

# DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY/PDE SEMINAR

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THO 231

11AM-12PM

(NOTE: SPECIAL PLACE, DAY AND TIME!)

Minimal surfaces and positive isotropic curvature

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A central theme in Riemannian geometry is understanding the relationships between the curvature and the topology of a Riemannian manifold. We will discuss geometric variational methods, and in particular, minimal surfaces and recent joint work with J. Wolfson on fundamental groups of manifolds with positive isotropic curvature.

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