

# BI-CO MATHEMATICS COLLOQUIUM

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*“Graphs, Braids, and Configuration Spaces”*

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*KINSC Hilles 109*

**Abstract:**

How can we model an ensemble of objects moving through a plane without colliding? What kind of motions are allowed when the objects are constrained to a graph instead? Is there a shape to the set of complex polynomials with distinct roots? Each of these questions can be understood and answered using a topological object known as a “configuration space”. In this talk, we will explore a few examples of these spaces and discuss their associated combinatorics and geometry.

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