SPECIAL PROGRAMS

# F. L. Griffin MathFest <br> Saturday, April 2, 2022 <br> 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. <br> <br> Parentheses, Paths, and Partitions: <br> <br> Parentheses, Paths, and Partitions: <br> <br> Catalan Combinatorics 

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What do lattice walks, handshakes across a table, card shuffling patterns, binary trees, triangulations, and parenthesizations have in common? They can all be counted with Catalan numbers! In this short course, participants will delve into the history and contemporary relevance of these combinatorial structures. Expect to learn new counting techniques, engage your problem-solving skills, and be exposed to several elementary problems that the mathematical community hasn't solved-yet!


The program will be conducted at Reed
College by mathematics professors Marcus Robinson and Nate Wells, assisted by Reed students.

Lunch and a campus tour will be provided over the noon hour.

There is no cost to participants.

| 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Registration <br> Foyer of Eliot 314 |
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| 10 a.m. - Noon | Morning presentation/workshop <br> Eliot 314 |
| Noon - 1:00 p.m. | Lunch <br> Gray Campus Center conference rooms BCD or outside in <br> the Quad, depending on the weather |
| 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Afternoon presentation/workshop <br> Eliot 314 |
| 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Roundtable discussions with Reedie math majors <br> Gray Campus Center $B C D$ |

Proof of Covid-19 vaccination or negative test within 72 hours is required for all attendees.

