Daqing Wan (University of California, Irvine). "*L*-functions of *p*-adic characters." *Abstract*: Our main question is the *p*-adic meromorphic continuation of the *L*-function attached to a *p*-adic character for the rational function field over a finite field of characteristic *p*. In this talk, I will explain a new and (hopefully) transparent approach to this problem. (This is ongoing joint work with Chris Davis).