# 2011 Joint Mathematics Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana MAA Undergraduate Student Poster Session, January 7 Award Winners

# 2011 MAA Undergraduate Poster Session Outstanding Presentation Prize Winners

# 2. Category O for the Rational Cherednik Algebra of $G_{12}$

Christopher Policastro, MIT

# 18. Residual Analysis in Modeling Electroosmotic Flow

Ava Hamilton, Skidmore College

# 20. Elastohydrodynamic Instabilities in Gravity-Driven Flow

Wanyi Li, Macalester College Cat Kealy, Beloit College Charlie Talbot, University of Connecticut

# 26. A New Approach to Nick Trefethen's Four Bugs on a Rectangle Problem

Praveen S Venkataramana, Syntonix, Inc.

# **30. Computation of Fixing Numbers**

Kara Greenfield, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

#### 42. A Particle Based Model for Cell Movement

Haema Nilakanta, Iowa State University Stephanie Cook, Georgia Institute of Technology Noah Haibach, University of Pittsburgh Sahil Shah, Columbia University

#### 52. Compressed Zero-Divisor Graphs and Zero-Divisor Lattices of Finite Commutative Rings

Darrin Weber, Millikin University Lane Bloome, Millikin University

# 58. Random Trinomials and Lower Binomials

Kenneth Brian Ascher, SUNY Stony Brook

#### 74. Pattern Avoidance in Ternary Trees

Katie Peske, Concordia College Sam Tay, Kenyon College

# 78. Lower Bounds for the Ropelength of Reduced Conformations

Robert McGuigan, San Jose State University

#### 79. Benford's Law for Coefficients of Modular Forms and Partition Functions

Larry Rolen, University of Wisconsin-Madison Theresa Anderson, Brown University

# 80. Bishop's Lemma and Boundaries of Lipschitz Function Algebras

Robert Allan Silversmith, Williams College Ann Kathryn Johnston, Harvey Mudd College

# 85. A Weighted Least Squares Method for Elliptic Problems With Degenerate and Singular Coefficients

Matthew Hassell, SUNY Binghamton Stephen Bidwell, Tufts University

# 87. Minimal surfaces and planar harmonic mappings

Amanda Rae Curtis, Wellesley College

#### 101. Minimal Surface Transformations

Jamal Eric Lawson, Loyola University New Orleans Ryan Donald Viertel, Brigham Young University

# 109. Estimating Survival Functions for Symmetric Distributions Under Peakedness Order Constraints

Sasha Indarte, Macalester College

#### 114. Parity of k-regular Partition Functions

Liem P Nguyen, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

# 115. The Energy of Graphs

Audrey M. Hubbard, Ave Maria University Christian M. Woods, University of Pittsburgh

# 121. 2-Dimensional Shape Modeling

Christine E Caples, Fairfield University
Carlos Fernando Hernandez, California State University Fullerton

# 142. Exploring the Weighted Composition Operators on the Hardy and Bergman Space

Wenling Shang, Washington and Lee University

#### 146. Exceptional ABC Triples for Frey Curves with Torsion Subgroups $Z_2 \times Z_4$ and $Z_2 \times Z_8$

Alexander Jesus Barrios, Brown University

#### 168. Permissible Plane Embeddings of Ribbon Graph Blow-Ups

Sarah Jane Loeb, Harvey Mudd College

#### 172. Why won't my garden hose stay put? Stability of coiled elastic filaments

Matthew Frank Lapa, Cornell University

# 183. The Number of Independent Sets and Graph Homomorphisms

Yufei Zhao, MIT / Cambridge

# 185. Vertex Identifying Codes

Ari Cukierman, College of William and Mary

# 187. Structure Groups of Pseudo-Riemannian Algebraic Curvature Tensors

Joseph Anthony Palmer, Truman State University

# 206. Constructing moduli spaces of low dimensional A.- Algebras by extensions

Josh J Frinak, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

# 215. Determining the Number of Loops of Regular *n*-gons

Kathleen Carroll, Wheaton College

# 220. Generic Formal Fibers of a Commutative Ring

Philip Van Vu, Williams College

# 223. Extinction Equilibria in Stage-Structured Populations

Georgia Waite Pfeiffer, The College of William and Mary

#### 234. Modeling the Manduca sexta Midgut

Jennifer Lea Garbett, Kenyon College

# 243. Encrypting with Elliptic Curve Cryptography

Anna Tracy, Universith of the South

# 259. Braid Groups and the Oriented Jones Polynomial

Ana-Cristina Jimenez, California State University, Fresno

# Awards from the Special Interest Group of the MAA on Statistics Education

# 207. Bounds on the artificial phase transition for perfect simulation of repulsive point processes

Jason Xu, University of Arizona

# **262.** Rational Distance Sets on Conic Sections

Megan Danielle Ly, Loyola Marymount University Shawn Tsosie, Massachusetts Institute of Technology**3**