# CCSU <br> DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES 

## COLLOQUIUM

Friday, May 14<br>2:00-3:00 PM<br>Maria Sanford, Room 101

## THE GEOMETRY OF SPHERES

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## ABSTRACT

The standard (round) sphere can be described as the locus of all points at fixed distance from a basepoint, with respect to the standard (Euclidean) metric. Keep the definition but change the metric, and things can get interesting and complicated! I will discuss the shape of spheres, qualitatively and quantitatively, in a collection of interesting spaces. I'll give applications in the geometry of groups.

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