

## DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

# Colloquium

### CONFORMAL GEOMETRY AND THE RICCI FLOW

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#### ABSTRACT:

We establish a duality between conformal geometry and the Ricci flow, by proving that the Fefferman-Graham ambient metric is dual to the Kleiner-Lott Ricci flow spacetime in a suitable sense. Using tools from conformal geometry, we also construct infinite families of fully non-linear analogues of Perelman's  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{W}$ -functionals, and study their monotonicity. We prove this monotonicity in several cases, and discuss some interesting patterns.

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