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## Colloquium: Special day and time

Title:	TBA
Speaker:	Cindy Traub
Date:	Thursday February, 20
Time:	2:10-3:10pm
Location:	SC 188

### Bio:

Cindy Traub is currently an Assistant Professor at St. Mary's College of Maryland. Cindy majored in mathematics at another St. Mary's College (in Indiana), and got her Ph.D. in combinatorial topology from Washington University in St. Louis.

## Summer Opportunities in Mathematics

Have you starting thinking about summer plans? If not, now is the time to start! There is a wide range of things to consider; jobs, research positions on campus or elsewhere, internships, etc. There is summer research available at St. Olaf. The program offers a fairly generous stipend and a wide range of projects to apply to. Check out the website (with online application form) at

<http://www.stolaf.edu/people/ceumb/research.html>

There are also several summer math programs as well as REU's at other institutions. These programs are fun, pay well and prepare you for a future in mathematics. More than ever it is expected that students who are applying to graduate school have some research experience. Programs are offered at institutions all over the country in several areas of mathematics and related fields. If you are interested in an REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) Check out the Nation Science Foundation website:

[http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu\\_search.cfm](http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.cfm)

Some summer programs are specifically targeted towards students from under-represented groups. The EDGE Program, The George Washington Summer Program for Women and the Carleton Summer Program. Talk with your advisor or stop by to ask me about some of these other programs.

You may also want to look into the opportunities available at CEL. They have internship information among other things.

<http://www.stolaf.edu/services/cel/>

It is definitely not too late to apply to many of these programs. Check out these options, talk to the folks in CEL or check in with your advisor during the first week of the term. Many deadlines are in February, so now is the time!

## Game Night

Every Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm in SC 188

## Joke of the Week

Teacher: What is  $2k + k$ ?

Student: 3000!



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