



The Math/Stats Colloquium
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The Beauty of Halving It All

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Abstract: Pierre de Fermat is famous for scribbling observations in his notebook margins that led to deep mathematical discoveries. The rest of us don't have such a lofty track record with the things found in our notebook margins. And yet, once in a while, even simple drawings give rise to intriguing mathematical investigations. In this talk, we discuss one such investigation. We'll draw shapes and then slice them in half. It is simple, but the results are beautiful. The only prerequisite for this talk is Calculus 1 and a healthy mathematical curiosity!

Background: Calculus 1 (Math 30).

About the speaker: Cornelia Van Cott is professor and chair of the Dept. of Mathematics and Statistics at the Univ. of San Francisco.

SNACKS IN MACQUARRIE HALL 331B AT 2:40PM

TALK STARTS AT 3:00PM

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