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## Math Circle Events at MathFest 2017

### Wednesday, July 26

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm: Grand Opening Exhibit Hall Reception (Exhibit Hall)

### Thursday, July 27

9:00 am – 5:00 pm: Visit the NAMC Booth (Exhibit Hall)

1:00 pm – 3:15 pm: SIGMAA-MCST Themed Contributed Paper Session Part A:  
My Favorite Math Circle Problem (Salon C-1 & C-2)

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm: SIGMAA-MCST Business Meeting (Salon C-1 & C-2)

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm: Math Circles Social Gathering (Location TBA), Sponsored by the  
Math Teachers' Circle Network, SIGMAA-MCST, and NAMC

### Friday, July 28

9:00 - 5:00 pm: Visit the NAMC Booth (Exhibit Hall)

1:00 pm – 3:55 pm: SIGMAA-MCST Themed Contributed Paper Session Part B:  
My Favorite Math Circle Problem (Salon C-1 & C-2)

### Saturday, July 29

9:00 am – 12:30 pm: Visit the NAMC Booth (Exhibit Hall)

1:00 pm – 1:50 pm: Special Presentation for High School Students, Parents, and  
Teachers: Those Infamous Exploding dots (Continental Ballroom B)

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm: SIGMAA-MCST Math Circle Demonstration (Salon C-1 & C-2)

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm: SIGMAA-MCST Math Wrangle (Salon C-1 & C-2)

## Interested in Mathematical Outreach?

*Stop by the NAMC/SIGMAA-MCST Booth and learn about quick and fun outreach activities!*

### For additional Math Circle resources visit these websites:

- \* National Association of Math Circles (NAMC): <http://mathcircles.org>
- \* NAMC on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/MathCircles>
- \* SIGMAA-MCST: <http://sigmaa.maa.org/mcst/>
- \* Math Teachers' Circle (MTC) Network: <http://mathteacherscircle.org>



Want to try out different mathematical outreach activities and talk to Math Circle leaders about their experiences? Visit the Math Circle booth, jointly hosted by the National Association of Math Circles (NAMC) and the Mathematical Association of America's Special Interest Group on Math Circles for Students and Teachers (SIGMAA-MCST).

## SIGMAA-MCST Contributed Paper Session My Favorite Math Circle Problem, Part A

### Part A:

Thursday,

July 27<sup>th</sup>

1:00 – 3:15 pm

Location:

Salon C-1 & C-2

Organizer:

Bob Klein, *Ohio University*

See abstracts online, <http://www.mathcircles.org/maa-mathfest-2017>

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- 1:00 – 1:15 pm    Superfactorials and Perfect Squares  
Diana White, *University of Colorado Denver and NAMC*
- 1:20 – 1:35 pm    Mathematical Ciphers: A Math Teachers’ Circle Day Long Workshop  
David Crombecque, *University of Southern California*
- 1:40 – 1:55 pm    Divide Your Cake (and Eat It, Too!)  
Mike Janssen, *Dordt College*
- 2:00 – 2:15 pm    Islamic Geometric Pattern  
Rebin Muhammad, *Ohio University*
- 2:20 – 2:35 pm    The Dissemination of Gossip  
Parth Sarin, *A&M Consolidated High School*  
Philip B. Yasskin, *Texas A&M University*
- 2:40 – 2:55 pm    Bulgarian Solitaire  
Douglas O’Roark, *Math Circles of Chicago*
- 3:00 – 3:15 pm    Frogs and Toads  
Peter Tingley, *Loyola University Chicago*

## SIGMAA-MCST Contributed Paper Session My Favorite Math Circle Problem, Part B

### Part B:

Friday,

July 28<sup>th</sup>

1:00 – 3:55 pm

Location:

Salon C-1 & C-2

Organizer:

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| 1:00 – 1:15 pm | <u>Great Problems, Great Sessions, Great Circles</u><br>Brianna Donaldson, <i>American Institute of Mathematics</i>  |
| 1:20 – 1:35 pm | <u>Exploring Patterns in Technology</u><br>Jonas Meyer, <i>Loras College</i><br>Amanda Matson, <i>Clarke University</i>  |
| 1:40 – 1:55 pm | <u>Problems with a Twist</u><br>Gabriella Pinter, <i>University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee</i>   |
| 2:00 – 2:15 pm | <u>Recognizing Group Structure in Shapes and Images</u><br>Angela Antonou, <i>University of St. Francis</i><br>Mallory Johnson, <i>University of St. Francis</i>                           |
| 2:20 – 2:35 pm | <u>Middle School Math Circle Problems</u><br>Monika Kiss, <i>Saint Leo University</i><br>Rachel Curio, <i>Saint Leo University</i>   |
| 2:40 – 2:55 pm | <u>Roman Numeral Poker: Hilarity Did Ensur</u><br>J. Lyn Miller, <i>Slippery Rock University</i>   |
| 3:00 – 3:15 pm | <u>Mathematical Explorations of Musical Scales</u><br>Cory Johnson, <i>California State University, San Bernardino</i><br>Jeremy Aikin, <i>California State University, San Bernardino</i> |
| 3:20 – 3:35 pm | <u>Quilting Squares in a Math Circle</u><br>Katie Haymaker, <i>Villanova University</i>  |
| 3:40 – 3:55 pm | <u>Math Unbounded: Math Circles without Borders</u><br>Bob Klein, <i>Ohio University</i>   |

## Join us for these additional SIGMAA-MCST events on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>

1:00 – 1:50 pm Special Presentation for High School Students, Parents and Teachers: *Those Infamous Exploding Dots: A preview to Global Math Week*  
*Continental Ballroom B*  
James Tanton, *Mathematical Association of America*

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Paul Zeitz, *University of San Francisco*

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Ed Keppelmann, *University of Nevada, Reno*  
Phillip B. Yasskin, *Texas A&M University*  
Paul Zeitz, *University of San Francisco*

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