

My 2011 Visit to SUNY Binghamton

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SUNY at glance



SUNY = State University of New York

Binghamton = (Wiki) a city in the Southern Tier of New York in the United States. It is near the Pennsylvania border, in a bowl-shaped valley at the confluence of the Susquehanna and Chenango Rivers. Binghamton is the county seat of Broome County and is the principal city and cultural center of the Greater Binghamton metropolitan area, home to a quarter million people. The population of the city itself, according to the 2010 census, is 47 376.

(Urban dictionary: Imagine Hell, then make it cold.)

SUNY facts

largest university in the US

almost 500 000 students

est. 1948

parts: universities, colleges, community colleges

unis: SUNY Binghamton (Binghamton University), est. 1946, SUNY Albany, SUNY Buffalo, SUNY Stony Brook

SUNY Binghamton:

15 000 students (12 000 undergraduate)

best public uni in the Northeast

one of the Public Ivy (30 public universities in the US)

good ranking

No. 1 in 2011 as a best value among the nation's public colleges for out-of-state students and No. 6 overall - Kiplinger's Personal Finance

No. 6 best value for public universities based on academics, cost of attendance and financial aid - "The Princeton Review Best Value Colleges for 2010"

"...it's tough to beat Binghamton's combination of 'top-tier academics' and palatable sticker price." - The Princeton Reviews America's Best 376 Colleges (2012)

One of the nation's top 50 public universities for the 13th consecutive year - U.S News & World Report (2010)

Among the top 25 of schools nationally whose students graduate with the least amount of debt - U.S. News & World Report (2010)

Ranked No. 31 by Forbes on its list of "America's Best College Buys" (2010).

Ranked No. 79 based on social mobility, research and service by the Washington Monthly's 2010 College Guide featuring 258 national universities

... and then it came

Again in 2011, Binghamton experienced record flooding from the Chenango and Susquehanna rivers as a result of Tropical Storm Lee. From September 6th to September 8th Binghamton and the surrounding cities of Johnson City, Endicott, Conklin, and Union received over 10" of rain.



20 000 people evacuated





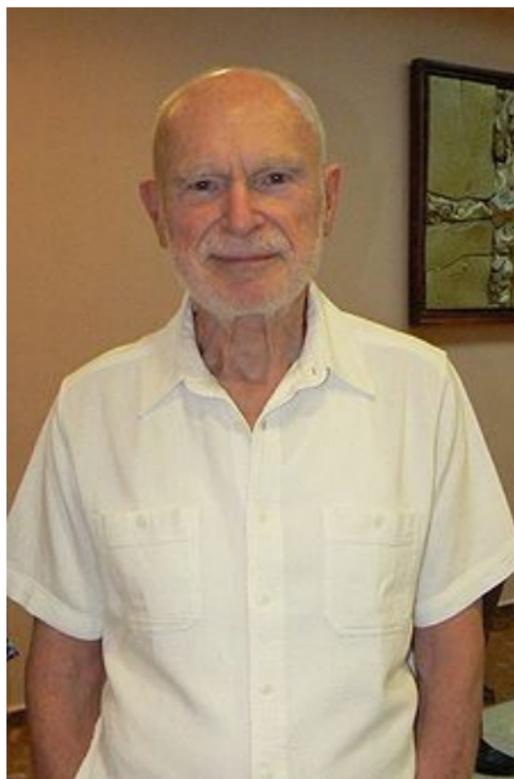
SUNY campus served as evacuation center



At the Town Square



Work with Professor Klir

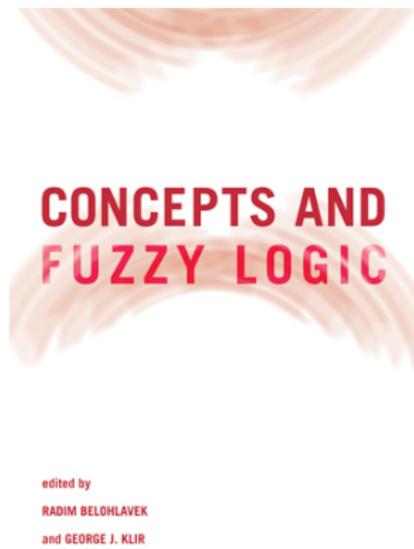


George J. Klir

Google Scholar: over 17 000 citations

Topics we worked on

Our book was to appear shortly (Oct 2011).



What next? We talked about possible future projects.

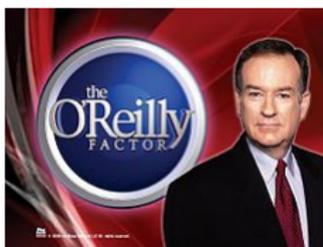
Including

- My visit to SUNY Bng in Fall 2012.
- Prof. Klir's visit to Olomouc in October 2011.
- Solution of Zadeh's problem with imprecise probabilities.
- Uncertainty measures in formal concept analysis.
- American education, education and other policy, past, present, future.
- Education and nations' prosperity.



Careful observation of recent happenings in American society

in  news and media.



Results

- Agenda for future joint work.
- More in my report.

Another precious experience in the great country.



Pictures: my archive, Wiki.