Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- Ph.D. in Mathematics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1984. Area of specialization: Functional Analysis; specifically, the Geometry of Banach Spaces.
- A.M. in Statistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1983.
- B.S. in Physics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1969.

Employment History

- Deputy Director, Mathematical Sciences Research Institute at Berkeley, July 2002
 –present.
 Position held while on leave from University of Michigan.
- Professor of Mathematics, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, 2000–present. Associate Professor, 1992–2000. Tenured, 1994.
- Associate Professor of Mathematics, Eastern Illinois University, 1986–1992. Assistant Professor, 1983–1986. Tenured, 1987; early tenure was awarded.
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Mathematics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, most semesters, 1978–1983; four semesters of fellowship and research assistantships during this period.
- Computer Systems Software Specialist, Roper Corporation, Kankakee, Illinois, 1969–1977.
- Computer consultant for various organizations, 1969–1977.

Recent Honors and Awards

- Selected for inclusion in the book *100 Native Americans Who Shaped American History* by Bonnie Juettner, Bluewood Books, 2002.
- Named to Native American Science and Engineering Wall of Fame, maintained at Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque, NM, 2001.
- University of Michigan Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award, 2000.

- American Indian Science and Engineering Society's Ely S. Parker Award, 1999. This is a lifetime achievement award given each year to one person for professional achievement and service to the Native American community.
- University of Michigan Regents' Award for Distinguished Public Service, 1999.
- Featured University of Illinois alumnus, November/December 1999 *Illinois Alumni Magazine*. (*A mathematician against the odds*, by Scott Spilky, vol. 12, no. 3, pp. 36–38.)
- U.S. Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring, awarded at a White House ceremony, 11 September 1997.
- University of Michigan College of Literature, Science, and Arts Excellence in Education Awards, 1994, 1997, 2000. These are currently given to about 3% of the LS&A faculty each year.

Positions with Professional and National Organizations and Institutions

- Nominee for President, Mathematical Association of America, 1999.
- Nominee for First Vice President, Mathematical Association of America, 1997.
- Member, Board of Trustees, Mathematical Sciences Research Institute at Berkeley, 1997–1999 and 2000-2002.
- Member, Building Committee, Mathematical Sciences Research Institute at Berkeley, 2000— 2002.
- Chair, Human Resources Advisory Committee, Mathematical Sciences Research Institute at Berkeley, 1997–1999; member of the committee, 1994–1999.
- Chair, Coordinating Council on Human Resources, Mathematical Association of America, 1997—present; member of the committee, 1995—present.
- Chair, Gung-Hu Prize Committee, Mathematical Association of America, 2001-2004.
- Chair, Committee on Trevor Evans Prizes, Mathematical Association of America, 1997; member of the committee, 1995–1998.
- Co-Chair, Committee on Minority Participation in Mathematics, Mathematical Association of America, 1995–2002; member of the committee, 1990–2002.
- Member, Committee on Committees, American Mathematical Society, 2000–2005.
- Member, Committee on Academic Freedom, Tenure, and Employment Security, American Mathematical Society, 1996–1999 and 2002–2005.
- Member of the following additional Mathematical Association of America committees: Ad hoc Committee on Calculus in High School (2003–present), Nominations Committee for the 2003 Elections, Program Committee for the 2003 Baltimore Winter Meeting, Program Committee for the 2002 Burlington Summer Mathfest, Focus and MAA Online Advisory Board (2002–05), ad hoc Committee on the Committee Chairs' Handbook (2002–present), President's Task Force on NCTM Standards (1996–2001), Program Committee for the 1999 Providence Summer Mathfest, Task Force on Member Services (1995–1999), Math Horizons Advisory Board (1992–1999), Task Force on SUMMA Activities (1996–1997), Program Committee for the 1996 Orlando Winter Meeting.

- Member, Advisory Board, Cardinal Stritch University Geometry Project, 2003–present.
- Consultant for the Mathematical Association of America's Project for New Experiences in Teaching (Project NExT), 1995–present.
- Member, Steering Committee for Project Kaleidoscope's Faculty for the 21st Century (F21), 1997; chair, F21 Task Force on Increasing Minority Participation, 1998; F21 member, 1996– present.
- Member, Advisory Board, Great Lakes Regional American Indian Network, 1996–2000.
- Member, Board of Directors, National PreFreshman Engineering Program, 1996–1999.
- Member, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs/Mathematical Association of America Collaborative Program Oversight Committee, 1994–1995.
- Member, Native American Oversight Committee, Oklahoma Native American Mathematics Educators and Students (ONAMES) Project, 1992–1996.
- Teller, American Mathematical Society, 1989–1992.

Recent Invited Talks (2000-2003)

- Native American Mathematics, Albert Turner Bharucha-Reid Lecture, National Association of Mathematicians Regional Faculty Conference on Research and Teaching Excellence, Mathematical Sciences Research Institute, Berkeley CA, 28 March 2003.
- The Role of Minority-Oriented Professional Societies for Increasing the Diversity of Students in Mathematics, AMS-MAA-MER Special Session on Mathematics and Education Reform, Joint Mathematics Meetings, Baltimore MD, 16 January 2003.
- Expanding Your Research Horizons at MSRI, Project NExT Special Session on Research, Joint Mathematics Meetings, Baltimore MD, 15 January 2003.
- Why Change? Because We Must!, invited talk at National Assembly of Project Kaleidoscope, Washington DC, 11 October 2002.
- Co-Curricular and Curricular Opportunities with Student Departmental Clubs, workshop
 presentation at the University of Michigan Provost's Seminar on Teaching, Ann Arbor MI,
 1 May 2002.
- Modern Native Americans in Mathematics and the Sciences, invited talk at National Cathedral School, Washington DC, 27 February 2002.
- *Native American Mathematics*, university colloquium talk at Washington and Lee University, Richmond VA, 2 November 2001.
- *Graduate Study in Mathematics*, mathematics colloquium talk at Washington and Lee University, Richmond VA, 1 November 2001.
- Aligning Goals, Methods, and Assessment in the UM Reformed Introductory Mathematics Program, workshop presentation at the University of Michigan Provost's Seminar on Teaching, Ann Arbor MI, 31 October 2001.

- Mathematics Reform at the University of Michigan, hour address at the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics Great Lakes Section Fall Plenary Meeting held at Oakland University, Rochester MI, 13 October 2001.
- *Issues in the Implementation of a Reformed Precalculus Program,* workshop presentation at the NSF/Oswego University Rethinking Precalculus Workshop, Hilton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington VA, 5 October 2001.
- An Old Nearest Point Problem in Hilbert Space, keynote address at the Annual Mathematics Conference of the Syracuse University Department of Mathematics, sponsored by the Mathematics Graduate Organization, Syracuse NY, 30 March 2001.
- Project ENACT: An MAA Program to Increase the Number of Native American Mathematics Teachers, AMS-MAA-MER Special Session on Mathematics and Education Reform, Joint Mathematics Meetings, New Orleans LA, 11 January 2001.
- The Michigan Reformed Calculus Program: How and Why We Do It, mathematics colloquium talk at the University of Toledo, Toledo OH, 25 August 2000.
- Teacher Development at the University of Michigan, part of a panel presentation on "Developing Effective Teaching Assistants" at the Mathematical Association of America's MathFest 2000, Los Angeles CA, 4 August 2000.
- University of Michigan Calculus Reform: Why and How We Did It, part of a panel presentation at the Project NExT (New Experiences in Teaching) Workshop preceding the Mathematical Association of America's MathFest 2000, Los Angeles CA, 1 August 2000.
- *The Meaning of Leadership in Diverse Cultures,* presentation as Guest Leader for Michigan LeaderShape, Boyne City MI, 10 May 2000.

Partial Listing of Other Professional Activity

- Principal Investigator, \$200,000 NSF grant to implement an electronic mathematics testing and skill building center at the University of Michigan, 2000–2003.
- One of three principal organizers for the 1999 Conference for African American Researchers in the Mathematical Sciences, held 22–25 June 1999 at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.
- Principal Investigator, Mathematical Association of America/American Indian Science and Engineering Society Project for Enhancing Mathematics/Science Faculty at Native American Tribal Colleges in the Use of Calculators and Technology, a \$400,000 project funded in part by the National Science Foundation, Exxon Educational Foundation, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
- Frequent proposal and program reviewer for National Science Foundation programs, as well as programs of other organizations targeting the mathematics education of minorities.
- Frequent participant in planning and review sessions for the summer intervention programs of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society and the minority programs of the Mathematical Association of America.
- Frequent invited participant in meetings and programs relating to the mathematics education of minorities, including the joint National Academy of Sciences/Mathematical Sciences Education Board's *Making Mathematics Work for Minorities* convocation, 3–4 May 1990.

• Invited participant, Conversations with Scientists, National Conferences of the Society for the Advancement of Native Americans in Science, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003.

Partial Listing of Teaching and Educational Activities

- Designer, director, and implementer of a reformed precalculus program at the University of Michigan emphasizing cooperative learning and other modern educational methods.
- Designer of the mathematics portion of many mathematics programs for precollege students and their teachers on the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Reservation in North Dakota, summers of 1992 through the present.
- Director of the University of Michigan Mathematics Laboratory, a walk-in tutoring service.
- Co-designer and co-instructor for a course in *Native American Experiences in the United States* taught through the University of Michigan Pilot Program during the winter term of 1994.

Partial Listing of University of Michigan Service Activities

- Member, Literature, Science, and Arts College Curriculum Committee, 1994–1997, 1998–2003.
- Member, Executive Committee of the Gayle Morris Sweetland Writing Center at the University of Michigan, 1999–2002.
- Faculty Advisor for the University of Michigan Student Chapter of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, 1992–2002.
- Member, Mathematics Department Executive Committee, 1999–2001.
- Member, University of Michigan Native American Search Committee charged with making a "cluster hire" of five or more Native American faculty, 1999–2001.
- Member, University of Michigan Search Committee for Vice President of Student Affairs, 1999– 2000.
- Member, Faculty Senate's Committee for a Multicultural University, 1996–1999.
- Member, University of Michigan Advisory Council for UM 21st Century Program, 1992–1999.

Other Interests and Personal Information

- I have had a lifelong interest in astronomy, and have even done a very small amount of professional work in the area in a project with Kenneth Yoss of the Astronomy Department of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. My part in the project was to verify the validity of a new statistical method used to estimate the distance to the Hyades star cluster. I still maintain my membership in the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.
- I am an avid mountain climber. My current project is to climb all of Colorado's Fourteeners, the fifty-six Colorado mountains with summit elevations over 14,000 feet. I am halfway there.
- I have been an opera singer, and sang for a number of years with the Illinois Opera Theatre.

Thesis and Recent Publications

■ Yueh-Gin Gung and Dr. Charles Y. Hu Award to Clarence F. Stephens for Distinguished Service to Mathematics, Amer. Math. Monthly 110 (March 2003), no. 3, 177–180.

- Some political and practical issues in implementing reform, in Rethinking the Road toward Calculus (J. Narayan, ed.), MAA Notes volume, Mathematical Association of America, Washington, to appear.
- College-based precollege intervention projects: A model for outreach to groups underrepresented in science and mathematics, Journal of Public Service and Outreach 4 (Fall 1999), no. 2, 7–13.
- An introduction to Banach space theory, Graduate Texts in Mathematics 183, Springer-Verlag, 1998.
- *MISHI and Math Horizons*, Math Horizons 3 (Nov. 1995), no. 2, 26–28.
- Mathematics reform and Native Americans, MER Newsletter 8 (Fall 1995), no. 1, 4–5.
- A gateway testing program at the University of Michigan, in Preparing for a New Calculus (A.E. Solow, ed.), MAA Notes, vol. 36, Mathematical Association of America, Washington, 1994.
- Thesis: *The semi-Kadec-Klee condition and nearest-point properties of sets in normed linear spaces,* University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1984, directed by Mahlon M. Day.

Thesis Directed

• Karen A. Schlauch, M.A. 1991, Eastern Illinois University, A comparative study of ancient mathematical and calendrical systems.

Membership in Professional and Honorary Societies

- American Mathematical Society.
- Mathematical Association of America, life member.
- National Association of Mathematicians, life member.
- Association for Women in Mathematics.
- American Indian Science and Engineering Society, life member and Sequoyah Fellow.
- Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science, life member.
- Astronomical Society of the Pacific.
- Phi Kappa Phi academic honor society.
- Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society.