Notes on Distinguished Speakers - Douglas and Lewis

Ronald Douglas

Dr. Ronald Douglas received his Ph.D. in mathematics from Louisiana State University in 1962. After teaching at the University of Michigan, he spent 27 years at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, serving as chairman of the math department as well as Dean of the Division of Physical Sciences and Mathematics, and Vice Provost of Undergraduate Studies. In 1996, Dr. Douglas moved to the Texas A&M University, where he is presently Distinguished Professor and Counselor to the President. Dr. Douglas is an expert in operator theory, and he has over 100 publications on such topics as Hilbert modules, Toeplitz algebras, and Hardy spaces. He studies operator theory using tools from homological algebra and algebraic geometry. Dr. Douglas has written several books, including the text ``Banach algebra techniques in operator theory".

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John Lewis

Dr. John Lewis received his B.S. in mathematics in 1965, and his M.S. in mathematics in 1966, both from Kansas State University. He then received his Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1970, and he is presently the Edwards Professor in Mathematics at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Lewis is an expert in partial differential equations and harmonic analysis, and he has 79 publications on such topics as the Hausdorff dimension of a p-harmonic measure, quasi-regular mappings in space, fractional powers of dissipative operators, and the heat equation.