**YU-RU LIU**, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario *Vinogradov's mean value theorem in function fields* 

Let  $\mathbb{F}_q[t]$  be the ring of polynomials over the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . In this talk, we will discuss a generalization of Vinogradov's mean value theorem in  $\mathbb{F}_q[t]$ . We will apply our result to obtain an upper bound for  $\tilde{G}_q(k)$ , which is the least integer s such that for every polynomial in  $\mathbb{F}_q[t]$  of sufficiently large degree, the expected asymptotic formula in Waring's problem holds.

This is a joint work with Trevor Wooley.