

Lawrence Zalcman 1943–2022

Larry (Lawrence) Zalcman, our colleague and friend, passed away on May 31, 2022. He was born in Kansas City in 1943 and received his Ph.D. from MIT in 1968, under the supervision of Kenneth Hoffman. He taught at Stanford University and the University of Maryland, joining Bar-Ilan University in 1985.

Larry was a remarkable mathematician and a wonderful person, who was always ready and happy to help his colleagues. He made several discoveries in complex and harmonic analysis, among those are the Zalcman Lemma on normal families of meromorphic functions, which became a part of the curriculum of the undergraduate complex analysis course, and his "Two Circles Theorem". His expository articles (mostly published in The American Mathematical Monthly) became popular and influential.

Larry was a true polymath who also wrote and published scholarly articles on the Bible and on the prose of Borges. For over 30 years, he was the Editor-in-Chief of Journal d'Analyse Mathématique. He dedicated an extraordinary amount of time and effort to boosting and maintaining both the level of mathematics and exposition of its contents. He will be greatly missed.

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