

# BAMA

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## Stephen Devlin

### *Networks, Models, and Mathematics*



Santa Clara University, Daly Science 207  
Friday, October 14, 7:30 pm

A network is a bunch of dots connected by lines. For example, we can think of everyone on facebook as a dot, with lines drawn between any two dots that are friends, and we have a (big) network. Many interesting problems can be studied from a perspective that highlights an underlying network structure, e.g., the way a disease might spread through a population.

In this talk we will explore some mathematical tools for dealing with networks, and consider an example from evolutionary biology that helps demonstrate the extent to which a network can affect a complex system, and bring new insights to a problem.

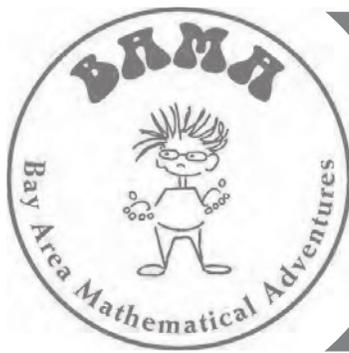
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## Bay Area Mathematical Adventures

A series of presentations on diverse topics by remarkable mathematicians. All talks are free and open to the public.

### WHY?

BAMA aims to challenge and motivate students to think mathematically. Speakers will present real mathematics, and will share with the audience modern views of mathematics. Some talks will provide students with related problems, or will enable teachers to expand later on the topics with their students.

### WHO?

BAMA is aimed at bright high-school age students. However, all are welcome: younger or older students, teachers, parents, and the general public.

### WHEN?

Evening talks will be given approximately once a month between September and April. Each talk will be self-contained (speakers will not assume their audiences have attended previous talks).

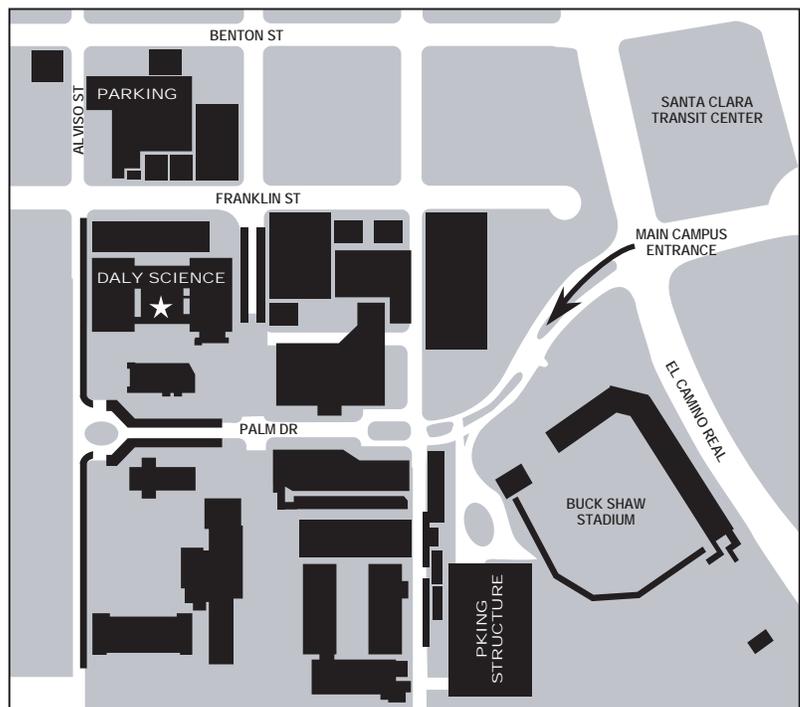
### WHERE?

Santa Clara University  
Daly Science, rm. 207

- From US Highway 101, take the De La Cruz Blvd/Santa Clara exit and follow the signs to El Camino Real and the main campus entrance.
- From I-280, take I-880 north toward Oakland to The Alameda exit. Turn left onto The Alameda (which becomes El Camino Real) to the main campus entrance.
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