

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT SEMINAR SCHEDULE
January 7 – 11, 2002

All seminars are held in Boyd Graduate Studies unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY, January 7, 2002

Faculty and Graduate Social

3:00 p.m., Room 409

Coffee, Tea, Cookies

TUESDAY, January 8, 2002

Algebraic Geometry

3:30 - 5:00p.m., Room 326

Speaker: Bill Rulla, University of Georgia

Title of talk: *“On a paper of Hassett's and Tschinkel's”*

Abstract: Here's a description of the talk: Brendan Hassett and Yuri Tschinkel have recently written a paper in which they calculate the cone of effective divisors of the moduli space $\bar{M}_{0,6}$ of pointed rational curves. The proof is mostly classical projective geometry and a theorem or two about cones. In this talk I will describe their methods, which involve birational models of $\bar{M}_{0,n}$, the action of the symmetric group, etc. The material will not be overly technical. The talk may be of interest to those thinking about participating in Valery's VIGRE group this semester (to get a flavor of some of the things we might be looking at).

WEDNESDAY, January 9, 2002

Faculty and Graduate Social

3:00 p.m., Room 409

Coffee, Tea, Cookies