

Brailey and Me (and You)

in all Dimensions

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The BraileyFest

**PRIORITY RESEARCH CENTRE
COMPUTER ASSISTED RESEARCH MATHEMATICS
AND ITS APPLICATIONS**



**Workshop on Analysis and its Applications
in Honour of Brailey Sims
21 – 23 August 2015
Room V111 – Mathematics Building**

Friday 21st August

2:00 Aidan Sims (University of Wollongong)
3:00 Coffee – V205 – CARMA Room
3:30 Ian Scarston (University of Newcastle)
4:00 Theo Benditt (University of Newcastle)
4:30 John Giles (University of Newcastle)
5:00 Lukasz Piasecki (Lublin Poland)
5:30 Reception – Mathematics Tea Room

Saturday 22nd August

9:30 Chris Lennard (University of Pittsburgh)
10:30 Coffee – V111 Foyer
11:00 Suthep Suanti (Chiang Mai University)
12:00 Jamnian Nantadilok (Lampang Rajabhat University)
12:30 Lunch – V111 Foyer
2:30 Warren Moors (University of Auckland)
3:30 Ali Eshragh (University of Newcastle)
4:00 Coffee – V111 Foyer
4:30 Mike Meylan (University of Newcastle)
5:00 Chris Kellett (University of Newcastle)
6:30 Conference Dinner – Master of Ceremonies: Gerard Joseph, IBM Canberra
Merewether Surf House – Henderson Parade, Merewether

Sunday 23rd August

10:00 Jeff Hogan (University of Newcastle)
10:30 Mumtaz Hussain (University of Newcastle)
11:00 Coffee – V111 Foyer
11:30 Ohad Giladi (University of Newcastle)
12:00 Bishnu Lamichhane (University of Newcastle)
12:30 Brailey Sims (University of Newcastle)
1:00 Lunch – V111 Foyer

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1965-2015

Menu

Entrée

Garlic prawns in white wine cream sauce, herb salad & grilled bread
Crumbed lamb cutlet, zucchini, radicchio & salsa verde

Main

Roasted chicken supreme, zucchini fritter, smokey tomato relish & fennel
N.T. barramundi, smoked potato croquette, crushed broad bean salad & finger lime butter

Dessert

Frangipani tart, mascarpone & poached pear
Sticky date pudding & salted caramel sauce

Program

- 6.30pm - Welcome – Gerard Joseph
- Entree
- Main course
- "Brailey and Me" – Jon Boswell
- Dessert

Brief remarks

- Chris Lennard
- Jamnian Nantadilok
- Suthep Suanti
- George Willis
- Barrie Stokes

Concluding remarks

- Gerard Joseph, Jon Boswell and Brailey Sims

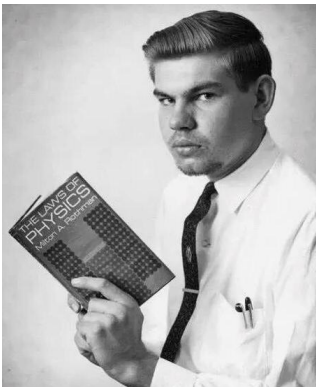
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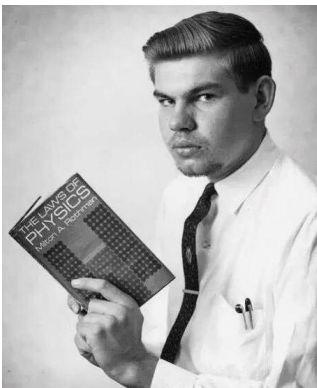
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Brailey as a Youth



The young scientist

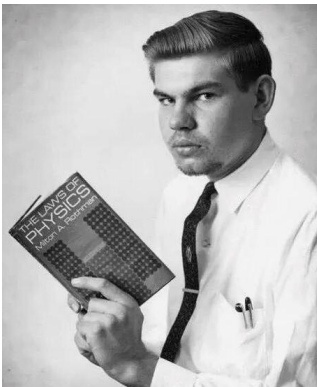
Brailey as a Youth



The young scientist

- Brailey knows a lot about a lot of different things

Brailey as a Youth



The young scientist

- Brailey knows a lot about a lot of different things
- Student politician, defrocked scout, and early wine collector

Brailey as a Youth

NBHS 1962 Class 3C



Back row: (l to r) Jeff Lawrie, Phil Mooney, Jeff Andrews, Dave Wicks, Ian Parsons, Jeff Green, Al Storck, Brailey Sims **4th row:** (l to r) Bob Beutement, Michael Sampson, Gary Newman, John Morphet, William Bates, Jeffrey Andrew, Ian Mackie, Greg Tyler, Allan Briggs, David Caddies, Garry Marshall **3rd row:** (l to r) Ken Chegwidan, Terry Chadban, Greg Barlow, 159, Peter Chenery, Ross Homard, 160, John Minehan, Philip Hofman **2nd row:** (l to r) Colin Henderson, 162, Peter Nicholson, Grahame Beasley, 164, John Booth, Trevor Coles, Gary Cotterill, Phillip Voysey **Front row:** (l to r) James Cousins, Roger Wingett, Terry Linter, James Penfold, Stuart Moore
Others in Class: John Booth, James Cousins, Peter James, Peter Nicholson, 169 Patterson, Edward Reynolds, Paul Simpson, Greg Tyler

The young scholar (top right)

Brailey has Many Children



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- Five children and three grandchildren

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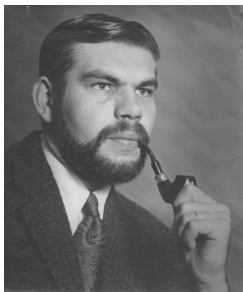
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- A happy traveller

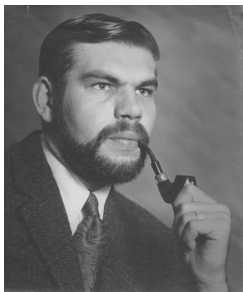
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Brailey as GH Hardy (197x)

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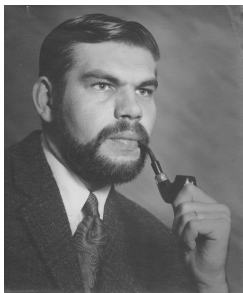
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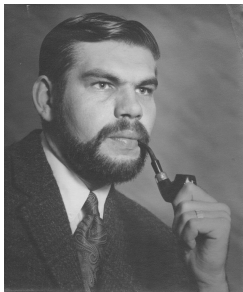
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Brailey and JMB's CV



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- 5 papers, 1 in review, 1 being invented, and one book review

Fixed point encounters


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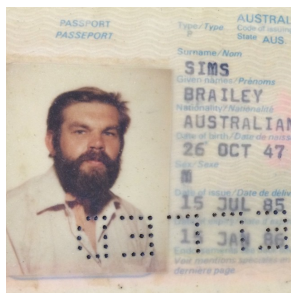
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Let $d(X, Y)$ denote the Banach-Mazur distance of two B -spaces; let $\alpha(X) := \text{Sup}\{\| |x| \vee |y| \| : \|x\| \leq 1, \|y\| \leq 1\}$ denote the Riesz angle of a B -lattice X . The B -lattice X is said to be weakly orthogonal if for every sequence $\{x_n\}$ which converges weakly to x_0 we have $\liminf_n \liminf_m \| |x_n - x_0| \wedge |x_m - x_0| \| = 0$.

Theorem 5.1: A B -space X has the f.p.p. if there exists a weakly orthogonal B -lattice Y such that $d(X, Y) \cdot \alpha(Y) < 2$. Corollaries: (i) A weakly orthogonal B -lattice X with $\alpha(X) < 2$ has the f.p.p.; (ii) a B -space X has the f.p.p. if for some Γ and $1 < p < \infty$, we have $d(X, l_p(\Gamma)) < 2^{1/q}$, where $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$; (iii) a B -space X has the f.p.p. if either $d(X, c(\Gamma)) < 2$ or $d(X, c_0(\Gamma)) < 2$.

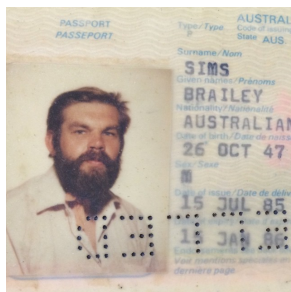
The authors also prove fixed point theorems in M -spaces and abstract L_p spaces, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, pointing out that their results suggest the conjecture that a B -space X has the f.p.p. if and only if X contains no isometric copy of $\mathcal{L}_1[0, 1]$.

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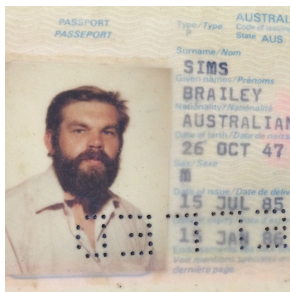


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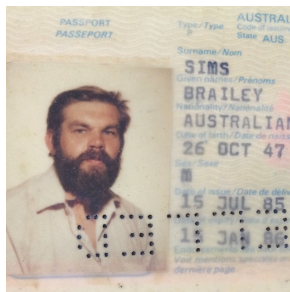
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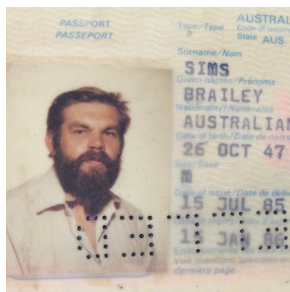
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Fuschia's graduation (2007)

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ChiangMai (2013)

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Brailey now (and in the Future)



Brailey now (and in the Future)

- Several theses over the years (Tam, Searston, Searston)



Brailey now (and in the Future)

- Several theses over the years (Tam, Searston, Searston)
- Plus really tall sons



Thank you



... and good Hunter wine

Thank you

Conclusion. We continue to be fascinated by a blend of functional analysis, fixed point theory and optimisation together with experimental mathematics. Also politics, literature, cricket (?)



... and good Hunter wine