

Annual Conference 2004 Introductory Information



The 37th annual NYSMATYC conference will be held at the Holiday Inn, Kingston, NY, April 23rd - 25th. The theme of this year's conference is **Building Bridges**. Gaps occur in many areas for our students and departments. A few that come to mind are the gaps students face when coming into a college classroom right out of high school, gaps between the traditional and reform methods of teaching, and gaps between classes in our own departments. How can we as educator's help to bridge these gaps?

Our Saturday evening banquet speaker will be Ed Laughbaum. Ed has taught mathematics at the college level for 24 years and five years at the high school level. He currently teaches one to two short courses per year for the Ohio State University Technology College Short Course Program, and one course per year at The Ohio State University. Ed has been awarded the 1997 OhioMATYC "Distinguished Service Award", the "Exemplary Mathematics Teaching Award" from the Central Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics (COCTM), and the "Distinguished Teaching Award" and "Meritorious Service Award" from Columbus State Community College. He also served on the AMATYC Curriculum and Pedagogy Reform in Mathematics for the First Two Years of College Task Force that wrote *Crossroads in Mathematics - Standards for Introductory College Mathematics Before Calculus*. His Task Force assignment was on the developmental sub-committee and he served as the developmental editor and contributing author of the First Draft Version of the Standards. He is a past-president of COCTM and past-president of the Ohio Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges (OhioMATYC).

Ed has authored around forty publications in professional journals or by commercial publishers. He has given over 125 presentations at state, national, and international conferences. He has written a function-based, graphing calculator-active, intermediate mathematics textbook and a modeling/exploration manual for beginning algebra through precalculus.