Math and Stat Colloquium Friday, Dec. 7 3 pm ENGR 104

Refreshments will be served in the Animal Science Lounge at 2:30 p.m.

Speaker:

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"Gluing equations and their quantization"

Abstract: Gluing equations play a central role in low dimensional topology. They express the way the simplices of a triangulation fit together to produce a geometric structure. Due to their combinatorial algebraic nature they form an ideal starting point for quantum topology. In this talk we will give an overview of the topic with a focus on knots and time permitting, new results on knotted graphs.

