

The Department of Mathematics mourns the untimely passing of our colleague, mentor and friend Prasanna (Ron) Sahoo on June 18, 2017.

Before joining the Department in 1987, Ron had obtained Master's degrees in Population Studies from Jawaharlal Neru University and in Mathematics from the University of Regina and his Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics from the University of Waterloo in 1986. Ron was a gifted teacher who truly cared about his students. He was in his office more hours than just about anyone else in the building and did not travel during the semester but only went to conferences in summer or winter break. In frustration with textbook committees he wrote his own text for Probability and Statistics and made it freely available, it is used worldwide.

He truly understood what it means to be a faculty member and balanced the three areas of Research Teaching and Service. He not only served in this senate and on its subcommittees but was Graduate Director during the early years of our Ph.D. program, served on Personnel, Search and several other committees, was an editor for 11 journals, refereed papers and proposals for many more. He was a highly productive researcher with 5 books and nearly 200 published papers and while much of his work focused on Functional Equations he also made significant contributions to Probability, Statistics and Image Processing; the latter led to an associate appointment in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Ron won several prizes for his work, most notably the Hind Rattan Award by NRI Welfare Society of India in 2015. Ron's presence will be felt for many years as will his absence. He will remain a shining example for other faculty to live up to.

He will be greatly missed and we send our condolences to his wife, Dr. Sadhna Gupta, RN and his son Amit Aaron Sahoo.