

The Math Colloquium Department of Mathematics San José State University



## Peter J. Haas IBM Almaden Research Center

Splash: A computational platform for collaborating to solve complex real-world problems

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Abstract: Computer modeling and simulation is an important decisionmaking tool that allows deep "what-if" predictive analysis of the consequences of alternative decisions. This talk describes IBM's Splash platform, a research prototype for composing heterogeneous, pre-existing simulation models, statistical models, optimization models, and datasets. Splash's "loose coupling" approach to model composition greatly facilitates interdisciplinary collaboration to solve hard problems, and also leads to an array of mathematical and engineering challenges.

*Background:* Students should be familiar with introductory-level concepts of calculus, computing, and statistics.

About the speaker: Peter J. Haas is a Research Staff Member at the IBM Almaden Research Center in San Jose and a Consulting Professor in Management Science and Engineering at Stanford University. His interests include simulation, statistics, applied probability, and information management. He was recently named an IBM Master Inventor.

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