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*Importance of Working Together*

In this talk I plan to share my thoughts, emotions and ideas about two aspects of my life that I'm passionate about: mathematics and teaching mathematics. Going beyond our usual daily frustrations (Why don't they just get this? They did not do conic sections in high school? What's so difficult about uniform convergence?), I will suggest strategies that might help us improve things a bit. Drawing on my experiences in designing and teaching within interdisciplinary programs at McMaster, I will argue that communication – at all levels – could be the key to improving the quality of our teaching.