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“Computing before computers: the logarithm”



John Napier (1550-1617)

**Thursday, February 19
11:30am, Glatfelter 212**

Before electronic computers, there were logarithms.

We will demonstrate the use of some logarithm-based calculating technologies (the log table and the slide rule) and describe how John Napier developed the idea of the logarithm in the early seventeenth century.