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## Bonnie R. Averbach Distinguished Guest Lecturer Series in Actuarial Science

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The Sigma Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma is excited to announce its inaugural season of the Bonnie R. Averbach Distinguished Guest Lecturer Series. Bonnie Averbach is the former director of Temple's Actuarial Science Program and has been a teacher, counselor, and mentor to hundreds of Temple Actuarial Science majors over her career.

Bonnie Averbach graduated from Temple University in 1949, at the age of 19, with a degree in math and physics. She then received an assistantship in the Math Department and was able to complete her Master's degree at Temple. Bonnie then taught in the Math Department while also going to University of Pennsylvania for her PhD.

After receiving her PhD, Bonnie worked in Penn's Math Department before moving to Temple's Actuarial Science Program. She received her ASA in 1991 and has written several study manuals and co-authored three books. Her study manuals have been used by several generations of actuarial science students all over the United States and Canada.

To build up Temple's actuarial program, Bonnie started a summer high school program in actuarial science. Many of these students eventually enrolled at Temple and have become successful actuaries today. She also made countless high school and community college visits to speak to math and calculus classes about our program.

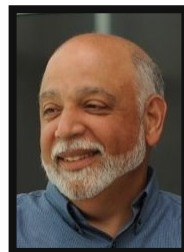
Bonnie is largely responsible for the success and international reputation that our actuarial science program enjoys today. She is well known as an educational leader in the field of actuarial science nationally. Were it not for her tireless efforts and dedication, we would not have the actuarial science program we currently have.

***Due to the incredible impact Bonnie Averbach has had on Temple's Actuarial Science Program, our new Friday Speaker Series of actuarial executives will be named after her.***



**September 18, 2015:**  
**Peter Schaefer, FSA, MAAA**  
CEO

Hannover Life Reassurance Company of America



**October 2, 2015:**  
**Bob Miccolis, FCAS, FCA, MAAA**  
*2014-2015 President, Casualty Actuarial Society*  
Director, Deloitte Consulting



**November 6, 2015:**  
**Kathryn Galarneau, FSA, MAAA**  
SVP, Chief Actuary & Underwriting Officer  
Independence Blue Cross