

**COLLOQUIUM**  
**UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH**  
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3:30 P.M.

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**GEODESIC CURRENTS AND COUNTING PROBLEMS**

**ABSTRACT:** Following the work of Mirzakhani, we discuss various counting problems associated to hyperbolic structures on a closed surface. We show that, several such problems, such as counting of curves of certain length on a hyperbolic surface, or a lattice counting theorem for Teichmüller space equipped with the Thurston metric, are special cases of general statement about geodesic currents.

**Refreshments served at 3:00 p.m.**  
**in the Math Dept. COMMON ROOM, Thackeray 705**