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(April 6, 2007)-David Roberts, associate professor of mathematics, is the recipient of the 2007 Faculty Distinguished Research Award. The award, established in 2000, recognizes sustained research and/or artistic productivity of a UMM faculty member over the course of a career.

"I am glad to join the distinguished list of previous winners," said Roberts. "UMM is a leader among liberal arts colleges in recognizing the importance of research."

Roberts has taught mathematics at UMM since 1999. Prior to coming to UMM, he was an assistant professor of mathematics at Rutgers University. He holds a bachelor's degree summa cum laude from Princeton University, along with master's and doctoral degrees, both from Harvard University. Roberts is a member of the Mathematical Association of America and the American Mathematical Society.

The Distinguished Faculty Research Award Committee said of Roberts: "His research clearly indicates that he has national and international influence in his field of expertise. Many of his fellow researchers regard him as both a problem solver and theory builder. His research also shows that he has provided strong service to his discipline. His record with undergraduate projects is outstanding."

Roberts' primary research contributions are in the area of number theory. He introduces individual students to the excitement of mathematical research through the math discipline's senior seminar. Some of the seminars that Roberts has supervised have sent his own research off in new directions, including connecting number theory with fractals and studying Nash Equilibria in game theory.

Photo by David Nieves '10, El Paso, Texas: David Roberts

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