Department of Mathematics and Statistics'

April Fools' Day Event

March 31, 2023

Featuring a talk by Professor Jacob Kogan

5:30 – 6:30 pm	DMTI-111	Dinner for the Department's students, alumni, and faculty
6:30 – 7:30 pm	DMTI-213	Talk: *Teaching and Research - a View from a Unicycle,* by J. Kogan
7:30 – 8:00 pm	DMTI-111	Desserts for all students, alumni, and faculty

Teaching and Research - a View from a Unicycle

Abstract: This talk will be in three acts: First, we will learn what caused the speaker to accept the invitation to give a talk at the 2023 April Fools' Day Event. Next, through simple data mining tools, attendees will learn about the importance of *Student Teaching Evaluations* in providing a wealth of useful information. Finally, an outline of a beautiful mathematical result that came from St. Petersburg at the end of the last millennium and generated a wave of research activity, within the US engineering community, will conclude the talk.

Short Bio: Jacob Kogan holds a PhD degree from the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel. After spending one year at the University of Toronto and two years at Purdue, Dr. Kogan served 33 years with distinction at the University of Maryland Baltimore County and retired in 2021. During his free time, Dr. Kogan enjoys hiking, downhill skiing, scuba diving, and unicycle riding. He is the author or editor of these five books: