

Meritorious Service Awards

Lisa Mantini

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Lisa first became involved with the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section of the MAA in 1992 and has continued attending the annual Section meeting regularly, delivering numerous presentations on topics including group theory and its applications, recreational mathematics, the history of mathematics, and mathematics education. In 1994, the Oklahoma-Arkansas section presented Lisa with its Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics. This was followed by her being awarded the Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics at the national level from the MAA in 1995. Lisa was elected to a term as the Governor to the MAA from the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section in 2002-2005, and again from 2014–2017. She is the only person to have served the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section as Governor for two terms. She has served on numerous committees for the MAA at both the national and section level including the Coordinating Council on Awards, the Committees on Membership and on Assessment, the Haimo Teaching Awards Selection Committee, and at the Section level on the teaching awards selection committee, nominating committee, and the committees for the N.A. Court Lecture and the R.B. Deal Lecture.

Lisa served as the local Co-Chair for the 75th Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section at Oklahoma State University in 2013. She has also worked since early in her career to support student competitions, including sponsoring the local Putnam Exam at Oklahoma State University since the 1990's and working to help recognize the highest-ranking contestant from the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section at the Section's annual meeting.

Response

I am surprised, honored, and very pleased to have been recognized with the 2020 Meritorious Service Award. My association with the MAA, both at the national level and with the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section, has led to opportunities to develop professionally and personally, new relationships, new ideas, and many happy memories. I plan on my relationship with the MAA continuing for many more years!

Biographical Sketch

Lisa Mantini received the BS in Mathematics from the University of Pittsburgh and the AM and PhD in Mathematics from Harvard University. She taught at Wellesley College before joining the faculty of Oklahoma State University in 1985. She has worked in the representation theory of Lie groups and in mathematics education. She was the recipient of the AAUW's Founder's Postdoctoral Fellowship in 1994 and has visited at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University, MSRI, Arizona State University, and the Universität Göttingen. She delivered the undergraduate lectures at the Mentoring Program for Women in Mathematics in 1998. Her current interests include studying the effectiveness of online teaching of mathematics, the representations of finite groups, and mathematical origami.