

# THE SEAWAY CURRENT

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### CALLS TO ACTION!

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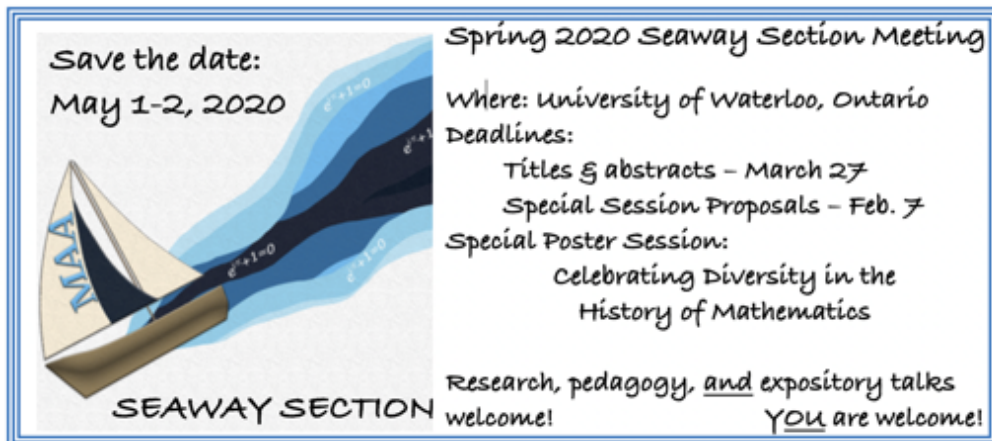
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**JMM 2020:** Denver, CO  
January 15 - 18

Spring Seaway Meeting:  
University of Waterloo  
May 1-2

**MathFest:** Philadelphia, PA  
July 29 - Aug. 1

Fall Seaway Meeting:  
Siena College  
October 23-24



Save the date:  
May 1-2, 2020

Spring 2020 Seaway Section Meeting  
Where: University of Waterloo, Ontario  
Deadlines:  
Titles & abstracts - March 27  
Special Session Proposals - Feb. 7  
Special Poster Session:  
Celebrating Diversity in the  
History of Mathematics  
Research, pedagogy, and expository talks  
welcome! YOU are welcome!

## Celebrating Diversity in the History of Mathematics

### Poster Session at the Spring 2020 Seaway Section Meeting

Organized by Keith Jones (SUNY Oneonta), Toke Knudsen (SUNY Oneonta),  
and Zoë Misiewicz (SUNY Oswego)



Children arranging a miniature eagle altar used in India's ancient rituals (Kerala, April 2011). Photo by Michio Yano. Used with permission.

The 2020 Spring Seaway Meeting is hosting a poster session! All meeting participants are invited to present a poster on a person, place, practice, or group in the history of mathematics; posters highlighting contributions from underrepresented groups in the history of mathematics are especially encouraged. Undergraduate presenters may opt to enter their posters in a judged competition, and prizes will be awarded to the top undergraduate posters.

Include a poster session as a component in your spring courses, or encourage students to prepare one as part of a project. And, there's no reason not to make one yourself!

WELCOME  
TO THE  
WINTER INVOLVEMENT EDITION!

# A Note from the Section Chair, Cheryl Chute Miller



Happy New Year and welcome to the new decade! I hope 2020 will be a great year for everyone.

We are thrilled to have a second meeting at a Canadian University (both near Toronto) in as many years. It had been almost 20 years since we last crossed the border to join our Canadian colleagues, so we hope it will become more common. Start your planning now to bring your students, give presentations, create posters, and participate in all of the events.

Our year of diversity had a great start in Fall of 2019 at Ithaca College, but we need to continue the work! We need volunteers for many things that you will hear about in this edition of the Current, but don't forget that new Seaway Section Committees members will be appointed this spring, so if you are interested in helping out let me know.

Check our website, for the list of committees:

<https://people.rit.edu/maacway/Governance/Committees/Committees.html>.

See you in Waterloo!

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## How can you get involved with the Seaway Section?

- **Tweet about it!** Post your math-geeky photos, with memes that only “math peeps” will get to #seawaymaa.
- **Follow us on Facebook:** Join the group Check out @MAASeaway.
- **Join a committee!** There are many things to do – help us “get 'er done” for the section membership.
- **Attend the business meeting.** Find out what those “many things” are and what we've got in the works already.
- **Invite a new colleague or a student to come to the Spring 2020 meeting.** Reach out to the people around you; let's create a warm and welcoming community by inviting new and interesting people to join us.

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## What can you do to volunteer at, and add to, the Spring 2020 Meeting?

- **Volunteer to organize a special session or special event.**  
*Do you dream of organizing a special session at the JMM? Start by organizing the same special session at our regional meeting. Or, do you yearn to attend a panel on XYZ? Organize the panel yourself! Submit your ideas to the program chair, Elizabeth Wilcox by Feb. 7.*
- **Volunteer to judge posters at the poster session.** (faculty only)  
*You'll judge 2-4 undergraduate posters, according to guidelines shared with you in advance. You're going to be looking at the posters anyway! Contact Keith Jones (SUNY Oneonta) to sign up.*
- **Moderate a contributed or student session.**  
*Get in touch with the local organizer, Brian Forrest, or the program chair, Elizabeth Wilcox, to volunteer.*

## What can you contribute to the Seaway Current?

- **Report about your experience at the JMM!**  
*Some of us can't go! Write one paragraph and email it to the editor: What talks did you go to? What parts did you enjoy? What's it like to be in the Employment Center? Did you catch one of the invited lectures? How was the Exhibition Hall? Snap a pic at the art gallery!*  
  
**Wait, here's an idea** – write a short article about the different programs and opportunities for Category X, whichever most pertains to you, that you learned about while walking around the Exhibition Hall.  
  
**Wait, wait:** Go to the Haimo Award recipient talks and write a short article about how these speakers inspired you . . . or didn't.  
  
**How about:** Write an editorial on how much it stinks to go the JMM and sit all day in meetings. What happened to the fun times of awesome talks and catching lunch with that friend from undergrad?
- **Submit a Section Note!**  
*Your Section Note doesn't have to be “super exciting news” – how many students are going to graduate with a major in your program in spring? Has your department done anything new or fun or different? Tell us about your department's Facebook page or how to find the department newsletter. Or, announce new course offerings. Has anyone in your department published a paper this year? Tell us who, what the title is and what the venue is. Kudos all around!*

# GET INVOLVED!