Welcome to the FRESHMAN SEMINAR: Love and Math

The first meeting of this seminar will be on Thursday April 2 at 11 am in Multipurpose Science and Technology Building 114 (MSTB114). Please check out

<http://www.math.uci.edu/~brusso/freshs14.html>

I am planning to start by discussing the first two chapters of the book: "Love and Math" by Edward Frenkel, who is a professional mathematician, as

myself. However, this is not a math class and no serious mathematics will be done unless you want to do that as part of your project. If you wish, you can

read these chapters in advance, or if you like surprises, you can read them after the class. Either way is fine with me.

I will also be talking about an essay called "A Mathematician's apology". I have already posted

some summary notes as well as the relevant portion of the essay on the web page mentioned above. You can read these materials either before or after the class.

You can access the book by Frenkel mentioned

above at the following URL:

<http://antpac.uci.edu/search/?searchtype=t&searcharg=love+and+math&sortdropdown=-&searchscope=7>

In order to access this link it will be necessary for you to log in with your UCINetID. Please let me or a librarian know if you have trouble accessing this book. Of course, you can always order a copy from

Amazon.com or other book sellers. I have not specified any other text for this seminar, as all resources will be available online.

Other references will be posted as the seminar progresses.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to meeting all of you tomorrow.

Sincerely,Your humble servant, Bernard Russo