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## First Years

Welcome to all of our first years! We are so excited to have you here and hope you are having a good semester!

# Welcome MEET THE FIRST YEARS



### Merrick Dodge

Previous Degree(s): Math BS from K-State Hobbies: Cooking/baking, playing guitar, and reading Future Goals: I want to work in academia. I love teaching. I love research. Might as well spend my life doing both.



#### Samuel Holen

Hometown: Fertile,
Minnesota
Previous Degree(s): Math
BA and Physics BS from
MSU Moorhead
Hobbies: Cooking,
weightlifting, and reading
Future Goals: I hope to
become a professor at a
medium to large university.

#### Nandita Nair

Hometown: Kodungallur,
India
Previous Degree(s):
Science BS-MS from IISER
Tirupati
Hobbies: Minesweeper,
watching TV, singing,
casual game nights, and
home organization
Future Goals: I don't have
concrete plans, but I hope
to work with a math journal
someday.





#### Daniel Israel Kakou

Hometown: Takoradi,
Ghana
Previous Degree(s): Math
from University of Cape
Coast, MATHMOD Master's
Hobbies: Sporty activities,
especially basketball,
soccer, and working out
Future Goals: As someone
who loves being in the
academia, I don't mind
working in any college or
university.

#### Leslie Colton

Hometown: Orem, Utah
Previous Degree(s): Math
BS from BYU
Hobbies: Knitting, table top
role playing games
Future Goals: I want to
teach as a mathematics
professor at the university
level.



#### Blake Mattson

Hometown: Andover,
Minnesota
Previous Degree(s): Math
BS from UW-River Falls,
Math MS UM-Duluth
Hobbies: Biking, walking,
going to the gym, games
Future Goals: I would like
to become a professor, if
possible at UW-River Falls.

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## A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS























## **FALL PICNIC 2022**



As the tradition continues, our graduate students had great time at 2022 Fall Picnic. These amazing pictures define the fun they had.





















## **SOCIAL GATHERINGS**



Here is to all the fun our math graduate students have at the MGB event called **Joe's Night** every month!

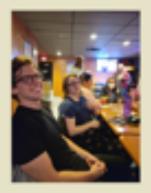






















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## **OUR GORGEOUS IOWA CITY!**



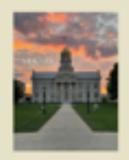
























Iowa City and the Pentacrest embellished with ravishing colors of every season.

Definitely, this has nothing to do with math. One of the editors just wants everyone to enjoy the beauty around us. :D



## T H A N K S G I V I N G R E C I P E S



## Roasted Turkey



#### Ingredients:

1 (34 to 36 pound) frozen young turkey

#### For the Brine:

1 cup kosher salt
1/2 cup light brown sugar
1 gallon vegetable stock
1 tablespoon black peppercorns
1 1/2 teaspoons allspice berries
1 1/2 teaspoons chopped candled ginger
1 gallon heavily iced water

#### For the Aromatics:

1 red apple, sliced 1/2 onion, sliced 1 cinnamon stick 1 cup water 4 sprigs rosemary 6 leaves sage Canola oil

### Method:

- Two to three days before-roasting: Begin thawing the turkey in the refrigerator or in a cooler kept at 38 degrees F.
- Combine the vegetable stock, salt, brown sugar, peppercons, allapice berries, and candled ginger in a large stockpot over medium-high heat. Stir occasionally to dissolve solids and bring to a boil. Then remove the brine from the heat, cool to room temperature, and refrigerate.
- The night before or early on the day you'd like to eat: Combine the brine, water and ice in the 5-gation bucket. Place the thawed turkey with innands removed! breast side down in brine. If necessary, weigh down the bird to ensure it is fully immersed, cover, and refrigerate or set in cool area for 8 to 36 hours, turning the bird once half way through brining.
- Preheat the oven to 500 degrees F. Remove the bird from brine and rinse inside and out with cold water. Discard the brine.
- Place the bird on reasting rack inside a half sheet pan and pat dry with paper towels.
- Combine the apple, onion, cinnamon stick, and 1 cup of water in a microwave safe dish and microwave on high for 5 minutes. Add steeped aromatics to the turkey's cavity along with the resemany and sage. Tuck the wings underneath the bird and coat the skin liberally with canola oil.
- 7. Roast the turkey on lowest level of the oven at 500 degrees F for 30 minutes, insert a probe-thermometer into thickest part of the breast and reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees F. Set the thermometer alarm (if available) to 361 degrees F. A 14 to 36 pound bird should require a total of 2 to 2 1/2 hours of roasting. Let the turkey rest, loosely covered with foil or a large mixing bowl for 15 minutes before carving.

## Pumpkin Pie



#### Ingredients:

1 unbaked 9-inch deep dish pie pastry (9-10inch)

2 cups freshly cooked pumpkin, seeded, peeled, mashed

14 cup granulated sugar 14 teaspoon salt

1 Witeespeens ground cinnamon 1 teaspeen ground ginger 16 teaspeen ground nutmeg 16 teaspeen ground cloves 3 large eggs, beaten lightly 1 (12 ounce) can evaporated skim milk

16 cup skim milk



#### Method:

- (To make your own freshly cooked pumpkin, quarter 1-2 small pie pumpkins, de-stem, seed and de-string them.
   Then steam them in a steamer over boiling water until very tender—the skin will peel right off. Then mash them using a stick blender or a food processor-hand mashing will somtimes produce lumps/strings so unless you like that, go for the stick blender/processor).
- Preheat oven to 400°F and have ready a pie shield and a large rimmed cookle sheet.
- Line a DEEP DISH glass pie plate with the pie pastry round, fluting the edges decoratively as desired.
  - Combine in order the pumpkin, sugar, salt, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and cloves.
- Lightly best eggs together with both milks, then add to the pumpkin mixture, stiming well to combine—it will be rather
- Four as much filling as you can into unbaked pie pastry and bake at 400°F for 50 minutes for until knife inserted halfway between center and edge comes out without any goo on it). If there is any extra filling use to fill a smaller mini pie plate or discard.
  - NOTE: Set cookie sheet on the rack below the rack you are setting your pie plate on in-order to catch any drips.
- If the pie edges start overbrowning, place a pie shield or a ring of foil over the edges—this will be needed or not depending on the type-of pastry you use.
- Pie should be served chilled and should be stored in the refrigerator.



## WORD SEARCH



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## SEMINARS



Algebra: Monday 3:30-4:20 (205 MLH)

Operator Theory: Tuesday 1:30-2:20 (209 VAN)

Topology: Tuesday/Thursday 2:00-3:15 (51 SH)

Differential Geometry: Tuesday 11:00-11:50

(B11 MLH)

Mathematical Physics: Tuesday 2:30-3:20 (309

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Mathematical Biology: Monday 3:30-4:20 (113

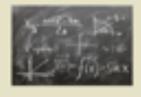
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PDE: Wednesday 3:30-5:20 (113 MLH)

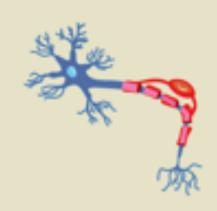
Numerical Analysis: Tuesday 11:00-11:50 (118

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## MGB ELECTIONS



MGB elections are coming up! Here is a list of our current Math Graduate Board. If you are interested in running for any positions, ask the current officers about it! Get involved!

## 2022 MGB

Chair: Ethan Rooke

Vice-Chair: Bryanna Petentler

Graduate Liaison: Anna Leinheiser

International Liaison: Adriana Fernandez I Quero

**GAUSS:** Garrett Mason and Manuel Albrizzio

Newsletter/T-Shirt: Nikita Kapur and Claire Christian

Social: George Clare Kennedy and Joey Small

Webmaster: Nitesh Mathur

Travel Funding Committee: Elise Askelsen, Yariana

Diaz, Fatou Kineh Ndow, and Breanna Guppy

GLC Committee: Ibrahim Emirahmetoglu, Rebecca

Sorsen, and Claire Christian



## OTHER NOTES



## **Important Dates**

November 20-27: Fall Break

December 9: Last Day of Class

December 12-16: Final Exams

January 17: Spring Semester Starts



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR FALL 2022 GRADUATES! WE WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS!