

1125-M1-3091 **Janet L. Beery*** (janet_beery@redlands.edu). *What's your angle? Exploring the history of your department one facet at a time.*

Accepting the premise that it is important to compile histories of our departments, how can you find something interesting to say about mathematics in a lesser-known college or university founded during the 20th century? And how can you motivate yourself to take on what might seem an unglamorous task? My answer: Find an angle that interests you. In my case, it was the women who have served as faculty in the department. You might be intrigued by this topic or by another group of faculty or students or by a single (and perhaps singular) personality connected with your department. If not its people, then what about its curriculum, the role of research (for faculty or students), or its relationship with other departments in your university or region over time? I hope to convince you that exploring one interesting facet at a time can lead to a meaningful and increasingly comprehensive, but never complete, department history. (Received September 21, 2016)