1086-37-2649Tim Chumley, Washington University in St. Louis, Scott Cook* (scook3@swarthmore.edu),
Swarthmore College, and Renato Feres, Washington University in St. Louis. From Billiard
Dynamics to Thermodynamics.

We develop a stochastic approach to thermodynamics using a randomized version of billiard dynamical systems. Our simple and explicit model gives a natural notion of temperature which, in turn, allows heat flow. Thus, we can construct machines from billiard dynamics. In this talk, we will build a simple heat engine and study characteristics like efficiency. (Received September 25, 2012)