

## From the Colleges

**Amherst College** (reporter **Dan Velleman**) Amherst College has hired **Katherine Tranbarger** whose specialty is statistics with a Ph.D. from UCLA. **Jim Denton** retired at the end of last year. **Dan Velleman** will become Editor-Elect of the American Mathematical Monthly in January 2006, and will become Editor in January 2007.

**Brown University** (reporter **Tom Banchoff**) Brown has hired a new full professor, **Richard Schwartz**, who received his Ph.D. with William Thurston at Princeton and who came to Brown from the University of Maryland. His research and teaching center around topology and geometry and his work complements the interests of another recent hire **Jeff Brock**, a Ph.D. from the University of California who held a post-doctoral position at the University of Chicago before coming to Brown.

**University of Connecticut** (reporter **Gerald Leibowitz**) The University of Connecticut has hired Peter **Nicholls**, a mathematician, as Provost, Executive Vice-President for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Mathematics. He has his degree from Cambridge University and has taught at Northern Illinois University, Kansas State University, and Colorado State University.

**Framingham State College** (reporter **Sarah Mabrouk**) **Joyce Cutler** was promoted to Associate Professor effective September 1, 2005. **Victoria Sapko** joined the Mathematics Department at Framingham State College in Fall 2005. Before coming to Framingham, she worked at Georgia Southwestern State University. Victoria earned her Ph.D. and her M.S. from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln and her B.A. from Concordia College.

**Massachusetts Maritime Academy** (reporter **Frank Battles**) Professor **Eugene McCarthy** retired after teaching mathematics at the Academy since 1982. He had taught previously at Boston State College for many years. Dr. **Muge Kanuni**, who came to the Academy after completing her Ph.D. at UConn, left to return to Turkey. Dr. **Raul Aguilar** joined the faculty this fall. He had previously taught at Rhode Island College.

**Massasoit Community College** (reporter **Lois Martin**) The Mathematics Department hired 3 new faculty in the last year, the first new hires since 1986, - **Marianne Rosato**, **Jane DeVoe** and **Aziza Hina**. The **Massasoit Community College Mathematics Team** captured the Northeast Region's title in MATYC's Student Mathematics League for the second consecutive year. Massasoit student **Alexei Popov** took first place in the Northeast Region's Individual Competition.

**Williams College** (reporter **Edward Burger**) Williams has hired **Carsten Botts**, a statistician from Iowa State University; **David Craft**, a visiting assistant professor of mathematics; and **Mihai Stoiciu**, a mathematician from California Institute of Technology.

**Yale University** (reporter **George Seligman**) **Bruce Kleiner**, formerly of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, has joined the department as Professor.

Visiting Professors are **Douglas Lind**, of the University of Washington, and Jacek Szmigielski of the University of Alberta. Professor **Christoph Thiele** of UCLA will be on hand as Visiting Fellow during part of the fall term. New Gibbs Assistant Professors are: **Philip Gressman**, **Paul Hacking**, **Matvei Libine**, **Yoel Shkolinski** (appl. math.), **Amit Singedr** (appl. math.), **Mark Tygert** (appl. math.) and **Kevin Wortman**. As of July 2005, Professors **Serge Lang**, **Benoit Mandelbrot** and **Ilya Piatetski-Shapiro** had retired with the title Professor Emeritus. **Serge Lang** died in Berkeley on September 12, 2005. Professors **Mandelbrot** and **Piatetski-Shapiro** continue as Senior Research Scientists. In the summer of 2005, Professor Mandelbrot was awarded the Sierpinski Prize by the Polish Mathematical Society. Professor **Gregory Margulis** received a Wolf Prize in Mathematics in Israel in May, 2005. Professor **Roger Howe** is on leave at State University of New York at Stony Brook, working on the training of mathematics teachers for the schools. A conference honoring him is to be held in Singapore in January, 2006