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# Analysis Seminar

MONDAY, October 24, 2016

15:00-16:00 – Room 646 PGH

**Speaker:** Jason Crann (Carleton University)

**Title:** Module injectivity of group von Neumann algebras

**Abstract:** This talk will feature recent results on the injectivity of  $VN(G)$  as an operator module over the Fourier algebra  $A(G)$  for general locally compact groups  $G$ . Contrary to the operator space category, we show that amenability of  $G$  is equivalent to injectivity of  $VN(G)$ . We then show that inner amenability of  $G$  is equivalent to relative injectivity of  $VN(G)$ . This result, among other things, allows us to answer 3 open questions in abstract harmonic analysis. In the bimodule setting, we characterize the (relative) injectivity of  $VN(G)$  and apply our results to elucidate the operator amenability of  $A_{cb}(G)$  - the cb-multiplier norm closure of  $A(G)$ .