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**Lauren M. Nelsen\*** (lauren.nelsen@du.edu) and **Paul Horn.** *Rainbow spanning trees in general graphs.*

A rainbow spanning tree in an edge-colored graph is a spanning tree in which each edge is a different color. Carraher, Hartke, and Horn showed that for  $n$  and  $C$  large enough, if  $G$  is an edge-colored copy of  $K_n$  in which each color class has size at most  $n/2$ , then  $G$  has at least  $\lfloor n/(C \log n) \rfloor$  edge-disjoint rainbow spanning trees. Here we strengthen this result by showing that if  $G$  is *any* edge-colored graph with  $n$  vertices in which each color appears on at most  $\delta \cdot \lambda_1/2$  edges, where  $\delta \geq C \log n$  for  $n$  and  $C$  sufficiently large and  $\lambda_1$  is the second-smallest eigenvalue of the normalized Laplacian matrix of  $G$ , then  $G$  contains at least  $\lfloor \frac{\delta \cdot \lambda_1}{C \log n} \rfloor$  edge-disjoint rainbow spanning trees. (Received September 17, 2018)