

1154-VP-2212      **Zechariah Hazel** and **Josh Laison\***, Mathematics Department, Willamette University, Salem, OR 97301, and **Allison Kerkhoff**. *Stamping numbers of graphs*. Preliminary report.

We present research in graph theory done as part of an interdisciplinary collaboration with students of mathematics and art. For a graph  $G$ , we say a *stamp* of  $G$  is a minimal cycle in  $G$ . We distinguish some of the stamps of  $G$  as labeled and the rest as unlabeled, and ask for the smallest number of labeled stamps needed to remove the symmetries of  $G$ , or equivalently, to identify every vertex of  $G$  unambiguously in terms of the labeled stamps. This smallest number is the *stamping number* of  $G$ . We find stamping numbers of complete graphs and some circulant graphs. We'll also show some of the work from our group art exhibit. (Received September 17, 2019)