# VCU Discrete Mathematics Seminar 

## The t-Tone Chromatic Number

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In person! in 4145 Harris Hall, and Zoom @ https://vcu.zoom.us/j/92975799914 password=graphs2357


A proper vertex coloring of a graph assigns each vertex a single color so that no edge has the same color on each of its endpoints. The minimum number of colors needed to properly vertex color a graph $G$ is called the chromatic number of $G$. In this talk we will discuss a generalization of this concept called t-tone coloring. In this context, each vertex is assigned a set of colors of size $t$ and vertices that are distance $d$ from one another share at most $d-1$ colors. Denoted by $\tau_{\mathrm{t}}$ the t -tone chromatic number is the minimum number of colors needed to t-tone color a graph. In this talk we will discuss some known results, connections to other areas of math, and some open problems.

