

Public Lecture

How applied mathematics and journalism change the way we see the world

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What does it mean to be good at math? In this talk, we discuss what opportunities you truly have with a STEM degree, how stats and data journalism can help us understand the world, and why your ability to coherently talk about numbers is way more important than your ability to crunch them. You'll have an exclusive look on how numbers change the world and why they change us.



Walt Hickey graduated from the College of William & Mary in 2012 with a degree in applied mathematics with a concentration in probability and statistics. He has since used this to figure out what happens if a normal dude got turned into a Madden player, the metrics behind who wins on The Bachelor, and what Bob Ross was really trying to say.

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