

It figures: AU to host mathematics conference

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Alfred University will host the Seaway Section of the Mathematical Association of America for its annual spring meeting April 4 and 5. The Seaway Section includes all of upstate New York as well as the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. The meeting is expected to attract about 150 participants, most of whom are college mathematics faculty. Activities will begin at noon on Friday, April 4, with special sessions for members of the SeaWay NExT group, a collection of junior faculty from the Section. Friday evening there is a social hour and banquet for the participants. The after-dinner talk will be given by Dr. Michael Breen of the American Mathematical Society. Breen is a former AU faculty member. Alfred University President Charles M. Edmondson will welcome participants at the start of Saturday's (April 5) session, which will include three invited addresses: "Rearranging the Alternating Harmonic Series," by Dr. Carl Cowen of Purdue University, "Pricing Financial Derivatives: How Mathematics Gave Us Modern Finance," by Dr. Norman Rice of Queen's University, and "The Graphite Boundary Sequence Problem," by Dr. Jack Graver of Syracuse University. There will be seven parallel sessions of presentations during the afternoon, including two featuring student presentations. The conference is being coordinated by Dr. Debra Waugh, assistant professor of mathematics at AU.