

**BI-CO MATHEMATICS
COLLOQUIUM**

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**"Geodesic words for groups and
formal language theory"**

Monday, April 2, 2018

Talk at 4:00 – H109

Tea at 3:30 – Foyer outside of H109

Abstract:

Given a finitely presented group G with generating set S , we can consider the shortest paths in its Cayley graph. These shortest paths are called geodesics, and can give rise to geodesic words with respect to the generating set S . We will investigate cases when the geodesic words form a regular language and special properties of these regular language.

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