

FACULTY NEWS

Bill Wickless (Professor Emeritus) has written a "reader friendly" first year graduate level abstract algebra book, to be published by Marcel Dekker in 2004.

Fabiana Cardetti (Post-doc) and Jose Gascon are the proud parents of Thomas, born on Christmas Day 2002.

On February 28, 2003, Professor Changfeng Gui received the Research Prize for 2002 of the Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences. Changfeng was honored by the PIMS at the opening ceremonies for the Banff International Research Station for Mathematical Innovation and Discovery, in Alberta. (For more information, including a video of the presentation ceremonies, please visit the WWW site http://www.pims.math.ca/birs/opening/Agenda_BIRS.html.) Changfeng has a grant from the NSF, through June 2005, to work on a "Qualitative Study of Some Partial Differential Equations and Systems."

ALUMNI NEWS

Steve Cohen (1965) is an attorney in Los Angeles. He remembers professors Domina Spencer and the late Helen Roberts sharing an office in the Arjona building, as did most of our Storrs faculty before the move to Beach Hall and eventually to MSB.

Haja-Nirina Razafinjatovo (PhD 1995, adviser Gröchenig) is a member of the cabinet in the government of the Malagasy Republic (on Madagascar), with the portfolio of Ministre Télécommunications, des Postes et de la Communication. His photograph appears with the rest of the cabinet on the Official Web site of the Malagasy Government/Site officiel du Gouvernement Malgache.

Dr. Fred Torcaso, who received a UConn Bachelor's in MATH/STAT in 1988, joined the faculty of Mathematical Sciences at Johns Hopkins University in Fall 2002. Fred's PhD is from Maryland (1998), and he has research interests in several areas of probability theory.

Michael Jury (BS in MATH 1997) received his PhD from Washington University in St. Louis in 2002 (dissertation title: "Matrix products and interpolation problems in Hilbert function spaces") and has been a VIGRE post-doctoral fellow at Purdue since Fall 2002.

William Hesse (BA in MATH 1993) received his PhD from UMass in Computer Science in June 2003 (dissertation title: "Dynamic Computational Complexity"). Bill will start his faculty career in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science at Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY in Fall 2003.

At least two UConn actuarial grads have relocated in the last year or so. Cliff Lange, who was profiled in Volume 3 of MathCONNECTIONS (2000), is now Senior Vice President and Chief Analytics Officer at Blue Shield of California in San Francisco. Tom Leibowitz is Regional Managing Actuary at Kaiser Permanente in Oakland.