

# The Banneker Express

## From the President, Jacqueline Leonard



I am happy to report that the BBA, in collaboration with Temple University, Arcadia University and Georgia State University will host a mini-conference in Philadelphia February 26-27, 2010. Funding was received from the

In other news, Irvin Vance assumed the post of interim Executive Director on September 8, 2009. The BBA Board previously approved the following committee appointments: Roni Ellington, Chair; GERALYN SEARS, Chair of Publications and Publicity Committee; JOI SPENCER, 2010 Program Chair; LORRAINE HOWARD, Finance Chair; DOYT JONES and MARIETA HARRIS also serve on this important committee; LOU MATTHEWS, Chair, Constitution and By-Law Revision Committee; Founding members Genevieve Knight and Martin Johnson also serve on this committee. The Constitution and By-Law Revision Committee is working hard

National Science Foundation on October 1, 2009. Many thanks to Doyt Jones (TI), Clara Tolbert (TI), Lorraine Howard (BBA), Erica Davila (Acadia) and Peter Appelbaum (Arcadia) who attended planning meetings and David Stinson (GSU) who assisted in writing the proposal. The conference will focus on mathematics attainment and African American students and engage panelist and speaker dialogue from multiple perspectives. Specific events will be detailed in the Winter issue of Banneker Express. Keynote Speakers will include Gloria Ladson-Billings, Kellner Family Chair in Urban Education and Professor of Curriculum and Instruction and

on revisions for our members to vote on during the Annual Meeting in San Diego. These revisions are necessary to ensure transparency and accountability and fill-in gaps in the current Constitution and By-Laws. Other appointments include Dorothy White, NCTM Affiliate Member.

Newly appointed committee members include **Linda Maples**, mathematics supervisor in Arkansas, chair of the 2010 Nominations and Elections Committee. In 2010, the BBA will vote for President Elect, Secretary, and Representatives for the West, Southeast, and North Central regions. Any one interested in

Educational Policy Studies at the University of Wisconsin, and Past President of AERA. Henry "Hank" Kepner, President of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics will present awards to Banneker Scholars at a reception to celebrate the legacy of Benjamin Banneker. Other speakers will include Carol Malloy, Eric Gutstein, David Stinson, Erica Walker, Clara Tolbert, Stafford Hood, James Earl Davis, and more. The **Maryland Institute for Minority Achievement and Urban Education** will also be hosting a conference March 11 & 12, 2010. BBA representatives and members are encouraged to save these dates.

serving on this committee with Linda should send e-mail to: [emer7822@yahoo.com](mailto:emer7822@yahoo.com). At least one member from each region is needed to serve on this important committee. A nomination form for new officers is attached to this newsletter.

**Karen King**, Associate Professor of Mathematics Education at New York University, was also approved by the Board to chair the Educational Policy Committee for 2010-2011. To serve on this committee members should send e-mail to: [karen.d.king@nyu.edu](mailto:karen.d.king@nyu.edu).

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The BBA Board thanks the following individuals for donations of \$100 or more to the general fund. We appreciate your support of BBA!

Clara Tolbert  
Jacqueline Leonard  
Joseph and Dorothy Strong  
Martin L. Johnson  
Irvin Vance  
Genevieve Knight  
Della Leavitt  
Carol Malloy  
Doyt Jones

## A Major Conference for Mathematics Teachers

The Maryland Institute for Minority Achievement and Urban Education will host an NSF supported national conference "Helping Mathematics Teachers Become Culturally Relevant Teachers: New Tools for a New Generation" on Thursday, March 11 and Friday, March 12, 2010. Teachers of mathematics and mathematics teachers, K-12, are invited to attend. Although the total number of participants will be limited, a small number of methods instructors and

school administrators will also be accepted. Through focused workshop sessions teachers will be helped to explore cultural connections to school mathematics and prepared to implement culturally relevant mathematics lessons in their classrooms. Major speakers and workshop leaders will include Drs. Gloria Ladson-Billings (University of Wisconsin), Marta Civil (University of Arizona), and Arthur Powell (Rutgers University Newark). Dr. Martin L. Johnson and Dr.

Stephanie Timmons-Brown are PI and Co-PI, respectively. For more information and registration forms email [mi-maueinfo@umd.edu](mailto:mi-maueinfo@umd.edu).

## Career Opportunity in Mathematics

**ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, TENURE-TRACK MATHEMATICS EDUCATION**

**DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE  
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**POSITION NUMBER: FO258 (MATHEMATICS EDUCATION)  
SALARY: COMMENSURATE WITH EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE**

**APPOINTMENT DATE: Fall 2010**

**Duties and Responsibilities:** Teach introductory level undergraduate Mathematics courses to majors and non-majors and graduate courses in

Mathematics Education. Develop undergraduate curriculum in Mathematics and Mathematics Education. Other duties include, but are not limited to: developing course curriculum as needed; consulting with the university's Division of Teacher Education; providing academic advisement; participating in scholarly and research activities; and serving on departmental, school and university committees.

**Required Qualifications:** Candidates must have a doctorate degree in Mathematics Education. Current or previous (Virginia or other state certification); Secondary Teaching Endorsement is pre-

ferred. The candidate must be committed to and demonstrate a record of outstanding teaching performance. The successful applicant will have the potential to or demonstrated ability to establish a research program in their area of expertise that involves undergraduate students and a record of scholarly publications. To obtain the state application, please click on this link: <http://jobs.virginia.gov/emplApplication.html>

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## Member Spotlight

**Gary Martin**, Leischuk Distinguished Professor at Auburn University spoke at the CBMS Forum October 5, 2009. Martin chaired the writing group that produced *Focus in High School Mathematics: Reasoning and Sense Making*, which was released on October 6, 2009. He was also a spokesperson on a CBMS Panel about the coherence in the high school mathematics curriculum. Key points included coherent presentation of math content, preparation for future success, and keeping students' options open. Martin contends that focusing on math skills that

build upon reasoning and sense-making will most likely help students see mathematics is relevant to their lives.

**Danny B. Martin**, Associate Professor of Mathematics Education and Mathematics Chair at the University of Illinois at Chicago was a plenary speaker at the North American Chapter of the International Group for the Psychology of Mathematics Education Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, September 23, 2009. The conference theme – *Embracing Diverse Perspectives* – provided an invitation for

scholars in the field to raise questions about mathematics education policy and underserved students. Martin admonished scholars and researchers to place Black children and their experiences at the center of the discussion on mathematics attainment. Martin contends diversity should never lose sight of particularity and presented a paper entitled “Little Black Boys and Little Black Girls” that challenged scholars and educators to ensure that every child counts when it comes to teaching and learning mathematics.



**Freeman Hrabowski, III**, President, University of Maryland at Baltimore County, was the keynote speaker at the CBMS Forum on October 5, 2009. President Hrabowski contends U.S. citizens “need more mathematics.” He discussed the importance of mathematics attainment and recruiting underrepresented minorities into STEM related fields, stating: “Our strength will come from our ability to educate all of our children.” He ended his

speech with a quote from his mother: “Teachers touch eternity through their students.” He challenged all teachers to empower their students with mathematical knowledge.

“What would life  
be if we had no  
courage to attempt  
anything?”  
–Vincent Van  
Gogh

## About the Benjamin Banneker Association

We are sponsoring a membership drive during the month of November. Our theme is “Each One Reach One.” Each BBA member is being asked to recruit one new member. A flyer and application for regular and student members is forthcoming within the next week. The Benjamin Banneker Association is a national non-profit organization dedicated to

mathematics education advocacy, establishing a presence for leadership and professional development to support teachers in leveling the playing field for mathematics learning of the highest quality for African American students. Banneker members are deeply committed to finding solutions to the problems that must be solved in order for Afri-

can American children to reach parity of opportunities to study and achieve in mathematics. The membership is open to all who have a profound interest in the mathematics education of African American children.  
*Join us today! Mail checks or money orders to:*  
**Benjamin Banneker Association**  
P.O. Box 222  
Wynnewood, PA 19096

## Call for Nominations

### BBA Board of Directors 2010 Election

I, \_\_\_\_\_, nominate the following person for  
 President-Elect  Secretary  Regional Representative (Please circle: Southeast, North Central, West) in the 2010 election.

My e-mail address is \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please write clearly.)

Please complete the **Nominee's Information** below:

Name of nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State or Province \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP or Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the appropriate level of the nominee's primary responsibility:

Elementary Middle/Junior High High School College/University Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit by December 31, 2009.** Please be sure to provide complete information.

You may nominate yourself.

*This form may be copied for additional nominations. Please return to Linda Maples via e-mail or regular mail:*

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