# Outstanding Posters for the MAA Student Poster Session at the JMM 2018

Outstanding Posters make up the top 15% of each topical category.

## **Algebra**

#### 8. Completions of Noncatenary Local Domains and UFDs

- Caitlyn Booms University of Notre Dame
- Chloe Avery UC Santa Barbara College of Creative Studies
- Alex Semendinger Williams College

Advisor(s): Susan Loepp, Williams College

#### 10. The Sortability of Graphs and Matrices Under Context Directed Swaps

- Colby Brown University of Arizona
- Claudia Sofia Carrillo Vazquez Univerisity of Rochester
- Rashmika Goswami University of Michigan Ann Arbor
- Sam Heil Washington University in St. Louis

Advisor(s): Marion Scheepers, Boise State University

#### 11. Cycle Transformations and CDR — A Unifying Concept

- Cecily Chase Brown University
- Olivia Dennis University of Utah
- Luke Guatelli Western Carolina University
- Jaroor Modi Rutgers University

Advisor(s): Marion Scheepers, Boise State University

#### 14. Enumerating 2 x 2 and 3 x 3 Diagonalizable Matrices over Zpk

- Catherine Falvey Eastern Connecticut State University
- Rico Vicente California State University Long Beach

Advisor(s): Brian Sittinger, California State University Channel Islands

## 25. Economical Generating Sets of the Monoid of Order-Preserving Partial Permutations

• **Saul Lopez** California State University Fullerton Advisor(s): Scott Annin, California State University Fullerton

#### 31. Generation of 2-Generator Groups by Alternation

- James Shade California State University, Fullerton
- Christian Do California State University, Fullerton

Advisor(s): Adam Glesser, California State University, Fullerton

### **Analysis**

#### 52. Boundary Value Problems and Green's Functions on Magnetic Graphs

• Sawyer Robertson University of Oklahoma

Advisor(s): Javier Alejandro Chavez-Dominguez, University of Oklahoma

#### 54. Shift Operators on Directed Infinite Graphs

• Elyssa Sliheet Southwestern University

Advisor(s): Ruben Martinez-Avendao, Universidad Autnoma Del Estado De Hidalgo

## **Applied Mathematics**

## 62. Quantifying the Distribution of Urban Vegetation based on Google Street View Images

- Jacob Beihoff University of Wisconsin Milwaukee
- Adam Honts University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Advisor(s): Istvan Lauko, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

#### 67. Comparing Songs Using Matrix Pattern Preservation

- Erin Bugbee Brown University
- Claire Savard University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Advisor(s): Katherine Kinnaird, Brown University

#### 69. Automatic Conflict Detection in Police Body Worn Video

- Jelena Trisovic University of Belgrade
- Collin Cademartori Brown University

Advisor(s): Jason Xu, UCLA Department of Biomathematics

### 83. Optimal Investment Strategies and Portfolio Analysis of Leveraged Exchange-Traded Funds (LETFs)

- Jalen Harris Fresno State University
- Melanie Abel University of Maryland, College Park
- Daniel Maes Williams College
- Jay Iyer Washington University in St. Louis

Advisor(s): Tao Pang, North Carolina State University

### 84. Scaling and City Substructure

• Cate Heine Centre College

Advisor(s): Ellen Swanson, Centre College

## 88. Math Meets Chemistry: Modeling Dicarboxylic Acids Spectra in the Infrared Region

• Cameron Hooper California State University, Fullerton

Advisor(s): Laura Smith, California State University, Fullerton

#### 91. Slopes: A Graphical View of Differential Equations

- Frederick Joubert Pepperdine University
- Frank Garcia Pepperdine University

Advisor(s): Timothy Lucas, Pepperdine University

## 106. Using Topological Data Analysis to Aid in the Effectiveness of Conservation Efforts

Levi Lucy North Dakota State University

Advisor(s): Robert Allen, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

## 114. A Fast-Slow Dynamical System Model of Addiction: Predicting Relapse Frequency

Monica McGrath Saint Mary's College

Advisor(s): Jacob Duncan, Saint Mary's College

#### 139. Estimating epidemic arrival times using linear spreading theory

- Anne Shapiro Carleton College
- Lawrence Chen Kansas University

Advisor(s): Matt Holzer, George Mason University

### **Biomathematics**

#### 157. Modeling Fungal Community Dynamics within Chestnut Blight Cankers

• Jesica Bauer Carroll College

Advisor(s): Anita Baines, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

### 165. A game theoretic model of mating strategies of territorial migratory songbirds

• Kimberly Dautel Marist College

Advisor(s): Suzanne Lenhart, University of Tennessee Knoxville

### 173. A Joint Model for Bivariate Longitudinal Data

• Bridget Harris College of the Holy Cross

Advisor(s): Shannon Stock, College of the Holy Cross

#### 174. Name That Bird: Using Neural Networks to Classify Recorded Bird Songs

• Russell Houpt Hope College

Advisor(s): Darin Stephenson, Hope College

#### 197. Evaluation of Circadian Time Series Analysis Methods Using Simulated Data

• Alex Santos Amherst College

Advisor(s): Tanya Leise, Amherst College

## 201. Land cover change shows little effect on migration patterns of Wood Storks and Great Egrets

• Johanna Smith Drake University

Advisor(s): Robert Allen, University of Wisconsin- LaCrosse

## 202. Assessing the Role of Temperature in Dengue Fever Outbreak Dynamics with Wolbachia Transinfection Control Methods.

Colton Smith Dixie State University

Advisor(s): Vinodh Kumar Chellamuthu, Dixie State University

## **Combinatorics**

#### 207. Cluster Algebras and k-positivity Tests

Anna Brosowsky Cornell University

Advisor(s): Pavlo Pylyavskyy, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

#### 209. The Combinatorics of the Zeckendorf Representation of the Natural Numbers

- **Dean Dustin** Plymouth State University
- Paul Lagarde Mississippi College
- Rachel Chaiser University of Puget Sound

Advisor(s): Tom Edgar, Pacific Lutheran University

### **Computational Mathematics**

#### 221. Graph Representations of Atomic Structures for Materials Data Analysis

- Montie Avery University of New Mexico
- Ruth Lopez California State University, Long Beach
- Miroslav Stankovic University of Edinburgh

Advisor(s): Jonny Dadras, University of California, Los Angeles

#### 225. Topology of Positive Zero Sets of n-variate (n+4)-nomials

- Sabrina Enriquez University of Southern California
- Davina Boykin Valparaiso University

Advisor(s): J. Maurice Rojas, Texas A&M University

## **Differential Equations**

## 240. An Intuitive Approach to Solving Ordinary Differential Equations: Utilizing Derivative Formulas

• **Huy Vuong** Pasadena City College Advisor(s): Edward Riley, Pasadena City College

## **Dynamical Systems**

#### 243. Continuity of Entropy for Piecewise Linear Lorenz Maps

- Zoe Cooperband California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
- Matt West California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
- Blaine Quackenbush California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
- Jordan Rowley California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Advisor(s): Erin Pearse, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

## **Geometry**

#### 258. Most Planar Graphs do not Admit Faithful Tropicalizations in the Plane

- Sifan Jiang Smith College
- Desmond Coles Ohio State University

Advisor(s): Ralph Morrison, Williams College

### 259. The Least-Area Tetrahedral Tile of Space

- Arjun Kakkar Williams College
- Alejandro Diaz University of Maryland

Advisor(s): Frank Morgan, Williams College

### 262. Line Arrangements: Combinatorics vs. Topology

Baian Liu Vassar College

Advisor(s): Moshe Cohen, Vassar College

#### 269. Double Bubbles on the Real Line with Log-convex Density

- Nat Sothanaphan Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Eliot Bongiovanni Michigan State University

Advisor(s): Frank Morgan, Williams College

## **Graph Theory**

#### 282. Classification and Characterization of Networks

- Emma Ingram The University of Alabama
- Adriana Ortiz Aguino University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras
- James Canning SUNY Geneseo

Advisor(s): Karl Schmitt, Valparaiso University

#### 290. Reconfiguration graphs of prime labelings

Robert Scholle La Salle University

Advisor(s): Janet Fierson, La Salle University

#### 294. Modeling DNA Self-Assembly Using Graph Theory

- Quinn Stratton Lewis University
- Keller Dellinger Lewis University
- Simon Merheb Lewis University

Advisor(s): Amanda Harsy, Lewis University

#### 300. The MIGHTY-est Chicken: A Graphical Investigation of Chicken Pecking Orders

- Mikaela Wyatt Grand Valley State University
- Ellen Grove Grand Valley State university
- Morgan Oneka Grand Valley State University
- Samamtha Wyatt Grand Valley State University

Advisor(s): Lauren Keough, Grand Valley State University

### **Mathematical Education**

#### 302. Analyzing the Impact of Mastery-based Testing in Mathematics Courses

- Christina Carlson Lewis University
- Lauren Klamerus Lewis University

Advisor(s): Amanda Harsy, Lewis University

## **Number Theory**

#### 316. On Some Variations of Elliptic and Lucas Type Pseudoprimes

- Hyun Jong Kim Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Brad Bentz Brown University
- Morad Hassan Emory University
- Andr Hernndez-Espiet University of Puerto Rico at Mayagez

Advisor(s): Liljana Babinkostova, Boise State University

#### 331. Limiting Distributions in Generalized Zeckendorf Decompositions

- Jianing Yang Colby College
- Shannon Sweitzer University of California, Riverside
- Yujin Kim Columbia University
- Eric Winsor University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Advisor(s): Steven Miller, Williams College

## **Numerical Analysis**

#### 335. Radiosity Equation Model for an Interior Space Illumination Design; Mars Project

Hien Ngo Roger Williams University

Advisor(s): Yajni Warnapala, Roger Williams University

## **Probability and Statistics**

#### 349. Winning Strategies in Coda

Jack Champagne College of the Holy Cross

Advisor(s): Eric Ruggieri, College of the Holy Cross

## 357. Detecting Bovine Lameness Using Three-Dimensional Limb Movement Variable Analysis to Achieve High Sensitivity and Specificity

• William Dula Morehouse College

Advisor(s): Nagaraj Neerchal, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

#### 359. Adjacent Levels in the Tridiagonal \_-Hermite Ensemble

Gopal Goel Krishna Homeschool

Advisor(s): Andrew Ahn, MIT

## 368. Applying the Kelly Criterion to College Football Betting

- Jamie Kunzmann Stony Brook University
- Keri D'Angelo The College of New Jersey
- Joshua Radack Lafayette College
- Quyen Do Millersville University

Advisor(s): Trent Gaugler, Lafayette College

## 369. A Monte Carlo measurement of Gerrymandering in Pennsylvania through random tessellation

• Benjamin Lieberman Muhlenberg College

Advisor(s): James Russell, Muhlenberg College

## **Topology**

#### 391. A first approach to a general theory of filtration functors

- Nathaniel Clause Vanderbilt University
- Jose Angel Snchez Gomez University of Guanajuato

Advisor(s): Facundo M'emoli, Ohio State University

#### 394. On a Generalization of the Bestvina-Brady Construction

• Abhay Goel Kalamazoo College

Advisor(s): Michele Intermont, Kalamazoo College

#### 398. Vietoris-Rips Complexes of Regular Polygons

Adam Jaffe Stanford University

Advisor(s): Henry Adams, Colorado State University

#### 414. Cohomology and boundaries of relatively hyperbolic groups

Oliver Wang Cornell University

Advisor(s): Jason Manning, Cornell University

#### 418. Belted Sum Decomposition of Fully Augmented Links

- Cameron Ziegler SUNY at Geneseo
- Dean Spyropoulos Vassar College
- Porter Morgan Kenyon College

Advisor(s): Rolland Trapp, California State University, San Bernardino

### Other

#### 336. Building Series-Parallel Voters

• Trung Nguyen Macalester College

Advisor(s): Andrew Beveridge, Macalester College

## 346. Coxeter Nim: A variation on the classic mathematical game Nim to investigate the relationship between triangle Coxeter groups and Nim

- Katherine Wu Boston University PROMYS
- Christianna Xu Boston University PROMYS

Advisor(s): Paul Gunnells, University of Massachusetts