Title: A mysterious family of elementary combinatorial identities Doug Pickrell

Abstract: This talk is about a family of combinatorial identities at the level of calculus; for examples see page 21 of https://arxiv.org/pdf/2002.06455.pdf These identities are known, and they are relatively easy to check numerically. However they are remarkably resistant to direct proof. In this talk I will do my best to explain the origin of the identities and some of the problems which they suggest.