

Some people have all the luck... or do they?

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Filene Auditorium
Moore Hall

Free and open to the public

About the speaker: **Skip Garibaldi** is a research mathematician at IDA. Previously he was associate director of the Institute for Pure & Applied Mathematics at UCLA and Winship Distinguished Research Professor at Emory University. His earlier work on the lottery received the Lester R. Ford Award.

Do you know anyone who has won a prize worth \$600 or more in the lottery? It's a rare thing for someone to win even one. But when we investigated records of all claimed lottery prizes in Florida, we discovered that some people had won hundreds! Winning so much is not just lucky, but suspiciously lucky. I will explain what we thought they might have been up to, what mathematics says about it, what further investigations revealed, and the law enforcement actions and state policy changes that occurred as a consequence of our theorems.

