## Queen's Algebraic Geometry — Seminar —

## HILBERT-KUNZ FUNCTIONS

MOIRA MCDERMOTT Gustavus Adolphus College

## Abstract

This talk will give an introduction to Hilbert-Kunz functions, including basic facts and what is currently known about them. In addition, I will present a new result (joint with Craig Huneke and Paul Monsky) regarding the existence of a second coefficient in the Hilbert-Kunz function of an m-primary ideal in a normal local ring of positive characteristic.

> Monday, February 28, 2004 2:30pm – 3:30pm 422 Jeffery Hall