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Dedication:

This volume of the Proceedings of the Workshop in Geometric Topology is dedicated to the memory of Yaki Sternfeld (1944-2001). Yaki attended a number of previous workshops and was valued as a good friend and stimulating mathematical colleague by many workshop participants and the organizers. His warmth, humor noble spirit and mathematical insight are sorely missed. We strive to honor Yaki's memory through this dedication.

The Eighteenth Annual Workshop in Geometric Topology was hosted by Oregon State University and was held at Corvallis, Oregon on June 21-23, 2001. There were 3 main talks by the principal speaker, Abigail Thompson and there were 15 contributed talks. There were thirty two participants. Of these, six were graduate students. A list of past and future workshop locations and principal speakers is included below.

Year	Location	Principal Speaker
1984	Brigham Young University	--
1985	Colorado College	Robert Daverman
1986	Colorado College	John Walsh
1987	Oregon State University	Robert Edwards
1988	Colorado College	John Hempel
1989	Brigham Young University	John Luecke
1990	Oregon State University	Robert Daverman
1991	University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee	Andrew Casson
1992	Colorado College	Mladen Bestvina
1993	Oregon State University	John Bryant
1994	Brigham Young University	Michael Davis
1995	University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee	Shmuel Weinberger
1996	Colorado College	Michael Freedman
1997	Oregon State University	James Cannon
1998	Brigham Young University	Steve Ferry
1999	University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee	Robert Edwards
2000	Colorado College	Robert Gompf
2001	Oregon State University	Abigail Thompson
2002	Calvin College	Alexander Dranishnikov
2003	Brigham Young University	Martin Bridson

Conference Proceedings have been produced for each workshop except the second.

These proceedings contain a summary of the three one-hour talks delivered by the principal speaker, Abigail Thomson. Summaries of talks given by some of the other participants are also included. The success of the workshop was helped by generous funding from the Oregon State University College of Science and Mathematics Department and the National Science Foundation.

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Participants:

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Kathy Andrist	Utah Valley State College
Bill Bogley	Oregon State University
Stoyu Barov	University of Alabama
Tony Bedenikovic	Bradley University
Paul Britton *	University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Nicolay Brodskiy *	University of Saskatchewan
Robert Daverman	University of Tennessee
Tadek Dobrowolski	Pittsburg State University
Christine Escher	Oregon State University
Paul Fabel	Mississippi State University
Jonathon Fassett *	Oregon State University
Hanspeter Fischer	University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Dennis Garity	Oregon State University
Troy Goodsell	Brigham Young University
Craig Guilbault	University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Denise Halverson	Brigham Young University
Ivan Ivanšić	University of Zagreb
Seong Kun Kim *	Oregon State University
Terry Lay	Idaho State University
Margaret May *	University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
Chris Nord *	Oregon State University
Philip Schapiro	Langston University
Richard Schori	Oregon State University
Tom Thickston	Southwest Texas State University
Abigail Thompson	University of California at Davis
Frederick Tinsley	The Colorado College
Gerard Venema	Calvin College
Julia Wilson	SUNY Fredonia
Bobby Winters	Pittsburg State University
David Wright	Brigham Young University
Matjaž Željko	University of Ljubljana

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Conference Schedule

Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
8:15	Refreshments	8:15	Refreshments	8:15	Refreshments
9:00	Abby Thompson	9:00	Abby Thompson	9:00	Abby Thompson
10:00	Break	10:00	Break	10:00	Break
10:15	Ric Ancel	10:15	Bob Daverman	10:15	Fred Tinsley
10:40	Stoyu Barov	10:40	Tadeusz Dobrowolski	10:40	Craig Guilbault
11:05	Nicolay Brodskiy	11:05	Paul Fabel	11:05	Problem Session
11:30		11:30	Denise Halverson	11:25	Conference Ends
11:50	Lunch	11:50	Lunch		
2:00	David Wright	2:00	Ivan Ivansic		
2:25	Matjaz Zeljko	2:25	Leonard Rubin		
2:50	Hanspeter Fischer	2:50	Philip Schapiro		
3:10	Break	3:10	Break		
6:30	Conference Dinner	7:30-9:30	Dessert		

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