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## Bruce Pourciau

BRUCE POURCIAU, you have served as one of the stalwarts of the Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science department for more than 40 years, guiding students through the subtleties of topology and optimization theory while maintaining a robust research agenda.

You earned your bachelor's degree in Mathematics at Brown University and your Ph.D. at the University of California-San Diego. You arrived at Lawrence in 1976—the same year as your colleague and friend Richard Sanerib, who retired last year. Your work in that department has opened the numerical world to countless generations of Lawrentians.

In 2000 you received the University's Excellence in Teaching Award. In presenting you with that award,

then-President Richard Warch applauded your participation in *First-Year Studies* “at every level: as a teacher, as its director, and as a resource person who... assured all colleagues that teaching the square root of two is... fun.” Your many contributions to University life were recognized again in 2009, when you received the faculty award for excellence in scholarly activity. Then-Provost David Burrows praised your “national and international recognition” for your work in the history of mathematics, particularly your analyses of Sir Isaac Newton's *The Principia*.

Bruce, in recognition of your many contributions to Lawrence and its students, I am pleased to award you the degree of Master of Arts, *ad eundem*, on the occasion of your retirement from the faculty.

*June 13, 2021*