

03/15/12 **MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT, FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY**
MATH COLLOQUIUM, THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 11:00 AM, STR 138

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TITLE: Teleological Mechanisms for the Simulation Argument

ABSTRACT: I first review and then modify Bostrom's Simulation Argument - which is a tripartite disjunction with a third disjunct stating that we are living in a computer simulation (possibly created by some posthuman society). Assuming a related third disjunct to be true for the remainder of the talk, I utilize many philosophical asides to surmise that would-be posthuman simulators could use both Mind and Gravity as teleological algorithmic control mechanisms for a Universe such as ours.

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