## Philadelphia Area Number Theory Seminar

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## Moments of cubic *L*-functions over function elds

**Abstract**: I will talk about some recent work with Chantal David and Matilde Lalin about the mean value of *L*-functions associated to cubic characters over  $\mathbb{F}_q[t]$  when  $q = 1 \pmod{3}$ . I will explain how to obtain an asymptotic formula which relies on obtaining cancellation in averages of cubic Gauss sums over functions elds. I will