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University Ave., Chicago, IL 60637. *Open problems on mapping class groups and related topics.*

In this talk I will discuss some open problems about mapping class groups. I will try to explain the motivation for each problem, the key examples, and what we know so far. I will emphasize connections with and applications to other areas of mathematics. (Received September 18, 2013)