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Sarah K Mason* (masonsk@wfu.edu) and **Jeff Remmel**. *Partitions and compositions: A tale of two symmetries.*

This talk explores the role of partitions in symmetric function theory and their counterpart, compositions, in quasisymmetric function theory. We look at properties that are common to both settings, ways that they differ, and interactions between the two. Along the way we develop several new bases and explain how these can be used to prove results in both settings. (Received January 19, 2011)