual Understanding of Statistical Inference*, Jennifer Kaplan, University of Georgia

**UC 420. Contributed Session on Modeling. Session Chair: Virginia Watson, Kennesaw State University.**

- ✿ 2:00 MOD.1 *Choice of Technology and Industrial Pollution*, Aniekan Ebiefung, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- 2:20 MOD.2 *Modern applications hysteresis phenomenon in economics*, Tatiana Rudchenko, Kennesaw State University
- 2:40 MOD.3 *Population models with diffusion, strong Allee effect, and nonlinear boundary conditions*, Jerome Goddard II, Auburn University at Montgomery, E. Lee and R. Shivaji
- 3:00 MOD.4 *Dynamical Polysystems viewed as closed relations*, George Cazacu, Georgia College

**UC 424. Contributed Session on General Mathematics Education Teaching Ideas. Session Chair: Linda Nash, Clayton State University.**

- ☼ 2:00 TID.1 *A project on Geometry and Art*, Daniel Pinzon, Georgia Gwinnett College
- ☼ 2:20 TID.2 *My Experiences with Using Origami in Teaching*, Josie Ryan, Lander University
- ☼ 2:40 TID.3 *An origami manipulative for undergraduate mathematics*, Alan Russell, Elon University
- ☼ 3:00 TID.4 *Using Conway's Game of Life to Teach Problem Solving and Iterative Processes*, Robin Lovgren, Glenn Acree, Belmont University
- ☼ 3:20 TID.5 *Transforming the Hidden Curriculum to Promote Mathematical Success*, Tonya Adkins, Johnson & Wales University - Charlotte
- ☼ 3:40 TID.6 *An Instructional Design Using Computer Programming to Improve Mathematical Reasoning*, Cynthia Stenger, James Jerkins and Janet Jenkins, University of North Alabama

**UC 272. Contributed Session on Technology. Session Chair: Ray Collings, Georgia Perimeter College.**

- ☼ 2:00 TEK.1 *How much does touch screen technology help under-prepared students in science and math classes?*, Wanjun Hu, Albany State University, Xiaomei Zheng and K. C. Chan, Albany State University
- ☼ 2:20 TEK.2 *Spicing up Linear Algebra with visualization*, Lothar A. Dohse, UNC Asheville
- ☼ 2:40 TEK.3 *WebAssign Testing in Precalculus: NO GRADING NECESSARY*, Lisa Townsley, University of Georgia
- ☼ 3:00 TEK.4 *An Interactive Sampler for Mathematics*, Lila F. Roberts, Clayton State University
- ☼ 3:20 TEK.5 *Enhancing your Mathematics Courses with Camtasia, Both Inside the Classroom and Out*, Catherine Matos, Clayton State University
- ☼ 3:40 TEK.6 *Online Instructions in College Mathematics*, Shinemin Lin, Savannah State University

**UC 409. Graduate Student Papers. Session Chair: Barrett Walls, Georgia Perimeter College.**

- ☼ 2:00 GS.1 *Congruences for Restricted Compositions*, James Diffenderfer, Andrew Sills, Georgia Southern University
- ☼ 2:20 GS.2 *Controlling the chaotic Lorenz system*, Dan Jones, Georgia Institute of Technology and Colorado State University, Yan Wu, Georgia Southern University
- ☼ 2:40 GS.3 *Graceful labeling of graphs of diameter 4*, Alex Collins, Colton Magnant, and Hua Wang, Georgia Southern University
- ☼ 3:00 GS.4 *Inverted classroom: A Pre-calculus experience*, Marco V. Martinez, The University of Tennessee
- ☼ 3:20 GS.5 *Math Videos: Teaching Outside the Classroom*, Ashley Rand, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

**UC 267. Undergraduate Papers Session A. Algebra, Number Theory and Topology. Organizer Laurie Heyer, Davidson College.**

- 2:00 UGA.1 *Rational Decomposition of Polynomials*, Steven Carter, Doug Riley, Birmingham-Southern College
- 2:20 UGA.2 *Total Efficient Dominating Sets in Cayley Graphs*, Keegan Gary, Mari Castle, and Joe DeMaio, Kennesaw State University
- 2:40 UGA.3 *Solving Robot Arm Problems with Groebner Bases*, K. J. Cox, Samford University
- 3:00 UGA.4 *My Fascinating Journey with Perfect Numbers*, Daniel Heslop, Julain Rayford, Savannah State University
- 3:20 UGA.5 *The primality of one*, Yeng Xiong, Angela Reddick, University of Tennessee at Martin
- 3:40 UGA.6 *On the Design of Simplified DES Based on Elliptic Curves*, Andrew Kimball, Western Carolina University, Liljana Babinkostova and Kameryn Williams, Boise State University, Alyssa Bowden, Loyola Marymount University

**UC 262. Undergraduate Papers Session B. Applications and Optimization. Organizer Laurie Heyer, Davidson College.**

- 2:00 UGB.1 *Where to Park a Spaceship: Lagrange Points and Their Stability*, Kevin Kern, Coastal Carolina University
- 2:20 UGB.2 *Modeling the Hypothalamic Pituitary Adrenal Axis System for Dexamethasone Treatment*, Carolyn Drobak, Rhodes College
- 2:40 UGB.3 *Real-Time Physics Simulation in a Cube-Based Game World*, Zachary Shore, High Point University
- 3:00 UGB.4 *Removing Constant Volatility From The Black-Scholes Model*, Trevis Elser, Southern Polytechnic State University
- 3:20 UGB.5 *Analyzing Optimality Criterion for RNA Secondary Structures Prediction*, Stephen Nanney, Western Carolina University, Christine Heitsch, Svetlana Poznanovik, and M. Shel Swenson, Georgia Institute of Technology
- 3:40 UGB.6 *What's for Dinner: Linear Analysis of Nutritional Data and an Application to Community Health*, Halcyon Garrett, Michael Friedrich and Patrick Bahls, University of North Carolina Asheville

**UC 322. Undergraduate Papers Session C. Combinatorics and Graph Theory I. Organizer Laurie Heyer, Davidson College.**

- 2:00 UGC.1 *Cryptography and Combinatorics: A Prime Form of Communication*, Katie Milhous, Georgia Southern University
- 2:20 UGC.2 *A Connection Between Fibonacci Numbers and Lucas Numbers*, Shannon Michaels Areford, University of South Carolina Sumter
- 2:40 UGC.3 *Combinatorial Proofs of Fibonacci Identities by Means of the Path Graph*, John Jacobson, Joe DeMaio, Kennesaw State University
- 3:00 UGC.4 *Decomposing  $Kn$  into Cycles of Lengths 3 and 4*, Rachel Griffin, Samford University
- 3:20 UGC.5 *On some relations between chemical indices on trees*, Marcus Bartlett, Elliot Krop, Clayton State University
- 3:40 UGC.6 *On new bounds for the monophonic number of Cartesian products of graphs*, Michael Ngo, Elliot Krop, Clayton State University

**UC 331. Undergraduate Papers Session D. Combinatorics, Graph Theory and Modeling. Organizer Laurie Heyer, Davidson College.**

- 2:00 UGD.1 *A Discrete Fractal in  $Z$  Related to Pascal's Triangle*, Kevin Adams, Nick Foil, Alexander Rice, Furman University
- 2:20 UGD.2 *Gamma Graph Disconnectedness*, Elise Prete, Clarisse Quandt, Furman University
- 2:40 UGD.3 *Generalizing the Channel Assignment Problem on Cayley Graphs*, Lauren Dubuke, Patrick Bahls, University of North Carolina, Asheville
- 3:00 UGD.4 *Developing a Mathematical Demand Function Model using Hysteresis Phenomena*, Nicole Dowling, Tatiana Rudchenko, Kennesaw State University
- 3:20 UGD.5 *Rating Systems Applied to Major League Baseball*, Will Decker, Jordan Lyerly, Rob Picardi, Aaron Markham, Furman University
- 3:40 UGD.6 *Who's on First? A Rating System for MLB Pitchers and Batters*, Jordan Lyerly, Will Decker, Rob Picardi, Aaron Markham, Furman University

**4:15 – 5:20 General Session II, SAC Ballrooms A - C, Laurie Heyer, MAA-SE Student Activities Coordinator, presiding. Awards.**

**Invited address: “March Mathness”  
Tim Chartier, Davidson College, 2011-2012 Section Lecturer**

**5:30 – 6:15 Kappa Mu Epsilon Meet & Greet, Spivey Board Room, CE 201**

**6:30 pm Conference Dinner, H. S. Downs Center for Continuing Education,  
First Floor Atrium**

**8:15 pm “A Musical Sample”, Spivey Hall  
A collection of performances by the CSU Gospel Choir, Clayton State University  
Music students, and Clayton State University Music faculty**

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**Saturday, 10 March**

**7:30 – 10:30 Registration, UC Lobby**

**7:50 – 8:35 MAA Business Meeting, SAC, Ballroom C**

**8:00 – 1:00 Exhibits, UC Main Street (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**

**8:45 – 9:45 General Session III, SAC Ballrooms A - C,  
Tim Chartier, MAA-SE Section Lecturer, presiding.**

**Invited Address: “Algorithms Meet Art, Puzzles, and Magic”  
MAA Pólya Lecturer Erik Demaine, MIT**

**9:30 – 12:00 Refreshments available, UC Main Street (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**

**10:00 – 11:30 Department Chairs’ Meeting, UC 424**

**7:30 – 10:10 Undergraduate Poster setup, UC Commons, First Floor**

**10:10 – 10:45 Undergraduate Poster judging, UC Commons, First Floor**

**10:45 – 12:00 Undergraduate Poster Session, UC Commons, Organizers: Catherine Matos,  
Clayton State University and Sarah K. Mason, Wake Forest University.**

UGP.1 *Solving Cubic Equations Using Direct Factoring in Complex Field*, Nichelle'le K. Carrington,  
Shinemin Lin, Savannah State University

UGP.2 *Rook Polynomials*, Thomas Tilson, King College

UGP.3 *Computer Aided Gameplay: Checkerboard Recognition*, Zane Cochran, Berry College

UGP.4 *Fourier Series*, Ian Kelly, Nipissing University

- UGP.5 *Survey of the KdV Equation*, Jarvis Turner, Clayton State University
- UGP.6 *Minimizing the area between two tangent curves*, Max Emory, University of South Carolina Lancaster
- UGP.7 *Mancala as Nim*, Josh Kincannon, King College
- UGP.8 *The Stratification of the Inertia Space of the  $SO(2n)$ -action on  $\square^{2n}$* , John Wells, Rhodes College
- UGP.9 *Communicating Classes and the Classification of Vertices of a Digraph*, Stephanie Brownell, Coastal Carolina University
- UGP.10 *Exponential Domination of Triangular Grid Graphs*, Aaron Ostrander, Terry Henderson, Berry College
- UGP.11 *Exponential Domination of Planar Graphs*, Jordan Box, Brevard College
- UGP.12 *Egyptian Fractions*, Amanda Justus, King College
- UGP.13 *Low Rank Matrix Approximation and Its Applications in Image Processing*, Kuo-Wei Yao, Mei-Qin Chen, The Citadel
- UGP.14 *Data Clustering and Movie Recommendations*, Daniel Bernstein, Davidson College
- UGP.15 *Exploring the Isoperimetric Problem: Insight for Optimizing Solar Cells*, Ismael Dondasse, Savannah State University
- UGP.16 *Integral Transforms and Selected Highlights of their Applications*, Ian Zeller, Zane Troyer, Viral Patel, Robert Taylor and Irina Viktorova, Clemson University
- UGP.17 *Modeling Allele Frequencies in a Population*, Melissa Coquelin, Rhodes College
- UGP.18 *Sensitivity Comparison of Two Seasonally Forced Epidemic Models*, Jessica Lunsford, Ariel Cintron-Arias, East Tennessee State University
- UGP.19 *A Study of Meeting Time Availability for Departmental Committees*, Kathryn Dugan, J. Todd Lee, Elon University
- UGP.20 *Pell's Equations Through Dynamical Systems*, Austin Mack, Timothy Sawicki, University of North Carolina Asheville
- UGP.21 *P-adic Numbers*, Trevor Edwards, Chad Awtrey, Elon University
- UGP.22 *Distance and Area on a Torus*, Nicholas Mills, University of South Carolina Lancaster
- UGP.23 *The Leslie Matrix and Female Population in the United States*, Brittney Nelson, Denise T. Reid, Antonija Tangar & José A. Vélez-Marulanda, Valdosta State University

**UC 312. 10:00—11:50 Publisher Presentations.**

- PUB.1 10:00 - 10:50 *“Mastering Math, Not the System”* Reade Snellings,  
**Hawkes Learning Systems**
- PUB.2 11:00 - 11:50 *“Innovative Technology for Enhancing Students' Experience in Introductory Statistics”* Karen Carson and Cara LeClair, **W. H. Freeman**, and Bill Notz, **The Ohio State University**

**10:00 – 12:00 Concurrent Special and Contributed Sessions**

**UC 265, Special Session on Discrete Math and its Applications II. Organizers Colton Magnant and Hua Wang, Georgia Southern University.**

- ✿ 10:00 DM2.1 *Clawfreeness of powers of graphs*, Patrick Bahls, University of North Carolina, Asheville, Nicole Gin, North Carolina State University (Note: this is a 35 minute presentation)
- 10:40 DM2.2 *Spectral Conditions for Some Stable Properties of Graphs*, Rao Li, University of South Carolina Aiken
- 11:00 DM2.3 *3-connected, claw-free, generalized net-free graphs are hamiltonian*, Susan Janiszewski, Ronald J. Gould, Emory University
- ✿ 11:20 DM2.4 *Improved upper bounds for Gallai-Ramsey numbers of paths and cycles*, Martin L. Hall, Georgia Southern University
- ✿ 11:40 DM2.5 *Edge-colorings without a rainbow triangle behave much like 2-edge-colorings*, Colton Magnant, Georgia Southern University



**UC 416. Special Session on Inquiry-Based Learning in Undergraduate Classrooms II. Organizers Joshua Roberts and Hope Menzel, Piedmont College.**

- ☼ 10:00 IB2.1 *Inquiry-Based Instruction and the Standards for Mathematical Practice*, Bernadette Mullins, Birmingham-Southern College, Faye Clark, Ann Dominick, and Sherry Parrish, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- ☼ 10:20 IB2.2 *How much Moore can Precalculus students take? Part 1*, Brad Bailey, Karen Briggs, North Georgia College & State University
- ☼ 10:40 IB2.3 *How much Moore can Precalculus students take? Part 2*, Karen Briggs, Brad Bailey, North Georgia College & State University
- ☼ 11:00 IB2.4 *Inquiry-based Sessions in Developmental Algebra and Their Learning Impacts*, John C. Mayer, William O Bond, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- ☼ 11:20 IB2.5 *Using Inquiry-Based Activities in a Primarily Lecture-Based Intro Statistics Class*, Chis Duncan, Kevin Dove and Andre Lubecke, Lander University
- ☼ 11:40 IB2.6 *Creating a Service Learning Project for Statistics and Calculus students*, Queen Harris, Georgia Perimeter College

**UC 327. Special Session on Teaching Mathematical Modeling to Upper-Level Undergraduates. Organizers Jon Ernstberger, LaGrange College and Janine Haugh, UNC Asheville.**

- ☼ 10:00 MAU.1 *Dams and Pendulums - Working With Calculus I Concepts*, Zahava Wilstein, Berry College
- ☼ 10:20 MAU.2 *Connecting the Mathematical Dots*, Ramanjit K. Sahi, Austin Peay State University
- ☼ 10:40 MAU.3 *Modeling the Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide Over the United States*, Wesley Long, Jon M. Ernstberger, LaGrange College
- ☼ 11:00 MAU.4 *Designing a final project for math modeling students: Vampires, iPods, rabid dogs, and more*, Janine M. Haugh, UNC-Asheville
- ☼ 11:20 MAU.5 *Individual (Agent) Based Models in Mathematical Modeling*, Erin McNelis, Western Carolina University
- ☼ 11:40 MAU.6 *Reflections on the Initiation of a Modeling-Focused Undergraduate Research Program*, Jon M. Ernstberger, LaGrange College

**UC 425. Special Session on Mathematical Finance and Game Theory. Organizer Carl Yerger, Davidson College.**

- ☼ 10:00 MFG.1 *Does knowing more hurt? A surprising effect of information asymmetry*, Jan Rychtar, University of North Carolina Greensboro
- ☼ 10:20 MFG.2 *Boxing in Basketball: A Round-By-Round Analysis of the College Game*, Carl Yerger, Paul Britton, Davidson College
- ☼ 10:40 MFG.3 *Most Likely Path to the Shortfall Risk in Long-Term Hedging with Short-Term Futures Contracts*, Jing Chen, Zhijian Wu, University of Alabama
- ☼ 11:00 MFG.4 *Capping the Variance of Cash Flow of Hedging Strategy*, Maydison Ginting, University of West Alabama, Zhijian Wu, University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa

**UC 331. Contributed Session on Algebra and Geometry. Session Chair: Scott Bailey, Clayton State University.**

- ☼ 10:00 AG.1 *One hundred years of Infinite Group Theory: The legacy of Max Dehn*, David Peifer, UNC Asheville
- 10:20 AG.2 *Equal Quasi-Partition of  $p$ -groups*, Risto Atanasov, and Tuval Foguel, Western Carolina University and Andrew Penland, Texas A&M
- ☼ 10:40 AG.3 *Investigating Musical Groups*, Vicky Klima, Appalachian State University
- ☼ 11:00 AG.4 *Complementary trapezoids living in the same circle*, John Hawkins, David Stone, Georgia Southern University

- ☼ 11:20 AG.5 *Using Topology to Solve a Geometric Existence Question*, Paul Baker, Catawba College
- ☼ 11:40 AG.6 *An Elementary Visual Proof of the Euler Number of a Convex Polyhedron*, Robert E. Clay, Jason Schmurr, Dalton State College

**UC 409. Contributed Session on Applications. Session Chair: Alice Pierce, Georgia Perimeter College.**

- ☼ 10:00 APP.1 *An Application of Google's PageRank to NFL Rankings*, Laurie Zack, High Point University
- ☼ 10:20 APP.2 *Mathematical March Madness: A Case Study*, Hope McIlwain, Mercer University
- ☼ 10:40 APP.3 *Determination of the Volume of Interstitial Cavities*, J. Gregory Bell, Undergraduates D. Addison Smith and Daniel T. Hoagland, James W. Hall (Chemistry faculty), Wingate University
- ☼ 11:00 APP.4 *Packing of Spheres in Interstitial Cavities*, J. Gregory Bell, Undergraduates D. Addison Smith and Daniel T. Hoagland, James W. Hall (Chemistry faculty), Wingate University
- ☼ 11:20 APP.5 *A spherical color model*, Tieling Chen, University of South Carolina Aiken
- ☼ 11:40 APP.6 *Thoughts on Collatz' Conjecture*, Barrett Walls and Iason Rusodimos, Georgia Perimeter College

**UC 267. Contributed Session on Pre-Calculus and Calculus. Session Chair: Ray Collings, Georgia Perimeter College.**

- ☼ 10:00 CAL.1 *Ball toss, crackers & cheese, and line dancing: Concrete ways to help students understand functions in precalculus*, Julie Barnes, Western Carolina University
- ☼ 10:20 CAL.2 *A Hands-On Writing Project for Pre-Calculus*, Kathy Pinzon, Georgia Gwinnett College
- ☼ 10:40 CAL.3 *Make Trigonometry Fun With a Cheapo Clinometer*, Nathan Borchelt, Western Carolina University, Kelli Nipper, Clayton State University
- ☼ 11:00 CAL.4 *The Three Stooges, Ellipses, Implicit Differentiation, and Perspective*, Robert Davidson, East Tennessee State University
- ☼ 11:20 CAL.5 *Unrealistic Calculus Problems*, Leigh Atkinson, UNC-Asheville
- ☼ 11:40 CAL.6 *Spartacular fountains*, Andrew Simoson, King College, Charles Groetsch, The Citadel

**UC 420. Contributed Session on General Research II. Session Chair: David Williams, Clayton State University.**

- ☼ 10:00 RES2.1 *Some new bounds for edge-magic graphs*, Christopher Raridan, Keith Driscoll, Elliot Krop, and Scott M. Bailey, Clayton State University
- 10:20 RES2.2 *Characterization of interior 2-caterpillars*, Shilpa Dasgupta, University of North Alabama, David E Brown, Utah State University and J. Richard Lundgren, University of Colorado
- 10:40 RES2.3 *Visibility: Finding the Staircase Kernel in Orthogonal Polygons*, Tzvetalin Vassilev, Stefan Pape, Nipissing University
- ☼ 11:00 RES2.4 *Active Incipient Fault Detection With Multiple Concurrent Faults*, Martene Fair, Tennessee State University, Stephen Campbell, North Carolina State University
- ☼ 11:20 RES2.5 *Introduction to Applied Algebraic Topology*, Joshua Roberts, Piedmont College
- ☼ 11:40 RES2.6 *Character Difference Graphs and Generalized Ramsey Numbers*, Mark Budden, Western Carolina University

**UC 268. Undergraduate Papers Session E. Analysis, Logic, and Proofs, Organizer Laurie Heyer, Davidson College.**

- 10:00 UGE.1 *Ford's Condition for Pairwise Comparisons*, Elizabeth Bentley, J. Todd Lee, Elon University
- 10:20 UGE.2 *Real Data Fitting with Complex Analysis*, Samantha Allen, High Point University
- 10:40 UGE.3 *Singular Third Order Boundary Value Problems on Purely Discrete Time Scales*, Courtney DeHoet, Ashley Martin (student) and Curtis Kunkel, University of Tennessee at Martin
- 11:00 UGE.4 *Solving the Shallow-Wave Equations on an Unequally-Spaced Cartesian Grid with Irregular Domain*, Sarah Sexton, Coastal Carolina University
- 11:20 UGE.5 *Connections between illustrations and mathematical beliefs*, Stephanie Jessie, Austin Peay State University

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