

Profile of Bow Street Staff



Standing from left to right: Vida Salahi, Candace Bott, Eric Woodbury, Elizabeth Abraham, Zareh Orchanian, and James Carlson. Seated: Christa Carter and David Ellwood

James A Carlson

As president of CMI, Jim is responsible for the overall scientific direction and administration of the Institute, consultation with the scientific advisory board, liaison with the mathematical community, selection of and liaison with the Institute's fellows and scholars, and development of initiatives and nominations for consideration by the board.

Jim grew up in Idaho and received BS and PhD degrees in mathematics from the University of Idaho and Princeton University in 1964 and 1971, respectively. In 1975, after postdoctoral positions at Stanford and Brandeis, he moved to the University of Utah. Since 2003 he has served as president of CMI. Jim's research area is algebraic geometry.

Eric G Woodbury

As Chief Administrative Officer, Eric is responsible for the nonscientific affairs of the Institute, including legal and accounting matters (such as Board and IRS reporting), personnel issues and investment of the endowment.

Eric has worked with Landon Clay as a business lawyer for many years, after earning BA, JD and MEd degrees from Boston College. Eric has two children and spends vacation time on Swan's Island, Maine.

David A Ellwood

David Alexandre Ellwood has been the Research Director of CMI since November 2004. He was Resident Mathematician at CMI from 1999 to 2004 and has held positions at Harvard University, Boston University, Strasbourg University, ETH (Zürich), Université de Paris VI and the Institute des Hautes Etudes Scientifiques. His research has centered around ideas related to Connes' theory of non-commutative geometry, operator algebras, and, more recently, the theory of operads and its applications. His other interests include theoretical physics and the foundations of mathematics.

As Research Director of CMI, David directs the Liftoff program, CMI's annual Summer Schools, the Clay Research Academy, CMI's workshops and conferences, oversees CMI research fellows and scholars, and is acting editor of CMI's publications series. David also founded CMI's web archive project, which seeks to provide online access to the collected works of leading mathematicians. David has served on the organizing committee of more than 50 international conferences and workshops and is an editor of "Harmonic Analysis, the Trace Formula, and Shimura Varieties" together with James Arthur and Robert Kottowitz.

Vida Salahi

As Publications, Web and Program Manager, Vida is responsible for development, editing, and production of CMI publications, development of the CMI website, and management of the Research Academy and other high school programs. Vida is also CMI's Research Operations Analyst.

Vida grew up in Tehran, Iran, where, after earning a BA in mathematics at Shahid Beheshti University, she taught mathematics for several years. She joined CMI in 2001.

Candace C Bott

As Media and Public Relations Manager, Candace is responsible for developing and coordinating printed program materials, including CMI's Annual Report. She is also in charge of media relations, public lectures and events planning, and oversees CMI's video and photographic materials.

Candace holds a PhD in Art History from the University of Illinois and has studied and worked abroad in Italy, France, and Spain. Before joining CMI in 2000, she developed television documentaries for WGBH Boston. She is the daughter of the late Hungarian topologist Professor Raoul Bott of Harvard. Candace lives in Cambridge with her husband and four-year-old daughter.

Elizabeth A C Abraham

As Executive and Program Assistant Elizabeth is responsible for liaison and other support to the President and Research Director on scientific programs, and management of Bow Street workshops.

Elizabeth graduated from Scripps College in Claremont, California, in 1998 with a degree in English. She is currently pursuing a graduate certificate in Forensic Accounting. She lives in Dorchester with her husband.

Christa D Carter

As Office Manager, Christa is responsible for day-to-day office administration, video and poster order fulfillment, maintenance of facilities, and assistance with Board of Director meetings.

Christa joined CMI in 2006; she graduated from Gordon College in 2005 with a B.A. in Medieval History. She has lived in Germany, Russia and Nicaragua, and speaks Spanish and German.

Zareh M Orchanian

As CMI's Accountant, Zareh is responsible for bookkeeping and financial reporting.

"Z" is a CPA. He has worked in the accounting field for over 20 years. He graduated from Bentley College with a degree in accounting. He has two children, and lives in Waltham, Mass.