

# APPLIED MATHEMATICS COLLOQUIUM

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## **Monthly Past, Monthly Present, and Monthly Future**

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**Abstract:** For over 115 years, the American Mathematical Monthly has served as Mathematics' most widely read journal for general audience papers. The Monthly holds a unique niche amongst journals in the Sciences, as its articles are intended to inform, stimulate, challenge, enlighten, and even entertain; Monthly articles are meant to be read, enjoyed, and discussed, rather than just archived. The long history of the Monthly does not just include papers which had significant impact on both the research and teaching communities, but its articles can be used as a mirror which reflects the trends and attitudes of not only Mathematicians, but academics in general. In this talk, I will briefly cover the history and accomplishments of the Monthly. I shall then look at three papers, one from the past pages of the Monthly, another that has recently been published, and a third which will appear over this coming summer. I will close with a brief discussion of some of the topics fueling the ever changing world of academic publishing.