

# Mentor Lecture Series

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Monday, 4:10–5:00pm, 60 Evans
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Oct. 1      **Vaughan Jones, UCB**

*Flatland, a great place to do algebra.*

I will describe how algebra can be done using planar pictures and how it relates to many fields of math and physics including knot theory and quantum computing.

*The Mentor Lecture Series is designed for first and second year graduate students. The series aims to acquaint beginning graduate students with potential dissertation supervisors whom they might not otherwise closely encounter, and to impart a taste of research activity in the mathematics department in order to help beginning students choose fields of specialization.*