

# Celebrating AWM's 50th Anniversary

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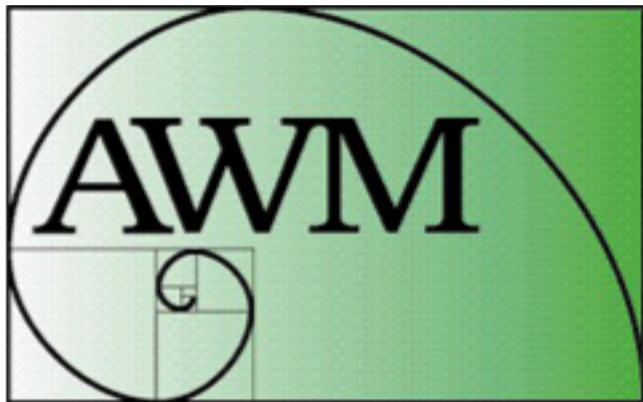
University of Connecticut

Special Sigma Seminar, Nov 11, 2021

# Question

What is the full name for AWM?

# Association for Women in Mathematics



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# Outline

- ▶ History of AWM
- ▶ AWM Student Chapter at UConn
- ▶ Some notable female mathematicians

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“What do women want? Let me be specific as far as women mathematicians are concerned: 1) Equal consideration for admission to graduate school and support while there, 2) . . . for faculty appointments at all levels . . . , 3) Equal pay for equal work, 4) Equal consideration in assignment of duties, for promotion and for tenure, 5) . . . for administrative appointments at all levels in universities, industry and government, [and] 6) . . . for government grants, positions on review and advisory panels and positions in professional organizations. Because of past injustices, special efforts will have to be made for some time to find women to consider. AWM is ready to help. Now is the time for discrimination to end.” — Mary Gray

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## Mission

The purpose of the Association for Women in Mathematics is to encourage women and girls to study and to have active careers in the mathematical sciences, and to promote equal opportunity and the equal treatment of women and girls in the mathematical sciences.

# AWM Student Chapter at UConn

First founded in 2018

Faculty sponsors: Professor Masha Gordina and Professor Katie Hall

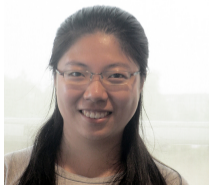
<https://awm.math.uconn.edu>



# Our team



President: Anastasiia Minenkova



Vice President: Liangbing Luo



Secretary: Hyungue Lim



Web Master: Marco Carfagnini

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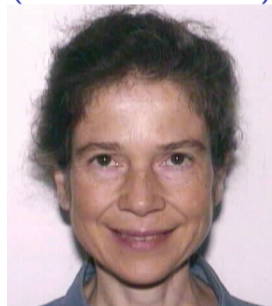
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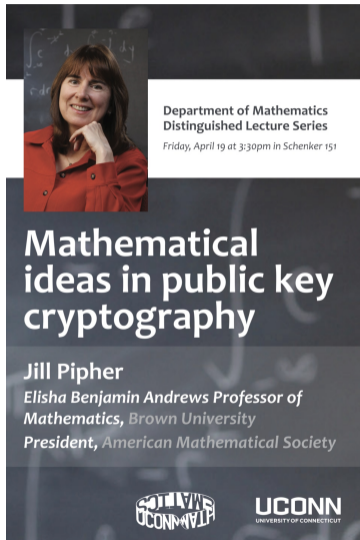
First event: jointly organized with AMS student chapter  
(Feb 22, 2019)



Professor Emma Previato

- ▶ “What is... An Elliptic Curve?” From Bitcoin to Self-Driving Vehicles
- ▶ Tea discussion

April 19, 2019



Department of Mathematics  
Distinguished Lecture Series  
*Friday, April 19 at 3:30pm in Schenker 151*

# Mathematical ideas in public key cryptography

**Jill Pipher**  
*Elisha Benjamin Andrews Professor of  
Mathematics, Brown University  
President, American Mathematical Society*

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- ▶ Distinguished lecture by Professor Jill Pipher
- ▶ Tea discussion with Professor Jill Pipher

## Meeting with Professor Björn Sandstede (Oct 3, 2019)



### Professor Björn Sandstede

- ▶ Diversity, inclusion, and mentoring at Brown University
- ▶ Course on Race and Gender in the Scientific Society



Jointly organized with SIAM student chapter (Dec 6, 2019)



with Professor Misha Kilmer

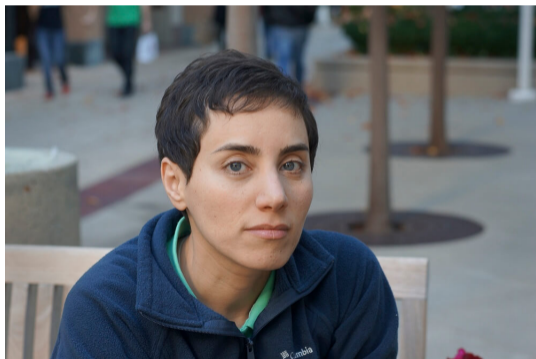
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Secrets of the Surface: the Mathematical Vision of Maryam Mirzakhani

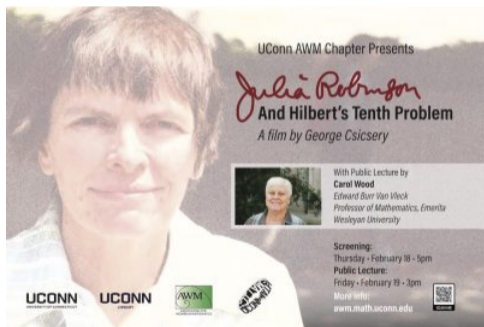


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Julia Robinson and Hilbert's Tenth Problem (Feb 18, 2021)



Lecture by Professor Carol Wood (Feb 19, 2021)

## Discussion



Professor Carol Wood



Professor Lenore Blum



# Some Notable Female Mathematicians

## Maria Gaetana Agnesi (1718–1799)



- ▶ A reader at the University of Bologna and chair of mathematics
- ▶ Witch of Agnesi
- ▶ *Istituzioni Analitiche ad uso della gioventù italiana*

# Florence Nightingale (1820–1910)







# Mary Ellen Rudin (1924–2013)



- ▶ Set-theoretic topology
- ▶ Lecture at ICM in 1974
- ▶ Mary Ellen Rudin Young Researcher Award

# Euphemia Lofton Haynes (1890–1980)



- ▶ The first African-American woman to earn a PhD in mathematics
- ▶ Mathematics education
- ▶ Served on and led various boards and committees for organizations
- ▶ Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1998

# Hortensia Soto



- ▶ Mathematics education
- ▶ Las Chicas de Matemáticas
- ▶ MAA Deborah and Franklin Tepper Haimo Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics in 2018 & Associate Secretary of the MAA



# Olga Tsuberbiller (1885–1975)



- ▶ Mathematics education
- ▶ Problems and Exercises in Analytic Geometry in 1927
- ▶ Honored Scientists of the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic in 1955

# Charlotte Angas Scott(1858–1931)

- ▶ Algebraic geometry
- ▶ Mathematical Tripos exam
- ▶ The first woman to join the American Mathematical Society in 1891

# Bhama Srinivasan



- ▶ Representation theory of finite groups
- ▶ President of the AWM from 1981 to 1983
- ▶ Fellow of the AMS in 2012, inaugural class of fellows of the AWM in 2017

# Ling Long



- ▶ Modular forms, Galois representations, and hypergeometric functions
- ▶ Young Investigators Grant from the National Security agency
- ▶ Clay Mathematics Institute Liftoff Fellow in 2002, AWM Ruth I. Michler Memorial Prize in 2012
- ▶ Women in Number Theory (WIN)

# Verdiana Grace Masanja/Verdiana Grace Kashaga



- ▶ Fluid dynamics and mathematical modeling
- ▶ Chair of the African Mathematical Union's Commission for Women Mathematicians (2000–2004), National Coordinator for Female Education in Mathematics in Africa

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*Thank you!*