

Call for Nominations
2011 Michigan Section Award
Distinguished Teaching of College or University Mathematics

Nominations for the 2011 Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics from the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America are now being accepted. The Distinguished Teaching Award Committee will choose one of the nominees for the Section Award. The last three section awardees, **Eddie Cheng**(OU), **Lisa DeMeyer**(CMU) and **Mike Merscher**, form the selection committee.

The person that the committee selects will receive the Michigan Section Award for Distinguished Teaching of College or University Mathematics at the Annual Spring Meeting of the Michigan Section, and will also, upon receipt of additional supporting material, become the Michigan Section nominee for the national MAA Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Awards for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics.

Nomination Instructions

Completed nominations must be received by November 15, 2010 to be considered for the 2011 Award. Nominations must be completed on the attached nomination form. The nomination form is also available at the Section's web site (<http://www.michmaa.org/>) as a pdf file or as a MS Word file.

Send a signed copy of the nomination form to

Professor Eddie Cheng
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Rochester, MI 48309

In addition, send an electronic copy of the completed form to Eddie Cheng at echeng@oakland.edu. Please use "Michigan DTA Nomination" as the subject.

Anyone may make a nomination, but nominations from chairs or MAA liaisons in departments of mathematical sciences are especially solicited. For this reason, this call for nominations is sent to both department chairs and MAA liaisons so that the responsibility for nominations can be shared between them.

We urge you to submit a nomination for the MAA Michigan Section Award if you have someone eligible and qualified in your department. Even if not selected this year, it is an honor for someone to have been nominated, and your candidate can likely be nominated again in a future year. Your department will receive recognition for its commitment to excellence in teaching, and the work done in preparing a nomination folder for your candidate is a tribute in itself. Self-nomination is not permitted.

Please discuss this memo with your colleagues and post it in a prominent place in your department.

Eligibility for the Award

To be considered for the award, a nominee must:

- Be a college or university teachers who currently teaches a mathematical science at least halftime during the academic year in a public or private college or university (from two-year college teaching through teaching at the Ph.D. level) in the United States or Canada. Those on approved leave (sabbatical or other) during the academic year in which they are nominated qualify if they fulfilled the requirements in the previous year.
- Have at least seven years experience in teaching the mathematical sciences.
- Be a member of the Mathematical Association of America.

Guidelines for Nomination

To be considered for the award, a nominee should:

- Be widely recognized as extraordinarily successful in their teaching.*
 - Have had teaching effectiveness that can be documented.
 - Have had influence in their teaching beyond their own institution.**
 - Foster curiosity and generate excitement about mathematics in their students.
- * “Teaching” is to be interpreted in its broadest sense, not necessarily limited to classroom teaching. It may include activities such as preparing students for mathematical competitions at the college level such as the Putnam Prize Competition or the Mathematical Contest in Modeling, attracting students to become majors in a mathematical science or to become Ph.D. candidates, working with pre-service or in-service teachers, etc.
- ** “Influence in their teaching beyond their own institution” can take many forms, including demonstrated lasting impact on alumni, influence on the profession through curricular revisions in college mathematics teaching with wide-ranging impact, influential publications or innovative books concerned with the teaching of college mathematics, etc.

Selection Procedure

The selection committee will consider all nominations and will make its decision by December 1, 2010. The person that the committee selects will receive the Michigan Section Award for Distinguished Teaching of College or University Mathematics and will also, upon receipt of additional supporting material, become the Michigan Section nominee for the national MAA Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Awards for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics. Each of the three national awardees will be honored at the national MAA meeting in January 2012 and receive a \$1000 check and certificate.

The Michigan Section Award will be presented to the recipient at the Michigan Section Annual Spring Meeting.

Required Supporting Material If Your Nominee Is Selected

In the event that your candidate is selected for the Michigan Section Award, you will be called upon to help gather additional supporting material so that your candidate becomes a candidate for the National Distinguished Teaching Award.

The following information about the additional supporting material was found at the web site for the Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics (http://www.maa.org/awards/Haimo_NF.pdf)

A nomination for this award should consist only of the materials requested below, and should not include any other materials such as curricula vitae or other items. Please prepare all application materials on one side only of 8.5 x 11 inch paper, with a type size no smaller than 12 points (pica).

A complete application should contain the following items:

- *Nomination Form*: A completed Nomination Form is the first page of the application.
- *Narrative*: Please describe the nominee's extraordinary success in teaching by providing a narrative of the nominee's background, experience, teaching style, special contributions, other teaching awards, and any additional evidence of the nominee's unusual achievement in teaching. Please limit this portion to no more than five double spaced pages.
- *Additional Documentation*: Please submit no more than three pages of evidence to document the *nominee's* extraordinary teaching success. This documentation will vary greatly from institution to institution but may include summaries of peer or student evaluations, comments on teaching, possible increases in numbers of undergraduate or graduate degrees given in mathematics (with clear evidence of the nominee's substantial responsibility for them), possible student successes in mathematics competitions (with clear evidence of the nominee's substantial responsibility for them), etc. Nominators should bear in mind that the National Selection Committee might view a nomination more positively if it is accompanied not just by carefully chosen testimonials from a few selected students and faculty, but also by some unfiltered input that is more representative of the whole spectrum of opinion among students and faculty.
- *Letters of Recommendation*: Please include no more than five letters of recommendation of no more than one page each, as follows.
 - Two letters from the nominee's present or former students.
 - Two letters from the nominee's colleagues (one of whom could be the department chair).
 - One additional letter from anyone qualified to comment on the nominee's extraordinary teaching success.

Note: If the nomination packet significantly exceeds the prescribed limits above, it will not be eligible for consideration for a national award.