February 28: Jeffrey Adams (University of Maryland), "Nilpotent Orbits and the Spherical Unitary Dual." FOLLOWED BY DINNER.

It is well known that there is an intricate interplay between nilpotent orbits for G, nilpotent orbits for G^{\vee} , and unitary representations of G. I will make this as precise as possible in the case of spherical unitary representations. A key tool is that a nilpotent orbit may be uniquely obtained via birational induction from a Levi factor. This is joint work with Dan Barbasch.