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Rhonda Hughes earned her PhD from University of Illinois Chicago in 1975. She is currently the Helen Herrmann Professor Emeritus of Mathematics at Bryn Mawr College, where she taught 1980–2011. Her research focuses on functional analysis, operator theory, and ill-posed problems. She served as President of the AWM (1987–1988) and in 1998 co-founded the

Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education (EDGE) Program. Hughes continues to inspire and encourage women from diverse backgrounds to pursue mathematical careers. Her honors include the AAAS Mentor Award for Lifetime Achievement (2004), the AWM Gweneth Humphreys Award (2011), and the AWM Presidential Recognition Award (2015). She became an inaugural AWM Fellow in 2018.

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