



The Math/Stats Colloquium  
Department of Mathematics and Statistics  
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## Noah Friedman-Biglin

SJSU (Philosophy)

*Do Mathematicians  
Need Philosophers?*

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**Abstract:** One might think that mathematicians need philosophers the way that birds need ornithologists — that is, not at all. In this talk I will present three case studies for us to think through together: one from the history of mathematics, one from the foundations of mathematics, and one from contemporary mathematical practice. Without fully giving away the ending, I will conclude that these cases show places where philosophers might be able to contribute to mathematics.

*Background:* This talk will assume no particular mathematical background, and should be accessible to anyone interested in mathematics.

**About the speaker:** Noah Friedman-Biglin received a PhD from the University of St. Andrews and is currently an assistant professor of philosophy at SJSU. His research focuses on the history and philosophy of logic, and on the history of analytic philosophy.

SNACKS IN MACQUARRIE HALL 331B AT 2:40PM  
TALK STARTS AT 3:00PM

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