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Highlights of the 2010 Joint Mathematics Meetings. Approximately 6,000 mathematicians attended the 2010 Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Francisco, California, January 13–16. Researchers presented over 2,000 papers from all specialties of mathematics, ranging from high-level research on new approaches to unsolved theoretical



problems to recent applications of math to areas such as climate change, politics, and the arts. In addition, there were poster presentations by undergraduate students, several sessions on improving math education, the first national contest of *Who Wants to Be a Mathematician*, receptions, theatrical presentations, and the annual Mathematical Art Exhibition and Prize Ceremony. See photographs and write-ups about JMM 2010 at <http://www.ams.org/ams/jmm10-highlights.html>.

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AMS Hosts Congressional Briefing

Each year the AMS hosts a special presentation before members of Congress at a briefing on Capitol Hill. On October 28, 2009, Stuart Geman, professor of applied mathematics at Brown University, discussed the mathematical sciences as an integral component of modern-day technological innovation and development. He presented examples of film restoration and preservation and



Stuart Geman, professor of applied mathematics at Brown University, speaks at the recent congressional briefing in Washington, DC.

discussed the derivation of the structure of critical components of the influenza virus. He also noted that the misuse of mathematical and statistical tools can contribute to catastrophic events, such as the underestimation of the risks derived from widely used financial models that set the stage for the recent economic crisis.

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Deaths of AMS Members

C. EDMUND BURGESS, professor, from Troy, NY, died on November 18, 2004. Born on January 21, 1920, he was a member of the Society for 55 years.

REGINA H. GARB, retired professor from Kean University, died on September 29, 2008. Born on June 9, 1922, she was a member of the Society for 39 years.

JÜRGEN HURRELBRINK, professor, Louisiana State University, died on March 13, 2009. Born on June 13, 1944, he was a member of the Society for 26 years.