

*"Why do mathematics? This is a simple question, but worth considerable reflection. Because how you answer will strongly determine who you think should be doing mathematics, and how you will teach it."*

- Francis Su

## Reading Group: Mathematical Microaggressions

Thursday February 25th, 8:00pm

Join the "Mathematics for Humans" reading group for a discussion about what it means to be human in the context of teaching, learning, and doing mathematics. In advance of his upcoming colloquium, we will be reading a short piece by Francis Su on the effect of mathematical microaggressions.

Zoom link: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/91804918270>

## Colloquium: Mathematics for Human Flourishing

Francis Su, Harvey Mudd College

Wednesday March 3rd, 4:15pm



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Some see mathematics as instrumental—only useful for getting a good job or establishing credentials. Others see math as traumatic—reminding them of bad educational experiences. Still others see math as individualistic—a competitive quest to gain recognition among talented peers. In this talk, Professor Su will discuss the limitations of these views and explore how a broader view of mathematics as a means of human flourishing has practical implications for the way a math department welcomes its students and nurtures inclusive environments. He will also share how an incarcerated man has helped him see more clearly what is important about a math education.

Zoom link: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/94793667412?pwd=RWFpWSFpmOXVSeM9TbVFqSIRRcklDdz09>

## Community Conversation: Towards a More Inclusive Math Department

Wednesday March 10th, 4:00pm

What are our goals and values as individuals, as a department, and as members of the broader mathematical community? How do we make our department a place where all of us feel inspired and supported to learn, teach, and extend the boundaries of our subject? Building off the previous week's colloquium, we will engage in a conversation to explore these questions and share our thoughts and insights with each other.

Zoom link: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/94793667412?pwd=RWFpWSFpmOXVSeM9TbVFqSIRRcklDdz09>

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