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Renowned Mathematics Institute Mentors Under-Represented Science Students

Two-day workshop encourages minorities toward careers in research mathematics

■ **WHAT** – An opportunity to meet and mingle with prominent mathematicians and both undergraduates and graduate students in science from under-represented backgrounds, who are attending a two-day workshop—“Modern Mathematics: An Introduction to 2007-08 Programs at MSRI”—about furthering their career possibilities by doing research in mathematics at the graduate and post-doctoral level at the preeminent math think tank, the **Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI, www.msri.org)**. This workshop directly precedes the annual meeting of the **Society for the Advancement of Chicano and Native American Scientists (SACNAS, see www.sacnas.org)**.

■ **WHEN** – Reporters are welcome to meet program speakers and participants during breaks and lunch at the workshop on **October 25-26 (Wednesday-Thursday)**. In Rooms 5 & 6, 2nd Flr., on Wednesday (10/25) and on Thursday (10/26) in Rms. 5-6, 2nd Flr., & Ballrooms A-D, 3rd Flr., of the **Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel**.

■ **WHERE** – At the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel, 700 South Florida Ave., Tampa, FL. For directions, see <http://marriott.com/property/mapandnearbyairports/default.mi?marshaCode=tpamc>

■ **WHO** – Organized by **Ricardo Cortez** (Tulane University), **David Eisenbud**, MSRI *Director*, **Julius Zelmanowitz**, MSRI *Deputy Director*, **Kathleen O’Hara**, MSRI *Associate Director*, and **Ivelisse Rubio** (University of Puerto Rico)

Invited speakers include: Reinhard Laubenbacher (Virginia Bioinformatics Institute), Jon McCammond (University of California, Santa Barbara), Arun Ram (University of Wisconsin), Jon Carlson (University of Georgia), Alan Reid (University of Texas, Austin), Bhamu Srinivasan (University of Illinois, Chicago).

■ **DETAILS** – This is the fifth of a series of workshops sponsored by the **Mathematical Sciences Research Institute** on contemporary research in mathematics and intended for mathematical scientists and students interested in learning about new developments and the possibility of spending some time at MSRI.

Discussions about MSRI programs will include special lectures, targeting a broad audience of mathematical scientists including undergraduate and graduate students as well as different ways to be involved in the upcoming programs.

For Workshop Schedule see: http://www.msri.org/calendar/workshops/WorkshopInfo/394/show_workshop

The **Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI - www.msri.org)** is one of the world’s premiere centers for research in the mathematical sciences, and has been advancing mathematical research through workshops and conferences since its founding as an independent institute in 1982. More than 1,700 mathematical scientists visit MSRI each year in Berkeley, CA, many for stays of up to one academic year. The Institute has been funded primarily by the National Science Foundation with additional support from other government agencies, private foundations, academic and corporate sponsors, and individual donors.