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4:00 – 5:00 pm, Adel Mathematics Bldg., Room 164 (refreshments at 3:45)

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A geometer's view of frames: definitions and open problems.

Abstract: This summer I attended a "cross-cultural" workshop called Frames and Combinatorial and Algebraic Geometry, where I learned what a frame is, and thought and talked about some of the many open problems that the "frames people" would really like to solve. Frames in Hilbert spaces are generalizations of orthonormal bases, and play a role in applied mathematics - I understand that the theory grew out of Fourier series and wavelet theory, and has something to do with compressed sensing. In this talk I will report on the little bit that I learned about frames, and state some of the many open problems about (especially finite) frames with special properties. These problems are very accessible, and may be of interest to people across a wide spectrum of mathematical, computational, and statistical fields - pun intended.