Daniel S. Moak

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Daniel S. Moak is a mathematician who pioneered the study of q-Laguerre polynomials. He obtained his PhD in 1979 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison under the direction of Richard Allen Askey, who himself had pioneered what is now known as the Askey scheme of classifying polynomials. Since he pioneered this area, he is well cited at 159 listed citations despite having only 18 publications and only actively publishing for a period of about 20 years. Most of these citations came within the first 5 years after he earned his PhD. Moak's writings in mathematics are related to Ramanujan by way of Ramanujan's 1 psi 1 theorem. It is not entirely clear what happened to Dr. Moak although we know that he was on the faculty of Texas Tech University for a time before moving to Michigan Technological University where he surely knew Otto Ruehr, who shares with him a mathematical "grandfather" in Salomon Bochner. His current whereabouts are unknown.