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Srinivasa Ramanujan: A Self-Taught Genius

Srinivasa Ramanujan, 1887-1920, was a brilliant mathematician from southern India who taught himself most of the mathematics he knew. This talk will describe his tragically short life, his collaboration with G. H. Hardy, and the rediscovery of his "Lost Notebook" in 1976. It also will use his life as an opportunity to say something about approximations to π , continued fractions, and elliptic functions.

CB 102, 12 noon, 28 March 2008

David Bressoud is the DeWitt Wallace Professor of Mathematics, President-elect of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), and Chair of the MAA's Committee on the Undergraduate Program in Mathematics. His lecture is part of MA 330, History of mathematics and should be accessible to students who have completed Calculus II.

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Math and Pizza

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- POT 745, Monday, 14 April 2008, 4 to 5pm. Heide Gluesing-Luerssen. Mathematics talk for undergraduates. Pizza.