Abstract:
How can we compute a drawing of a network? This simple question has given rise to a surprisingly large, diverse, and fruitful body of research. This talk will focus on questions involving the computation of embeddings (drawings) of trees in which the vertices of the tree must be mapped to a specified set of points in the plane. In addition, the vertices of the graph are colored as are the specified points, and we require that the mapping be color-preserving. Note that such an embedding might not always be possible if we require that the edges of the drawing are not allowed to cross one another!

Bio:
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