

The Special Interest Group on Research in Mathematics Education announces the award of the 2008 Early Career Publication Award to Dr. Amy B. Ellis. Dr. Ellis received her Ph.D. in mathematics and science education from the University of California, San Diego and San Diego State University in 2004. She is now an Assistant Professor of Mathematics Education at the University of Wisconsin Madison. This award is given to Dr. Ellis in recognition of the outstanding qualities of her article entitled “Connections between generalizing and justifying: Students’ reasoning with linear relationships” published in the *Journal of Research in Mathematics Education*, 38 in 2007. The paper by Dr. Ellis examines the relationship between the mathematical practices of generalizing and justifying. In particular, Dr. Ellis explores the complex interplay between students’ generalizing and justifying practices and explains the bi-directional nature of the relationship between these practices. She provides evidence that the ways in which students generalize influence the tools they access when working to justify their generalizations and in addition, the ways in which students justify influence the nature of the generalizations that they produce. Furthermore, Dr. Ellis’ research provides insights concerning the types of generalizing activities that support the development of increasingly sophisticated reasoning strategies among middle school students. The award committee was impressed with the strong use of theory, the well conceptualized methods used to undertake the study, as well as its contribution to the field.