On the history of Mass Gamma Chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon

Mass Gamma Chapter was created at an installation ceremony on May 10, 1972 as the brainchild of our Chairman, Dr. Murray Abramson.

Outside speakers at subsequent induction ceremonies of which we have a record were and are supported by the Abramson Colloquium Fund.

May 11, 198: Dr. Hugo D’Alarcao (BSC) spoke on “Platonic solids and brussels sprouts”

April 18, 1984: Two students (BSC) spoke on “Emmy Noether: Her life and work” (Carolyn Kay) and “The Ramanujan-Nagell Equation” (Joan Howe)

May 6, 1985: V.P. Joseph Chiccarelli (BSC) spoke on “A calendar problem”

May 1, 1986: Dr. Glenn Pavlicek (BSC) spoke on “Conjectures, open and closed: A survey of some recent advances”

April 24, 1987: Prof. Philip Scalisi (BSC) spoke on “An illustrated history of crystallography”

1988: No record

April 28, 1989: Prof. Jean Prendergast (BSC) spoke on “A potpourri of patterns”

May 11, 1990: Prof Walter Gleason (BSC) spoke on “Zeller’s congruence”

March 20, 1991: Prof. Philip Scalisi (BSC) spoke on “A history of the science of crystallography”

April 10, 1992: Dr Rochelle Leibowitz (Wheaton College) spoke on “Matchmaker, matchmaker, make me a match”

May 14, 1993: Prof. John Nee (BSC) spoke on “Hit me, but not too hard.”

April 29, 1994: Dr. Paul Fairbanks (BSC) spoke on “A new approach to Calculus”

April 28, 1995: Dr. Jeffrey Butz (BSC) spoke on “Creative mathematics”

April 25, 1996: Prof. Richard Quindley (BSC) spoke on “Mathematics on the Web”

April 25, 1997: Dr. Ward Heilman (BSC) spoke on “Handshakes, mutual friends and traveling salespeople: Some graph relationships”
April 24, 1998: Dr. Thomas Koshy (Framingham State College) spoke on “Product and postal codes”

May 2, 1999: Dr. Uma Shama (BSC) spoke on “A mathematical approach to geographical information systems”

April 28, 2000: Dr. Frank Battles (Mass Maritime Academy) spoke on “An ex-physicist looks at some mathematical problems”

April 27, 2001: Dr. Paul Fairbanks (BSC) spoke on “Statistical uses, abuses, and gaming strategies”

April 28, 2002: V.P. Joseph B. Chiccarelli (BSC, retired) spoke on “A calendar problem”

April 25, 2003: Dr. Tommy Ratliff (Wheaton College) spoke on “What could be easier than voting? When good voting methods go bad”

April 25, 2004: Dr. Shai Simonson (Stonehill College) spoke on “Discovering mathematics in unexpected places”

May 1, 2005: Dr. Thomas Hull spoke on “Origami-math: Theory and practice”

April 27, 2006: Dr. Paul Fairbanks (BSC) and Prof. Phil Scalisi (BSC) spoke on “The history of Mayan mathematics”

April 22, 2007: Dr. James Tanton (St. Mark’s School) spoke on “Weird multiplication”

April 27, 2008: Dr. Gareth Roberts (Holy Cross) spoke on “Math & music: Exploring the connections”

April 26, 2009: Dr. Bill Bloch (Wheaton College) spoke on “A mathematician transgresses into literary theory: Navigating the labyrinths in Jorge Luis Borges’ story The Library of Babel”

April 25, 2010: Dr. Sarah-Marie Belcastro (Smith College, Mount Holyoke College) spoke on “Topological graph theory (and you)”

April 10, 2011: Dr. Kenneth Gross (University of Vermont) spoke on “Symmetry: Some personal reflections”

April 22, 2012: Dr. Marty Kemen (Wentworth Institute) spoke on “Look at mathematics: Examples from contemporary art”

April 7, 2013: Dr. Susan Loepp (Williams College) spoke on “Protecting your personal information: An introduction to encryption”
April 6, 2014: Dr. Erik Demaine (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) spoke on “Algorithms meet art, puzzles, and magic”

April 19, 2015: Dr. Ira Gessel (Brandeis University) spoke on “Systems of numeration”

2016: April 10, 2016: Dr. James Propp (University of Massachusetts-Lowell) spoke on “Math, Magic, and Mystery”

April 2, 2017: Dr. T. Christine Stevens (American Mathematical Society) spoke on “Singing along with math”

April 8, 2018: Dr. Jacqueline Anderson (Bridgewater State University) spoke on “The Mathematics of Voting”