

**GEOMETRY FESTIVAL 2024
and TRIBUTE to EUGENIO CALABI**
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA 19104
Friday April 19 - Sunday April 21, 2024

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, Eugenio Calabi, one of the giants of mathematics for over half a century, died peacefully in September, several months past his hundredth birthday, at his home near Philadelphia, surrounded by his wife Giuliana and their children and grandchildren.



Gene, as we all knew him with great affection, has had a permanent and deep influence on mathematics, particularly on differential, affine and complex geometry (especially the study of Kähler manifolds and spaces of Kähler metrics ... leading to the Calabi-Yau manifolds of super-string theory), almost-complex manifolds, symplectic geometry, minimal immersions, geometry of geodesics ... and more.

In the world of geometry during the past century, Shiing-Shen Chern, Eugenio Calabi and Shing-Tung Yau have towered over the field, while in our local world at Penn, Gene was the gentle leader of and inspiring guide to the Geometry-Topology group for the many decades he was with us.

The Geometry Festival website is not yet up and running, but as soon as it is, you will be able to access it from the home page of the Penn mathematics department, [*http://www.math.upenn.edu*](http://www.math.upenn.edu)

The site will list the speakers, titles and abstracts of their talks, and the usual information for registration, banquet, and hotel reservations, as well as a regularly updated list of participants, with the detailed schedule added as soon as available.

After the Geometry Festival is over and conference expenses have been paid, we will use the remaining funds from the National Science Foundation and other sources to partially reimburse the travel expenses for graduate students and early career faculty without other sources of support.

To help us do this most effectively, participants who know one another can economize by sharing a room. We particularly encourage graduate students to do so, or to explore finding a room through Airbnb, which is much less expensive than the hotels, and still available in Philadelphia

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