

Brian Pasko, Institutional Coordinator, Eastern New Mexico University

Brian Pasko, Assistant Professor of Mathematical Sciences at Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU), is one of our newest Institutional Coordinators (IC)s, replacing long-time IC at ENMU, Regina Aragon. Brian has taught for the past three years at ENMU and has served as the IC since January of 2009. He earned an A.A.S. degree in Chemical Technology from Milwaukee Area Technical College, a B.S. in Mathematics from Marquette University, and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Mathematics from Kansas State University. In Brian's role as IC, he coordinates the New Mexico AMP Undergraduate Research Assistantship (URA) program, which provides scholarships to STEM students who work with faculty mentors. In this semester's URA program, Brian has five participants, including two computer science majors, two microbiology majors, and one chemistry major. In his role as IC, Brian also acts as administrator for scholarships provided by ENMU's Vice President for University Relations and Enrollment Services for dorm costs to incoming minority freshman. In addition, he coordinates the selection and funding of five New Mexico AMP students who receive academic scholarships from Xcel Energy. In his free time, Brian enjoys tennis, walking, hiking, mountain biking, and his favorite pastimes are unicycle riding and backpacking. Rounding off his list of activities he enjoys is perhaps the most important: spending time and playing fetch with his dog, Puduhepa (named for a powerful Hittite queen). Brian's area of specialty is Algebraic Topology, and he also holds an interest in applied math problems suitable for undergraduate level understanding.