

Mathematics & Statistics Department

Lewis and Reynolds Kickoff Lecture



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Squaring the Rainbow:

*The Intersection of LGBT Identity
and Mathematics Is Not Empty*

In this talk, I will discuss how LGBT identity and mathematics intersect personally, professionally, and historically. The presentation will include the ways that my personal identity as someone who is underrepresented in the mathematics community due to my race and sexual orientation as a Black gay man has played a role in my professional trajectory in the academy. I will also discuss various examples drawn from past and present intersections between mathematics and LGBT identity. These will include recounting the 1990s origins of Spectra, an organization for LGBT mathematicians and their allies that I co-founded, and insights drawn from my ongoing book project *Squaring the Rainbow: How Contemporary LGBTQ Mathematicians Succeed*.



Tuesday, September 17

4:15pm Refreshments

4:30pm Lecture

Chang Hou Hall
(Sci 101)