INVITATION TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR A SPECIAL SESSION AT THE 2023 JOINT MATHEMATICS MEETING (BOSTON, JAN. 4 – 7)

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I'm chairing a special session on "Promoting Equity Through Active Learning in Undergraduate Mathematics: Precalculus" at the upcoming Joint Mathematics Meetings in Boston, MA, January 4-7, 2023 (Wednesday-Saturday). Our session will meet on Friday, January 6, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

For this Special Session, we are looking for presentations that showcase diverse learning activities (tasks, problems, assignments, or projects) to teach precalculus, which have been successful in advancing ideas about social justice, and also engage students in active learning. These learning activities should focus the students on understanding structural inequities and examining issues of power as they arise in various contexts, using the lens of topics in precalculus.

The home page for this meeting (JMM 2023) is <u>https://www.jointmathematicsmeetings.org/meetings/national/jmm2023/2270_intro</u> and a wealth of information can be found on the links from that page. (Those pages will be populated as information becomes available.)

Titles and abstracts will be due September 13, 2022.

Here are some AMS policies concerning special sessions:

1. Each speaker *must* submit an abstract before a talk can be scheduled. Abstracts must be submitted electronically through the AMS portal at https://meetings.ams.org/math/jmm2023/cfp.cgi, then click on the AMS (American Mathematical Society) "BEGIN A SUBMISSION" button.

2. Please note the deadline of ***September 13*** for abstract submission. This is a hard deadline that cannot be extended. Thus, you must submit your abstract *by the deadline*. We strongly encourage you to submit your abstract at least a week before that deadline in order to avoid any last-minute problems. When the "Conclude Submission" button is clicked, an email will be sent to the Presenting Author's email and the Submitter's email confirming receipt of the submission. Please note your abstract is *NOT* submitted until you click the "Conclude Submission" button.

3. Your talk must be delivered via a computer projection system. Please note that overhead projectors will not be provided for sessions. (They have long become obsolete.) Also, the meeting rooms will not have blackboards or whiteboards.

4. The AMS does not pay any expenses of faculty attending special sessions. However, PhD students are encouraged to apply for travel funding from AMS; see <u>http://www.ams.org/student-travel</u> for more information. The AMS also has a program of child care grants for all JMM attendees (faculty, students, etc.); see <u>http://www.ams.org/profession/opportunities/meetings-child-care-grants</u> for more information. Note that these programs have their own deadlines and application procedures.

5. Everyone who attends the meeting is required to pay a registration fee.

If you have any questions about the Special Session, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>jmenendez@pima.edu</u>.

Best wishes,

José María Menéndez (Co-organizers: Anthony Fernandes and Ksenija Simic-Muller)